



Drag-On-Flyers

EAA Ultralight

Chapter 17

"For Ultralighters and Sport Pilots"

September 2015

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The Prez sezs...

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7 pm @ Chalco Hills

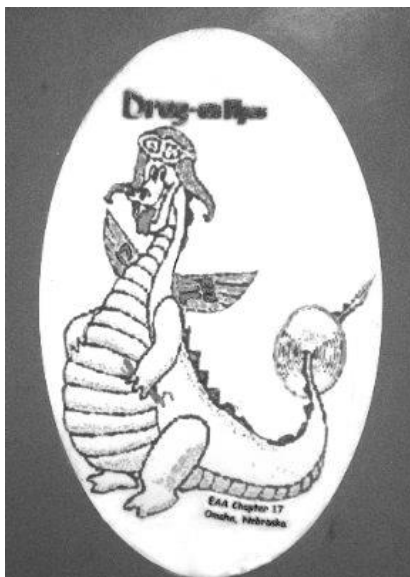
The September equinox arrives on Sept. 23, 2015 at 8:21 UTC. Although the equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, your clock time will depend on your time zone. For our U.S. time zone, this equinox comes at 3:21 CDT. In the Northern Hemisphere, the sun is rising later now, and nightfall comes sooner. This is our autumn equinox, when the days are getting shorter with day and night approximately equal in length. We are enjoying the cooler days while preparing for winter. South of the equator, spring begins. Now, for those of you who don't get what I mean... WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF DAYLIGHT! This is the best it gets for ultralight flying. The crops are leaving the fields, leaving more room for landings. The days are cooler with less thermals. The landscape is beautiful and gives you lots of things to look at as you fly around at 500 feet AGL.

We will be looking forward to Saturday, Sept. 26 for lunch at the "Field of Dreams". JD will be having a fly-in for all that want to fly in, or assemble your craft and fly, or just watch as beautiful para-planes fly around the fantastic "Field of Dreams" located south of Springfield at 132nd and Buffalo Rd. We have a fly-in at Scribner Air Base on Oct. 10 for lunch. Bob Furr and his wife, Lucy, will be planning the activities. We have cover there, so we will eat come rain or shine...but check with BOB first.

Note, this month, we will meet in the front room due to other scheduling.

So, see you at the meeting Tuesday, Sep 29th at Chalco Hills Rec 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 eat 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

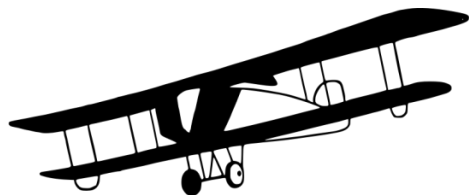
Others

Oct 15-18, Byrd's Autumn Fly-In
Byrd's Adventure Center,
Ozark, AR
www.byrdsadventurecenter.com

Jul 25-31, EAA Airventure 2016
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, Aug 25th, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. at Chalco Hills Rec Center by President Steve Peck.

A motion was made by Bob Furr that the minutes be accepted as they were written in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Treasures Report -- Mark was unavailable.

Newsletter inputs are due by Monday, Sep 21st.

Unfinished Business

ANUG went very well. Friday a Weedhopper visited from Kansas. They bought a powered parachute from JD and took it home with them. Friday night there was pizza.

Saturday at ANUG was cloudy until about 9:30. Other aircraft started arriving about 10:00. Saturday evening we were asked by local law enforcement to search for a person they thought might be in a cornfield. Two powered parachutes and a Champ were involved in the search. They did not find anyone, but did give the police a ride. We had folks visiting from town on Saturday evening. JD purchased donuts for Saturday.

In total, we had about 9 airplanes, 16 pilots, and about 45 people show up. Total cost was \$68 for pizza; Porta pottys were \$130; caution tape was \$45; other groceries were \$56. There were \$90 in donations. Voted to pay Duane for the expenses. Mark will need to mail a check to Duane for \$110 and pay the porta-potty bill directly.

Lunch at Brad's airpark was very nice on August 8. JD flew while he was there.

Oshkosh in July had only a couple of members attend this year.

