

Drag-On-Flyers EAA Ultralight Chapter 17

"For Ultralighters and Sport Pilots"

November 2014

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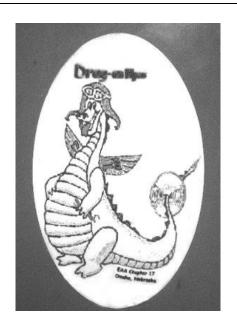
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The Prez sezs...

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

Well, I was really enjoying the beautiful fall when all of the sudden it became winter. We went from light jackets to winter coats and gloves in one day. Then it snowed. Very soon I will dig up my canna flowers. Elections are this meeting. We have four positions you can run for. Brad Safford has been our secretary for several years and he would like to be replaced. Mark Abbott has been our treasure and will serve again for us. J.D. Rexroad is the current Vice President and likes it. I'm getting healthier and would like to serve another year as your President. Keith Howard is doing a great job as our newsletter editor keeping us all informed. Let us know your desires and suggestions. Nominations will close at this November meeting and a vote will be taken.

Brad Safford may be planning to take up some parachute jumping. I noticed that he had a new hip installed and I can't think of any other reason to get a new hip.

Our Christmas party is coming up which will replace our January meeting. It will be held at El Bee's Restaurant, 10402 South 144th St. in the back room. We can gather at six and eat at 7:00. It will be on January 27th. For entertainment bring about a \$10.00 wrapped gift for a lady or a man to be exchanged during a drawing. The gift can be stolen twice and then it is yours to keep. This is a good time to bring your significant other because she will see you as a caring, sharing guy who doesn't think of airplanes all the time.

SAS Museum in Ashland has invited us to display information about our hobby on January 17th. I will attend a meeting in December to see what they would like. Bob Furr has said he would like to fly in, but he can't find his gloves. We will be there from 10:00 to four and will talk to people who love aviation. Mark it on your calendar. More information will



Calendar

Chapter 17 Events

Jan 27, 2015, EAA 17 Christmas Party, El Bees, Millard



Others

Jan 17, 2015, Indoor Airshow SAS Museum, Ashland, NE

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

Jul 20-26, 2015, 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.



follow.

See you at the meeting Tuesday, Nov 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.

Chapter 17 Minutes

Chapter 17, Oct 28th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made the minutes be accepted as they were written in the newsletter. The motion was passed.

Treasurers Report - The club received a check for \$250 from the ANUG group, so we have a balance of \$1045.26.

There was a motion made and passed to raise the amount of money spent on a fly-in from \$50 to \$65.

Blake was a guest at the meeting. He bought Steve's powered parachute.

The Christmas party will be Jan. 27th at EL Bees in Millard.

ANUG – Steve is going to talk to the people at David City about having it again next year; maybe around the 4th of July.

Bob's fly-in at Scribner had a pretty good turnout. Six planes flew in and about 17 people showed up for good chili and other good eats.

Unfinished Business

Larry Bonkers plaque is still being worked on.

Steve said Jerry Herbster had officially retired from the NRD, but didn't know anything else about him. He also talked to Dean who said he would be back next year and he was unable to get in touch with Pat.

New Business

Elections will be held next month. The nominees are: Steve for President, J.D. for Vice President, Mark for Treasurer, and Bob for Secretary.

Green Wienie

Steve told of his mishap when starting his new Flitplane and that it got away from him and ran into a fence post. It tore up the right wing pretty good.

50/50 Raffle - Keith won \$6.50.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Safford

"The New Guy"

By Bob Furr



With cold weather there is less flying going on. While there are some calm days those are usually cold. The warm days seem to be windy. Because of that, I treat every flight like it will be my last for a month or more and run the carb dry of fuel, shutting the engine off. Because I haven't installed a fuel shut off yet, I pinch the fuel line to do that. It works and gives me some reassurance that the fuel line is still in good shape (as I do so by bending it back against itself). I also cover the plane even though it is in the hanger to avoid the dust that seems to be worse this time of year. I also use regular two cycle oil instead of synthetic. One of the reasons is that regular two cycle oil sticks to parts inside the engine over time. That keeps the bearings and other internal parts from rusting. Synthetic is great oil when you fly often. I just cannot guarantee that I will be doing that all winter.

If you haven't been to the club's Facebook page, you may want to stop by. I keep finding things and posting them there from other websites. Some things like videos are impossible to share in the newsletter.

I have been watching the development of electric light aircraft and ultralights for several months. One thing that really is pushing the right size motors and batteries is electric scooters/motorbikes. There is at least one ultralight that has the entire power system lifted from an electric motorbike. There are new technology batteries that are lithium iron (which are a lot less sensitive to how they are charged) and other technologies in development which may revolutionize the charge rate (so you can recharge to about 80% of full in about 15 minutes). I just may go electric when I need to replace my Rotax down the road!

I've not been doing much flying as the windy, cold weather makes that difficult. I took off the nose pod as the ultralight flies much better with those few extra pounds removed. Without that you really need to bundle up to fly in the winter. One thing that seems to help are good wool socks and dressing in layers.

The real key to staying warm is to trap layers of air between layers of clothing. One thing that was surprisingly effective was foam inserts in my shoes. They seem to keep the bottoms of the feet warmer.

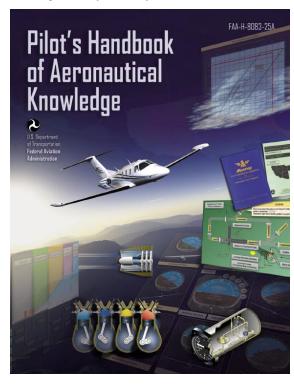
That's probably it for this month... just not much to talk about when I haven't been able to get up much!

Dave M.'s Phantom at Scribner Fly-In

Photo courtesy Bob Furr

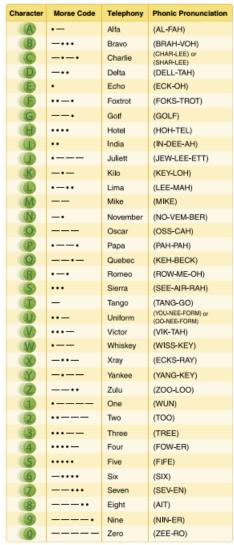


Bob found a great representation of the phonetic alphabet, however due to potential copyright issues you won't get to see it here. However, in lieu of that, presented here is the FAA's version from the Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge (available free online). This is a great refresher for those that use radios. Ed.



http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/pilot_handbook/





Steve has a Wienie roast at the October meeting. You're supposed to do that outside, Steve!

More Oshkosh Airventure 2014



M&M Aviator *Photo courtesy W. Seiffert*

For you two-wheel types, a radial engine motorcycle; set you back about \$100k.

Photo courtesy W. Seiffert





NASA WB-57 research aircraft. The WB-57 is a highly modified Canberra bomber which the Air Force used for high altitude reconnaissance. This particular aircraft was in storge for 42 years before NASA brought it back to flying condition.

Photo courtesy W. Seiffert

Check out the wing droop on the WB-57. No, Mac, it's not a sailplane.

Photo courtesy W. Seiffert





A "Lindbergh" themed EAA VW.

Photo courtesy W. Seiffert

1968 Shelby GT 350 at the Ford display.

Photo courtesy W. Seiffert



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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.

Remember, no newsletter or meeting in December. Everybody have a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas!

