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EAA Ultralight

Chapter 17

"For Ultralighters and Sport Pilots"

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The Prez sezs...

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Aug 25, 7 pm @ Chalco Hills Recreation Area

August is here, so last night I raised my window and enjoyed the third night of 55 degree weather. I thought it was hotter when I was a kid and had to sleep in the basement with a fan on, but I will take this weather.

We had a great time at David City on July 11th. The weather was good to us, we had a pizza night on Friday and a doughnut morning on Saturday. Duane Ransdell, Delbert Gitchel, Dave Nissen and Marty Nissen did a wonderful job of putting the event together. We look forward to the candy drop and the "Fly around the city". This year we were asked by the Sherriff to fly over an area that might contain a suspect. We were glad that Duane had his 2 place aircraft there to help.

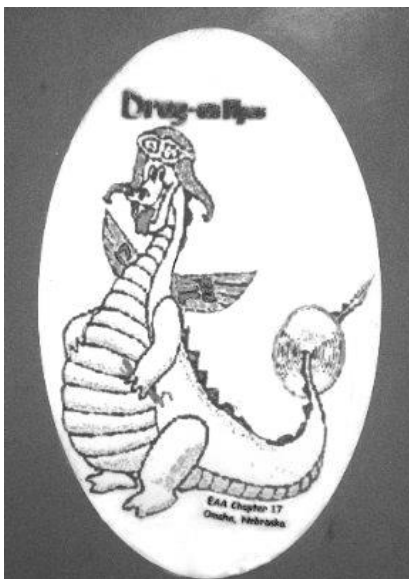
Hope that everyone that was planning on going to Oshkosh got to go. We will have a report of those that attended at the meeting on Tuesday.

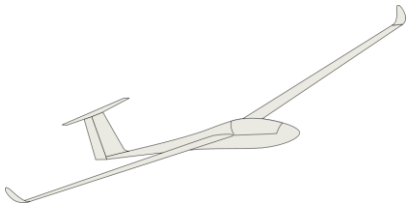
Brad's Airpark had a fun day with no injuries on Saturday the 8th of August. It has been reported to me that JD Rexroad applied for position of the "Green Weenie" care taker by doing a half roll on takeoff. JD didn't even break a prop. The food and fellowship were wonderful and Craig and Sue made it home before the storm.

Our next event after the meeting will be September 25th at Dwight's Field of Dreams where JD Rexroad will have several Powered Parachutes floating around the sky for us. Come to the meeting to get the details.

We have an event in Scribner on 10/10 for lunch. There is a new hanger and a new runway to see and use.

See you at the meeting Tuesday, Aug 25th at Chalco Hills Recreation Center, 154th and Giles, at 7:00 p.m. We will have cookies and drinks that mix with water.





If you're hungry, we will see you in the back room at El Bee's, 10402 South 144th St. around 5:30 or so.
See you there!

Calendar

Chapter 17 Events

Sep 26, J.D. (Field of Dreams)
Lunch

Oct 10, Bob (Scribner)
Lunch

This is the same day as the World Ultralight Fly-in. Check out the WUFI info available at:
www.daytonultralights.com

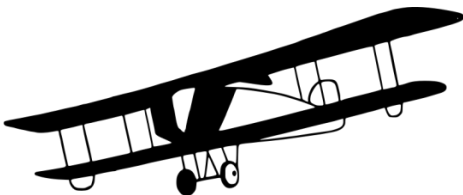
Others

Sep 5, CAF Flight Breakfast
Council Bluffs Airport, 8-11 a.m.

Jul 20-26, EAA Airventure
Oshkosh, WI

1st Sat. of Month - York Airport
EAA Chapter 1055
Breakfast 8 - 10 a.m.

3rd Sat. of Month - Crete Airport
EAA Chapter 569
Breakfast 8 - 10 a.m.



Chapter 17 Minutes

Chapter 17, June 30th, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at Chalco Hills Rec Center by President Steve Peck.

A motion was made that the minutes be accepted as they were written in the newsletter. The motion passed. Newsletter inputs are due the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

It was noted there would not be a meeting in July.

Treasures Report -- Mark reported there is currently \$944.72 in the bank. There was a brief discussion and then a unanimous vote to send Craig and Sue a \$50 check to go towards the food cost of their recent fly-in.

Unfinished Business

There was a brief discussion on ANUG including food providers and insurance. A flight around David City and the candy drop was also discussed.

Steve is still working to get Larry Bonkers plaque finished.

Planned Monthly Activities

08-8-2015 -- Brad's Air Park, lunch

09-25 thru 9-27, 2015 -- Field of Dreams

10-10-2015 -- Scribner, lunch

1-26-2016 -- Christmas party

New Business

No new business.