Planned Monthly Activities

09-25 thru 9-27, 2015 -- Field of Dreams, Nebraska Chute Flyers Annual Fly-In

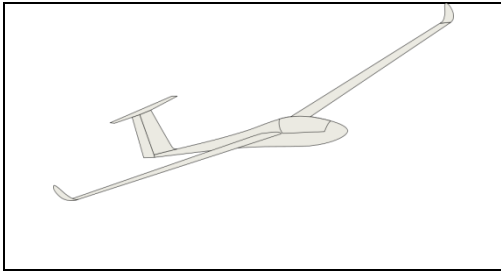
10-10-2015 -- Scribner, lunch

1-26-2016 -- Christmas party

New Business

ANUG is a good possibility for next year; no other unfinished business or new business.

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Green Wienie -- JD rolled over his four-wheeled PPG at Brad's in August.

50/50 Raffle -- \$5.50 in the raffle; Dwight won.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Furr.

"The New Guy"

By Bob Furr



Work has had me swamped this month! I have managed to go fly about once a month this summer rather than the once a week that I was doing last year. I did notice that Walmart has no-flat, wheelbarrow tires on clearance at \$25 this week. I have nearly 100 hours of flight time with over 200 landings on one set of these tires. Interesting what you can find in the ultralight aisle at Walmart or Ace Hardware.

The recent issue of the EAA magazine had an article about the difficulty of flying in turbulent air. Actually, once you understand that turbulence is often thermal activity, it really becomes more of a game trying to catch a thermal. I've had a couple times this summer where, because of the heat, the climb rate was low. It was nice to find a good updraft and ride that several hundred feet upward.

By the way, October 10th is looking to be an interesting day in ultralight history. There is a worldwide virtual fly-in, and at this point about 600 folks are signed up to participate. Hopefully, the weather cooperates here and elsewhere and we can catch pictures of people flying in at Scribner. That's all for this month, work calls, and it will be at least a couple more years before I retire and have a few more minutes to myself!

An Aviation Learning Opportunity

Kyle passed on some information that might be of interest to anyone who owns an ELSA registered, fixed-wing aircraft:

“Rainbow Aviation is holding a two-day, 16 hour Repairman Inspection-Airplane course October 17-18, in Kenesaw, NE. This course allows the owner of a registered ELSA to complete and sign off his/her own annual condition inspections on any ELSA they own now and in the future. Usually this course is taught at locations which require significant travel expenses. Class registration is limited to 16 due to FAA oversight. It was at least at 9 when I signed up. Cost is \$375 until Oct 6, then goes to \$425. Paperwork (after course completion) must be taken to local your FSDO to get your certificate. Details can be seen at www.rainbowaviation.com.”

