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EAA Ultralight

Chapter 17

"For Ultralighters and Sport Pilots"

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 24, 7 pm @ Chalco Hills Recreation Area

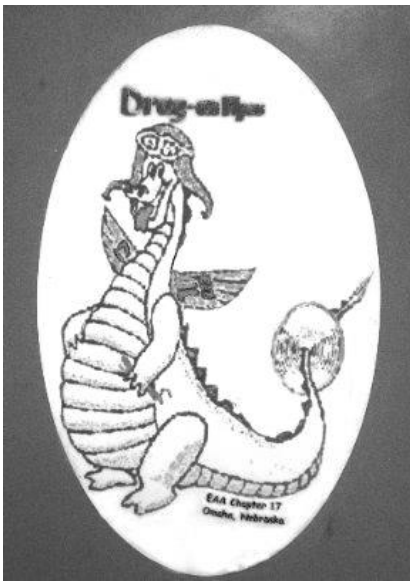
I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Party and left with a useful gift; if not we will have another party next year. Awards were given out to the officers along with pens for the lapels. They went to Keith Howard for Newsletter Editor, Brad Safford for Secretary, Mark Abbott for Treasure, J. D. Rexroad for Vice President, and Steve Peck for President. Thank you every one for serving and making our club a fun place to belong.

This month we may be visited by Duane Ransdell and Delbert Gitchel from the middle of Nebraska to discuss an event in David City. The event has been called ANUG (All Nebraska Ultralight Gathering). We will discuss what event to tie this with, and what we will do in case it rains. Delbert and Duane have been involved with this event and David City. Both men say they like us and ultralights.

We will also be planning our monthly activities. Sounds like a busy and fun meeting. The NRD called and would like to move us to another room this month. So, we may be in the front room, so don't be surprised. We have no outdoor activities scheduled this month unless you want to.

See you at the meeting Tuesday, Feb 24th at Chalco Hills Recreation Center, 154th and Giles at 7:00 p.m. We will have cookies and drinks that mix with water.

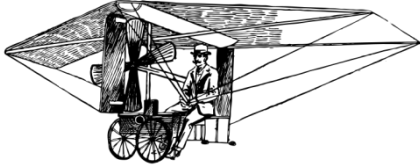
If you're hungry, we will see you in the back room at El Bee's, 10402 South 144th St. around 5:30 or so.



Calendar

Chapter 17 Events

2015 Schedule TBD



Others

Apr 21-26, 2015, Sun-n-Fun
Lakeland, FL

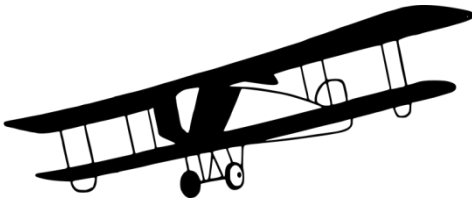
May 9/10, Quad City Air Show
Davenport Municipal Airport, IA
Featuring "Blue Angels"
www.quadcityairshow.com

Jun 6, 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, Jan 27th, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Peck at 7:25 p.m. at El Bee's Restaurant, 10402 South 144th Street. A motion was made to accept the minutes as they were written in the newsletter. The motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given.

Steve reported that ANUG is still looking promising for this next season with more information likely available at the next meeting.

A short report was given on the Strategic Air and Space Museum "Indoor Airshow" event. While club attendance to help at the booth was down, it appeared that public interest was up. The museum reported they had over 800 paid visitors that day; they were very satisfied with the turn out. Bob Furr did a well-received presentation on ultralights in the auditorium with about 50 people in attendance. A number of them were pilots of other types of planes and the questions were very good.

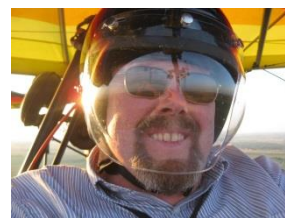
The meeting adjourned early so we could proceed with the holiday gift exchange. A fun time was had by all with many items stolen in the gift exchange.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Furr.



