



# SDPA News

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## President's Corner

*Greetings Everyone,*

I would like to report that aviation is certainly alive and well in South Dakota and around the country. I managed to get to **AirVenture 2023 in Oshkosh, WI**, for a couple of days to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> year of the Cessna 170. It was reported by the Cessna 170 Association that about 130 Cessna 170s were in attendance at AirVenture. I was able to park amongst the large group of them with my 1952 170B and visited with people from all over the world. I also was able to do some training and passed my AMEL (aircraft multi-engine land) checkride at Riggins Flight Service. I've been using that rating to travel in my Cessna 310 to visit my customers around the Midwest.

As summer changes to fall I always enjoy the end of summer **Black Hills Fly-in at Hot Springs, SD**. For me this is one of those events that I try not to miss. Clint Busenitz and his group of well established volunteers have made this a "must attend" event with all kinds of opportunities for flyouts. If you like fly-ins with a lot of flying, this one is it. There are many group flyout tours that cover everything from the Black Hills (Mt Rushmore), Badlands (Wall, SD), WWII ammo depot (Edgemont, SD), Devils Tower (Hulett, WY), and you can even get a few airports checked off your FLY South Dakota Airports Passport. I've flown as many as 18 hours over this three-day event. So mark it on your calendar, September 8-10.

The State has opened a comment period regarding the future of the **Custer State Park Airport** (3V0, Fairburn). I believe the CSP Airport is an incredible asset, and it would be a terrible shame to lose it. I also believe some changes need to be made to encourage the utilization of the airport and to encourage access to park opportunities via aircraft.

Please review the comment form and have your voice heard. Please share and encourage others to do the same. If we don't say anything, we will surely lose it. Here's a link: <https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/>

Our June 17 meeting in Bison was well attended, and again we were able to have a good conversation about the **South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame**, South Dakota Pilot Association organization operations and other topics as well. I feel that we are closer to taking on the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame project, but there still are some details to work out before we can bring it to a vote for the membership. If you have any feelings about this topic, please feel free to talk to any board member.

The next topic I would like to address is **our organization, SDPA**. We have lost a lot of business continuity with the retirement of our Executive Director (Steve Hamilton) effective June 1, 2023, treasurer (Mary Carol Potts) and the election of many new officers in January of 2023. The board of directors are working hard every week to try to piece together all the processes and procedures that were used to run the organization. We definitely have struggled with this especially over the last few of months. Many of you did not receive your membership renewal reminder and as a result we have about 45 members that have not renewed their membership.

To help us with this task for the future, we have purchased a subscription to **Membership Works**, which is a membership management software that is online and is accessible to all the board of directors. This software is a powerful tool that will be utilized to communicate with you the "membership." We can communicate with the membership in many different ways. One of the most effective and least costly ways is with email and to that end, we will use it

quite heavily. The other thing that is nearly in place is online Join/Renew your membership on our website. Donations will also be a part of the website upgrade. Eventually you will be able to log into the membership software to see aviation events, classified ads, shop for SDPA apparel, and view your own membership status. We are looking forward to announcing the start of this very soon. We will be doing a test email to the membership very soon, so if you see an unusual email from SDPA, that will be us trying to communicate with you about something important going on.

My final thoughts on the organization is the position of **Executive Director and Newsletter Editor**. We have had limited interest in these positions, but after the people reviewed the job descriptions they found these positions overly demanding and have stepped back. I believe we need to break some of these duties up into committees and make these jobs more manageable. We will continue to explore options for these two positions. In the meantime if you know of someone that might be qualified or willing to do, this please let us know.

If you have any questions about SDPA please feel free to contact us.

Fly safe and we will see you some place along the airways!

SDPA President, *Dale G. Knuth*

*"Promoting General Aviation in South Dakota – Serving all pilots, mechanics, and aviation enthusiasts"*

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## SDPA Meeting – September 9

Sep 9, 2023: South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA) meeting at Wessington Springs (4X4), SD, in the airport hangar.