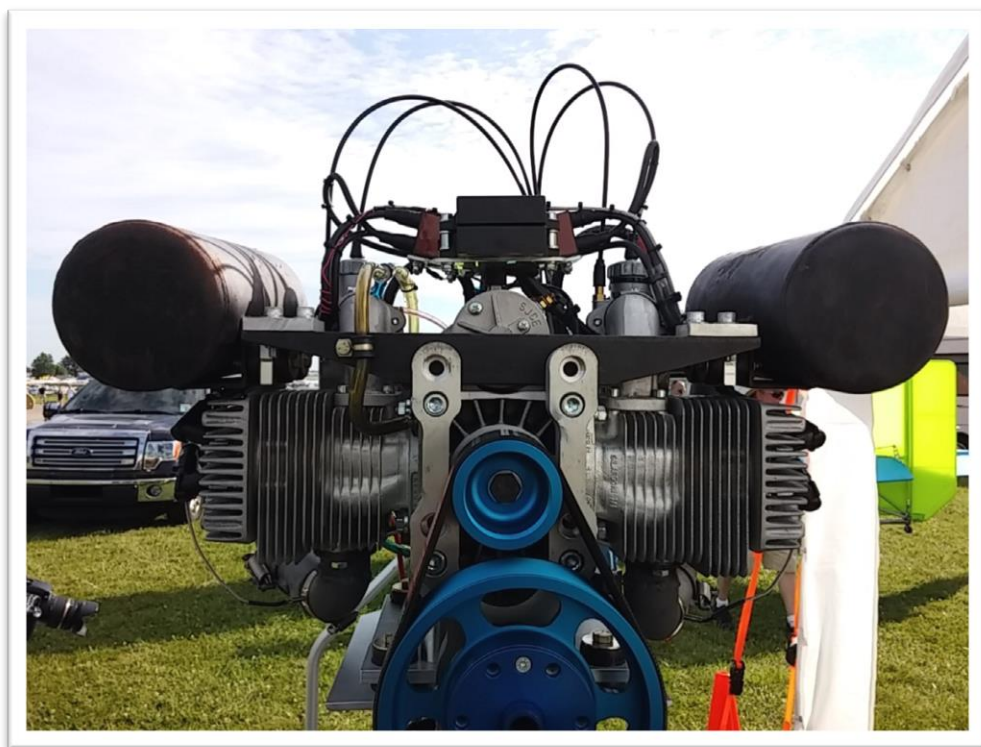
Oshkosh Airventure 2015

For those that attended this year, the editor would really appreciate some photos.



**Hirth F23, 50 hp
engine installed on
Aerolite 103**

**Another view of
the Hirth on the
Aerolite**





Hirth F33, 28 hp engine on the Aerolite; new, rounded cylinder head design

Aerolite 103 flight deck



September Fly-In

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

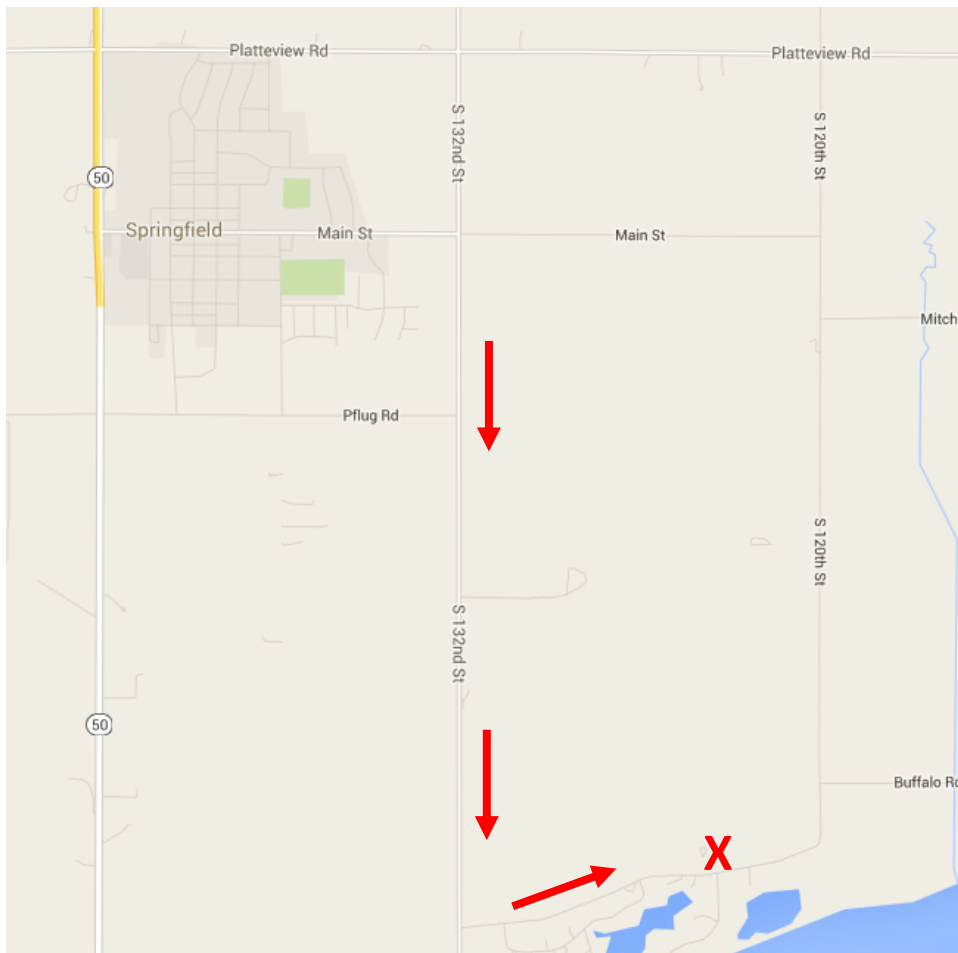
Contact

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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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.