"The New Guy"

By Bob Furr



I have a favor to ask. For years I have cleaned up model airplane engines that were heavily encrusted with carbon and oil build-up by soaking them in hot antifreeze overnight. It sometimes causes the aluminum parts to discolor, but otherwise it has worked fine. What I am looking for is a piston with burnt on carbon that you were otherwise looking at throwing away. I would like to try this method of cleaning on one of our larger engines. Nothing lost if it doesn't work, and maybe a lot gained if it does.

Last month the editor mentioned that *Light Sport and Ultralight Flying* magazine hoped to digitize their archive of past editions. Well, did you know that on the Facebook page for EAA Chapter 17 you can view at least the recent edition of our newsletters? I have been dropping them there for others to view in the hope we will pick up folks that are on Facebook and in the local area, but not club members. If you are already on Facebook, just take a few minutes and stop by the page to say Hi!

I did finally get the hanger doors reopened after the short thaw we had in January. That said, flying just hasn't been happening due to a combination of cold weather, wind, and family commitments. When I checked my log, last winter was much the same with a long break that ran into the middle of March. This will be the spring where a lot of maintenance gets done. My fuel line, while still not hardened to the point of danger, needs to be replaced. The "no-flat" tires and wheels I put on are worn bald, and while I could continue to use them, it is really time to replace them too. Lots of little things to do, some cosmetic, some not, when you own one of these machines!

What I have been able to do this month has centered around "research", which is a nice way of saying wasting time on the internet watching other folks fly. If you are not already aware, there are a number of ultralight groups on Facebook. "Ultralight Pilots" is one of the busiest and full of general information. There are also dedicated groups to many types of ultralights. The "Weedhopper", "Quicksilver", and "Challenger" groups all come quickly to mind.

Looking forward to some good weather and knowing that spring, or at least spring-like weather should only be about a month (maybe two) away!

In Aviation Media

The February edition of EAA's Experimenter magazine features many ultralight related articles including:

- A brief history and current status of the "Aerolight 103 Ultralight". This is a high wing, fixed-wing pusher with tricycle landing gear. Now offered ready to fly by U-Fly-It based in Florida.
- "Engines for Homebuilders" provides a run down on what's happening in the world of aircraft engines. Lots of internet links were provided for further research.
- "Getting Started in the Sport of Powered Parachuting" outlines the paths to becoming an ultralight or sport pilot in PPC's.

The complete edition is available here: <http://experimenter.epubxp.com/i/457474>

EAA 17 Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party

Here are some photos from the Jan 27th meeting and Christmas party at El Bee's.













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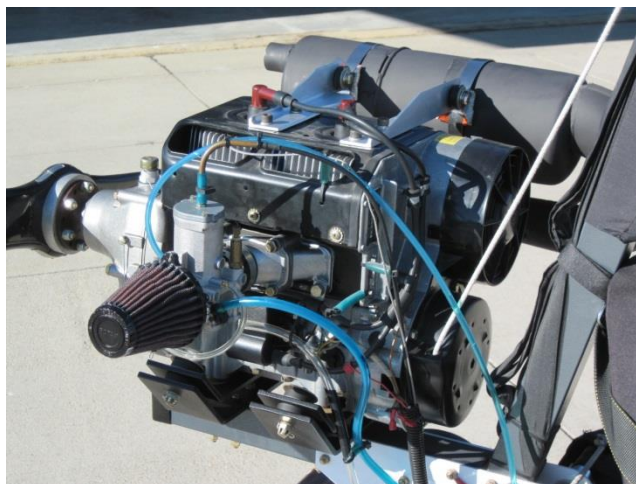
Northwing Maverick Trike For Sale, \$5500

2003 model; Rotax 447 and Ivo prop; Maverick single surface 14.9 meter wing; 100 hours total time engine and wing; new tires; BRS-5 500 (out of date); registered Experimental Light Sport.

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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 howardkj@att.net no later than the **Wednesday** before the monthly meeting.