11:00AM: presentation by local

aviators (organized by Roger Lee and Brian Bergeleen)  
Noon: lunch pizza & pop (\$5 per person).  
1:00PM: SDPA meeting with cookies.  
Contact Dale Knuth for more information at 605-860-5862 or dale.knuth@gmail.com. SDPA

Bryan Ferwerda, Sioux Falls  
Thomas Redlin, Sioux Falls  
Dr. Randy Sachau, Spearfish

#### New Pilots

Kylee Prins, Eden  
Elijah Seymour, Sioux Falls  
Micah Small, Langford

#### New LifeTime Members

Orrin Geide, Hartford  
Cody Shryock, Pierre

and the Nation.

Send \$25 to SDPA Treasurer Kelly DeBerg, PO Box 89844, Sioux Falls, SD 57109, along with mailing address and contact information. SDPA

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### Membership

#### New members

Gage Benjamin Collignon,  
Watertown

The more members that SDPA has, the stronger voice we carry on aviation issues in South Dakota, the Midwest,

### Member & Guest Comments

*aerial sprayers, pilots & operators. I was the President of SDAA at that time."*

**REPLY to all:** Thank you for the comments – we'll try to do our best to keep the SDPA membership informed of aviation news at the state, regional, and national levels. SDPA

**Brent Carlsen** (Rochester, MN) emailed, "*I would like a Fly South Dakota Airports passport book sent to me.*" [REPLY: SDPA mailed Brent a cover letter, Passport, Passport poster, website poster, membership application, and SDPA leaflet.]

**Earle Geide** (Hartford): "*Received lifetime membership join by Orrin Geide who said he would be joining and would be letting Earle's membership expire.*"

**Jerry Konechne** (Kimball) wrote, "*I understand there's lots of stuff coming down about weight limits, etc. on light sport planes & possibly ultralites (sic), would like to have somebody check into this & possibly put findings in the newsletter. We don't do much for light sport but maybe should. Don't know if anybody is aware but if your (sic) having health issues & about to be grounded you can still fly light sport providing you have never been denied a private license. With the weight changes from 1320 lbs (light sport) to greater, maybe your plane will qualify. If you qualify for sport pilot, no more physicals required in sport pilot. Go to EAA website AirVenture find MOAWC modernization of air worthiness certificates.*"

**Dennis Maier** (Morristown, SD) requested a FLY South Dakota Airports Passport.

**Brian McKay** (Covina, CA) wrote, "*May be last year of membership probably selling airplane due to age.*"

**Jason Matthews** (Huron) emailed, "*Thank you Steve for the information [new member welcome packet] and flyers! We are more than happy to post your flyers and handout the leaflets tomorrow afternoon, May 20th at our Fly-in cook out. Thanks again to you and Dwayne and everyone at the SDPA. We are really excited to get the news out to the community about aviation, what we do here, and how the SDPA gets people involved in flying. REVV AVIATION is getting involved with local schools to get younger aviation enthusiasts involved with flying. Have a great day and keep flying!*"

**Larry Nelson** (Rapid City) wrote, "*Have sold my plane - but still enjoy the news letter. Keep up the good work. I have more than 50 years of flying -- enjoyed it all.*"

**Tim Swanson** (Lynd, MN) requested a FLY South Dakota Airports Passport.

**Ronald Traver** (Lantry) wrote, "*SDPA was organized during our Fall Fly-In at Faulkton, SD - SDAA was the group of*

### Thank You for Donations

We appreciate our members continuing to send in donations for various scholarships with their membership dues or separately. Scholarships are just one way the SDPA promotes General Aviation in South Dakota. For those donations marked "all," we will spread the donation across all the scholarships.

**Brittany Kerr** (Highmore) donated \$50 to the Becker-Hansen Memorial in "memory of Doug Kraft." This donation was Brittany's 6<sup>th</sup> contribution. *Thank you Brittany!* SDPA mailed Brittany a framed Certificate of Appreciation for Scholarship Support in recognition of her generous contributions.