Green Wienie -- Stays with Steve another month

50/50 Raffle -- \$5 in the raffle; Keith won.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Miller.

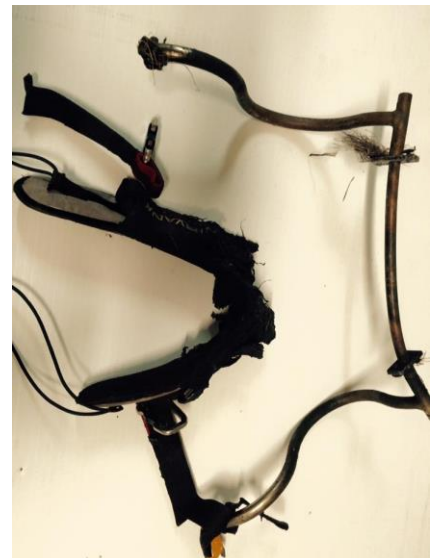
"The New Guy"

By Bob Furr



Bob passed on this cautionary tale from the internet about a PPG flyer lucky to be alive:

“On Saturday morning 6/27/15, I went out for a flight. Flying from Dunnellon airport to Crystal River and back. Flying at 1200 feet. Just about back when I felt my back getting hot. Turned to see my motor on fire. Headed for a open field just south of the Dunnellon high school. Turned off the motor. And things got crazy. The motor straps burned threw. And the motor pivoted below me at about 45 degrees. Fire burning like crazy. Tried to get down as fast as possible. Spiraling down. Got my arms out of the harness, and leaning forward, hanging on to the risers of the glider. Trying to stay away from the fire. Set up to land. Reached for my brakes, missed the left one. Banked right into the ground. Hit the ground hard, bounced, and rolled, breaking away from the motor, and the fire. I gathered my wing and walked about 100 yards to the road. Witnesses had called 911 before I hit the ground. EMT's arrived and took me to Shands burn, trauma unit. Stayed Saturday and Sunday; was released Monday at noon with 2nd degree burns on back and arms. Tuesday evening I returned to crash site to retrieve my wing after the Sheriff released the site. What was left of my harness, and swing arms were still attached to my wing. Look at the pics. I should have fallen from the sky to my death. Some call me lucky. I call it God's hand on my life. God spared my life. I fell from the sky on fire. My new name is Fireball. Lesson learned. Don't use a lipo battery without a fire bag.”



ANUG 2015

Duane was pleased with the turnout for ANUG. He reported a total of 18 aircraft that landed or drove into David City including a Weedhopper from Kansas. It was estimated 40 to 60 people attended, which was considered very good since no advertising was done. Thanks to Duane and all the others for their hard work on ANUG 2015. Also, thanks to Bob for providing the photos.

Duane taxi's out in the Champ



Brad and Dave's Zenith on the ramp





Looks like J.D. (center) is enjoying “first class” this flight!

A chute takes to the air between bales of hay!



Duane taxi's by the Zenith



Butch L. gives it a go between the bales.



Brad's Fly-In

Brad hosted a lunchtime fly-in on Saturday, August 8th at Safford International Airport. Thanks to Brad for hosting and J.D. and Bob for providing photos.



Brad smiling for the camera

Brad's hangar and the Chap 17 gang



J.D. prepares to launch



Puttin' the power in!



...and off he goes.



J.D. low fly by





**Brad's hangar at
Safford
International**

**North/South
runway at Brad's,
looking south**



The club's September fly-in will be held in conjunction with the Nebraska Chute Flyer's annual weekend gathering this Sep 25, 26, and 27th. J.D. provides the following details:

Location

Field of Dreams Air Park
12400 Buffalo Rd
Springfield, NE 68059

Contact

Midlands Sports Paragliders LLC
J D Rexroad
(402) 871-7471

Coordinates: 41.057 N latitude; 96.11 W longitude

Friday afternoon starting time, Saturday afternoon lunch and evening BBQ dinner; covered dish welcome. Limited camping available at the field; Sunday close.

Note: Field of Dreams has been renewed – 2400' East/West and 1000' North/South runways

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J.D. Rexroad, ASC BFI Flight Instructor. Sales, Service, and Flight instruction for Backpack foot launch Powered Para Gliders, single and dual place and trike gear configurations. Paratoys, Black Hawk dealer. Technical certificates in a wide variety of internal combustion engines.

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If you have anything to sell, or anything you need, send me an email – free to club members.

Also, we're always looking for your inputs, tips, photos, etc. for the newsletter.

E-mail submissions to howardkj411@gmail.com no later than the **Wednesday** before the monthly meeting.