**Brian McKay** (Covina, CA) donated \$100 to the SDPA Scholarships Fund. This donation was Brian's 10<sup>th</sup> contribution. *Thank you Brian!*

**Jim Morgan** (Brookings) donated \$75 to the SDPA Scholarships Fund. This donation was Jim's 6<sup>th</sup> contribution. *Thank you Jim!*

**William "Will" Seykora** (Sioux Falls) donated \$5.00 to the SDPA Scholarships Fund. This donation was Will's 2<sup>nd</sup> contribution. *Thank you Will!*

**Dan Smith**, DVM (Montrose) donated \$50 to the SDPA Aviation Maintenance Technology Scholarship at LATC, Watertown. This donation was Dan's 4<sup>th</sup> contribution. *Thank you Dan!*

**William (Bill) Stemper** (Redfield) donated \$20 to the SDPA Scholarships Fund. This donation was Bill's 1<sup>st</sup> contribution. *Thank you Bill!*

**Harrison Thompson** (Brookings) donated \$20 to the SDPA Aviation Maintenance Technology Scholarship at LATC, Watertown. This was Harrison's 12<sup>th</sup> contribution. *Thank you Harrison!*

**David Timmons** (Pierre) donated \$15 to the SDPA Scholarships Fund. This donation was David's 5<sup>th</sup> contribution. *Thank you David!*

**Roger Williams** (Langford) donated \$20 to the SDPA Aviation Maintenance Technology Scholarship at LATC,



Watertown. This donation was Roger's 12<sup>th</sup> contribution.  
*Thank you Roger!*

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The SDPA provides the Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500), SDPA Aviation Maintenance Technology Scholarship at LATC (\$2,500), and sponsors prizes for the SD Aviation Art Contest (\$600) – total of \$5,600 in scholarships / prizes each year. For those members donating a total of \$200 or more, the SDPA sends a framed Certificate of Appreciation, and for over \$400 the SDPA sends an SDPA paperweight. *SDPA*

#### SDPA Letters / Comments / Displays

The SDPA continues to actively track aviation issues at the state, regional, and national levels and promotes General Aviation. Here is a summary of the various activities.

June 15: SDPA participated in a conference call for the SD Aeronautics Commission meeting.

July 20: SDPA participated in a conference call for the SD Aeronautics Commission meeting. *SDPA*

#### What's New at <https://sdpilots.com>

We updated our new website on July 9.

Here are the updates:

**Officers & Directors page:** added information and photo for new District 2 Director Dean Kirkeby of Clark, and new section listing the chronology of officers.

**Newsletter page:** changed contact information for advertising to Dale Knuth.

**GA Promotion page:** added three recent meetings that SDPA attended.

**Join page:** replaced forms for new pilot get one-year free membership and new mechanics get one-year free membership forms with updated versions.

**Meetings page:** added two photos of SDPA meeting held at Revv Aviation in Huron.

**Scholarships page:** updated information and application for the Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship, and information for the ACE Camp Scholarship and the EAA Chapter 806 Flying Scholarship.

**FLY SD Airports page:** changed contact information to Dale Knuth.

**Best Maintained Airports page:** added photo and caption for Best Maintained Airport Award to the City of Edgemont.

**Links page:** deleted or updated links for 28 organizations or businesses. *SDPA*

#### SDPA Officer Meeting – May 16

By Ryan Limesand

A conference call including the South Dakota Pilots Association Officers, Directors and Immediate Past President was held May 16, 2023 to discuss the retirement of Executive Director Steve Hamilton. Steve had recently notified membership that his retirement will be effective June 1, 2023.

Meeting was called to order by President Dale Knuth at

7:05 PM. Participating in this meeting were **Dale Knuth** (Hartford), **Dwayne LaFave** (DeSmet), **Ryan Limesand** (Sioux Falls), **Kelly DeBerg** (Sioux Falls), **Dean Kirkeby** (Clark), **George Bittner** (Mitchell), **Roger Lee** (DeSmet), **Sunny Stephens** (Rapid City), **Steve Hamilton** (Yankton), **Bobbie Potts** and **Mary Carol Potts** (Gettysburg). Steve stated he was retiring due to medical reasons, which had gradually worsened over the last few years. He will continue to gather information from the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission for the SDPA.

Some of the tasks discussed during this transition were:

- Membership information has already begun to transition to a more automated system and will continue in that direction with guidance from the President and Treasurer.

- District 1 Director Bob Burke will be approached for management of the SDPA website.

- SDPA members will be contacted regarding the newsletter editorial duties. Steve currently uses Word and WordPerfect for development of the newsletter and labels. Sunny mentioned researching publishing software that could ease the workload of producing the newsletter.

- Dale will be drafting a letter to the membership detailing with Executive Director job duties.

- Web access and digital files will be obtained by Dale in the near future.

Steve stated that he was in possession of SDPA merchandise and would like someone else to store these items. A list of items includes tents, banners, Fly SD passport books, patches and decals. He also has a print copy of every newsletter published by SDPA. George Bittner stated he may have room to store the materials for the time being.

New Business: A motion was made by George Bittner and 2nd by Sunny Stephens to appoint Dean Kirkeby as the District 2 Director. Motion passed - all aye.

Motion to adjourn was made by George Bittner and 2nd by Sunny Stephens. Meeting adjourned 7:37PM. *SDPA*

#### SDPA Meeting – June 17

By Ryan Limesand

The South Dakota Pilots Association held a meeting on June 17, 2023 in Bison, SD. The business meeting began at 2:08 MDT with 14 in-person attendees and six by conference call. The list of attendees is as follows: **Dale Knuth** (Hartford), **Marsha Sumpter** (Kadoka), **Dennis Nash** (Prairie City), **Jim Englehart** (Bison), **Wes Edwards** (Hettinger, ND), **Ryan Cordell** (Camp Crook), **Blair Arne** (Carpenter), **Eric Neumann** (Rapid City), **Wesley Delaney** (Rapid City), **Pearl Gulbranson-Miller** (Spearfish), **Dwayne LaFave** (DeSmet), **Dean Kirkeby** (Clark), **Jerry Densmore** (Rapid City), and **Norma Kraemer** (Deadwood). Call-in participants were **Ryan Limesand** (Sioux Falls), **Kelly DeBerg** (Sioux Falls), **Roger Lee** (DeSmet), **Sunny Stephens** (Rapid City), **Steve Hamilton** (Yankton), **Barry Bibler** (Spearfish), and **Bob Burke** (Pierre).

Secretary Ryan Limesand read the minutes from the April 15, 2023, meeting in Huron, SD. After some discussion regarding a list for District Directors to use for meeting set-



up, a motion was made by Jerry Densmore and seconded by Marsha Sumpter to accept the April minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Kelly DeBerg reported there are 412 members. Dale and Kelly have been coordinating with Membershipworks.com to streamline joining and renewals. Following a few more updates to the web-based system, along with transferring knowledge about past practices from Mary Carol Potts, will make the system ready to launch. Motion to approve treasurer report made by Dwayne LaFave and seconded by Jerry Densmore. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Dale has been traveling by general aviation lately and has concluded that South Dakota airports are on par, or better than, many of the places he has been. South Dakota should be proud of the activity and friendliness seen around its airports.

District Reports: District 1 – Bob Burke reported that **Pierre** airport is undergoing security upgrades along with runway 7-25 being under construction.

District 2 – Dean Kirkeby reported that **Aberdeen** airport general aviation ramp is being reconstructed, and the FAA is updating the instrument approaches for runway 13-31. **Britton** is undergoing \$700,000 in fuel system upgrades. **Clark** has crack-sealing in-progress. **Groton** fly-in will be September 9 & 10. **Lake Cochrane** seaplane base is organizing a fly-in with details to come. **Webster** is installing a new fuel system and had one available hangar.

District 3 – Roger Lee reported that **Brookings** has an Air Force cadet training program this summer. **De Smet** road construction is ongoing, but airport is still accessible. **Madison** is bustling with students in all phases of flight training including Ag and Seaplane training. **Wessington Springs** taxiway extension project is in progress.

District 4 – George Bittner: no report.

District 5 – Marsha Sumpter reported that **Kadoka** has green grass and is inviting airplane traffic. **Winner** has a lot of ag activity going on along with the occasional medivac flight. **Martin** is installing the last of the wildlife fence and completing the associated dirt work.

District 6 – Sunny Stephens reported that **Belle Fourche** fuel system was out of service, possibly due to snow removal operations from last winter. **Custer** had participated in a large inter-agency wildfire training day to better prepare for safety and medical care during wildfire suppression. **Hot Springs** is planning a fly-in for September 7-10 with registration information found on Facebook at "The Black Hills Flyin" page. Hot Springs is also building a ten-unit T-hangar with the expected completion in August. **Spearfish** is accepting pavement replacement bids with the work to be completed before August 2024. This work will require the airport to be closed for one week. Regarding the **Rapid City Regional Airport's** proposal to start up an airport authority based on a presentation last summer to both Spearfish and Sturgis airport managers, Ray Jilek shared the plan with the Spearfish City Council and received little or no positive support. Copy of report is attached to minutes. **Sturgis** has five more hangars built. **Wall** runway is being extended 1000 feet into railroad Right-Of-Way, which was purchased by the

city. Lighting should be completed by August with hopes of holding an open house when complete. **Edgemont** was thankful to FAA and all involved with resurfacing and improving airport safety.

District 7 – Jerry Densmore reported that the **Isabel** fly-in was a success. **Sky Ranch** fly-in will be in October. SDPA safety meeting held prior to June business meeting had 12 attendees.

Old Business: Website update work is in progress with more updates and additions yet to come. Steve Hamilton will be updating and changing contact information soon. A new join/auto-renew feature will be added to the website allowing people to join SDPA more easily.

The search for a new Executive Director is underway with no responses from the mass email sent to the membership. Other options are to hire someone to perform those duties. Previously the same person held the Executive Director role as well as the Newsletter Editor position, but these responsibilities can be separated. Steve Hamilton is still in possession of many SDPA banners, pamphlets, as well as other materials, plus information stored on his computer. Volunteers are coordinating a time to meet with Steve and move this property to another location. Another email will be sent to the SDPA membership requesting help, or suggestions to replace the open Executive Director and Newsletter Editor positions.

Barry Bibler spoke via conference call regarding the SD Aviation Hall of Fame. The SD Aeronautics Commission was contacted, and they are willing to let the HOF participate in the SD Airports Conference starting in 2025. Discussion was held regarding the SDPA absorbing the Aviation Hall of Fame and how the SDPA would manage the group as well as what steps would be needed with the SD Dept of Revenue to merge assets. Discussion was tabled until more information can be brought forth at the next SDPA meeting.

Four volunteers have come forward to help with the Sioux Falls Airshow in late July (July 29-30). More volunteers are needed if the association will have a presence at the airshow.

New Business: Next meetings are scheduled for September 9 at Wessington Springs; November 11 at Platte; February 10, 2024 at Winner (?); April 2024 in northeastern South Dakota area.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35PM MDT.

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### New District 2 Director

**Dean Kirkeby** was elected to the District 2 Director position during a conference call meeting on May 16. Here is Dean's bio.

Dean grew up in Clark, SD, and went to SDSU for a degree in Agriculture. At 10 years old he became interested in aviation when his uncle gave him a ride in a J-3 Cub. Taking off from a grass strip, the entire passenger briefing was,





"Put on your seatbelt and don't touch anything!"

He passed ground school at SDSU, then again four years later at an in-person King School in Fargo. Time and money continued to get in the way, and he seemed unable to get past a solo permit.

Flash ahead 20 years of reading magazines and talking with pilots, another opportunity knocked. As part of a deal to buy a used combine from a local farmer-pilot, flying lessons were included. Another crack at ground school in Watertown, and three different instructors finally produced a successful check ride in Marshall, MN, on June 21, 2010. He obtained a tail wheel endorsement at Riffin Flight School in Madison, SD, in 2017.

Currently, he still farms in the Clark area and lives at Benson Air Park, an FAA approved Residential Through-the-Fence airpark at 8D7 in Clark, SD. The hangar-home houses a 1973 Cessna 172M and a 1966 Champion 7E3 Citabria with the 150 horsepower Supplemental Type Certificate. Most of his flying is local, but a 3-4 hour cross-country is usually squeezed in once a year.

Dean is a member of the EAA, AOPA, and a lifetime member of the SDPA since October 2015. SDPA

Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship

The SDPA is pleased to announce the opening of the **Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship** nomination process for **2023!** The Scholarship was created in January 1998 by the SDPA to honor the memory and spirit of state pilots **Ron Becker** and **Dave Hansen**, who lost their lives in the crash of the state's MU-2 aircraft near Dubuque, Iowa, on April 19, 1993, which killed Governor George S. Mickelson, state Economic Development Commissioner Roland L. Dolly, Energy Commissioner Ron Reed, and Sioux Falls businessmen Angus C. Anson, David S. Birkeland, and Roger A. Hainje.

The Scholarship originally awarded \$500 annually to a South Dakota pilot or student pilot to complete their training or a rating. The award was increased to \$800 beginning in 2005, \$1,000 in 2009, \$1,250 in 2011, \$1,500 in 2015, \$2,000 in 2017, and increased to \$2,500 in 2022. The purpose of the program is to encourage more pilot starts and advanced ratings in South Dakota.

The criteria for the award and the ***nomination form can be found on the SDPA website (https://sdpilots.com).*** ***Nomination forms are due to the SDPA no later than October 10.*** Judging of the nominations by the SDPA officers will occur in September, and the winner announced in the November newsletter.

Past scholarships: 1998 **Al Rohrbach** (Pierre), 1999 **Denise Vig** (Faith), 2000 **Misti Ausland** (Florence), 2001 **Joshua Grundt** (Rapid City), 2002 **Jody Weidenbach** (Watertown), 2003 **Tyler Johnson** (Brandon), 2004 **Bob Arneson** (Rapid City), 2005 **Kevin Hamann** (Sioux Falls), 2006 **Scott Schramm** (Brookings), 2007 **Timothy Hyde** (Huron), 2008 **Dan Berryhill** (Spearfish), 2009 **Justin Bierwirth** (Custer), 2010 **Rachel Odens** (Vermillion), 2011 **Brad Woerner** (Yankton), 2012 **Nathan Keith** (Hermosa), 2013 **Brandon West** (Brandon), 2014 **Elizabeth Hubbard** (Spearfish), 2015 **Kelley Jorgensen** (Burbank), 2016 **Lydia**

**Elaine Anderson** (Sioux Falls), 2017 **William Seykora** (Sioux Falls), 2018 **Caden Haiar** (Alexandria), 2019 **Matthew Schad** (Rapid City), 2020 **Matthew LaFave** (Mission Hill), 2021 **Phoebe Kellar** (Rapid City), and 2022 **Drew Kroepflin** (Highmore).

Footnote: The SDPA will consider an application from anyone who has previously received the Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship after a delay of 3 years, but will give the candidate a lower-priority for receiving a second scholarship than other candidates (policy adopted by vote at the SDPA meeting in Mitchell on July 27, 2008). SDPA

Greg Klein

**Greg Klein** of Watertown was nominated to the **SD DOT Hall of Honor** by Gerald M Rieber, MD, of Watertown. Klein will be inducted into the Hall of Honor at a ceremony on November 8, 2023, at Joy Ranch of South Dakota in Florence (near Watertown). LuAnn Strait and Diane Stiles, both of the Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, wrote letters of recommendation for Klein. The following is the nomination written by Rieber.

South Dakota Department of Transportation Hall of Honor Nomination

Gregory L. Klein TSGT, USAF (Retired) Lake Area Technical College Aviation Maintenance and Professional Pilot program Director (Retired, June, 2023)

I respectfully and enthusiastically submit



Gregory L. Klein as a nominee for the 2023 SDDOT Hall of Honor recognition. Greg truly exemplifies what this honor represents. His contributions to Aviation in South Dakota in his dual role as program director and instructor at Lake Area Technical College (LATC) Aviation Maintenance and Professional Pilot training program have and will have long lasting positive impact on not only South Dakota, but many locations throughout the country and internationally.

Greg is a graduate of Lake Area Tech Aviation Maintenance Program ('77) and entered the United States Air Force as an Aviation Maintenance Technician where he worked on a variety of military aircraft including F4 Phantom and F15 Eagle fighter jets. This is also where he developed his passion for teaching, offering airframe and power plant maintenance courses part-time while enlisted. Greg retired from the Air Force in 1997 and returned to Lake Area Tech in Watertown to teach Aviation Maintenance where he will retire this month as program director. Greg has been instrumental in developing the first Associate of Applied Science Degree for Lake Area Tech and South Dakota in Professional Pilot training. He has recently completed certification of the Drone Pilot Program at LATC and obtained the first in the state FAA authorization for Drone pilot training operations beyond line of sight. Impressively, he was successful in completing the first year of the curriculum on schedule, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to being the program director, he is also active as an instructor in the aviation maintenance

program, a Certified Flight Instructor authorized to teach private pilot, instrument, commercial, and glider training, and in his retirement he plans to continue to teach flight instruction at LATC and serve as a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) for the FAA.

Greg has contributed to aviation and the department of transportation in South Dakota by being an outstanding promoter of the industry and recognized for his contributions. He's been acknowledged by the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence for his work with drones and the collaboration with SD School of Mines on drone programs. Greg is a member of the South Dakota Space Consortium, which has afforded many of his students the prestigious NASA internships. He has coordinated and hosted a statewide SD Space Day for middle and high school students and organized several local large airshows. Greg coordinates and participates with the Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles program that introduces youth to aviation and gives introductory rides. He is active in the South Dakota Glider organization and organizes a STEM Soaring Day at LATC each spring for teachers and students. Greg is an active member of several advisory boards and leads the LATC Aviation Advisory Board. He works closely with the Watertown Municipal Airport and with the South Dakota Civil Air Patrol in many capacities and as a valuable professional resource. He has developed a network of relationships with industry partners and hosts an annual aviation career fair that has been very successful in job placement and career opportunities for students with commercial airlines and other partners. He annually invites high school students interested in aviation to attend an event for career exploration which often results in students matriculating to LATC.

Greg goes above and beyond the minimal training requirements to provide practical, unique experiences for the students. He routinely goes the extra mile to come in in the evening or weekends to help students stay caught up or just help out keeping the fleet of aircraft going. He incorporates restoration projects into the curriculum so students can learn how to apply what they learn to real world projects. He was instrumental in procuring a retired Boeing 727 cargo jet from Fed Ex for maintenance training purposes. He has supervised the students in the full restoration of several airplanes utilized in the pilot training program. He currently has two lake amphibious float planes that are in various stages of restoration. These real world experiences are rare in the training environment and give the students a leg up in their career opportunities. He welcomes youth groups for tours of the airplanes and the program and enjoys giving that first airplane ride to just about anyone who expresses interest in wanting to fly. It's a rare occurrence where he doesn't know someone from nearly every airport in the state and frequently has had a hand in their education.

Greg has been recognized in the SD Hall of Fame Acts of Excellence ceremony for his support of students in the NASA Internship. Under his direction, LATC Aviation department has received the FAA Certificate of Excellence Diamond Award five consecutive years. The Diamond Award is the highest award granted by the FAA for aviation maintenance technicians. He was honored as the South Dakota Aviation

Maintenance Technician of the Year selected by the Federal Aviation Administration regional board in Chicago, Illinois. He was selected for this award in part based on his dedication to his field, involvement with the FAA Safety Team and work as a safety education volunteer.

Greg's commitment to aviation, safety, education, and service throughout his 45 plus years in the aviation industry is with unmatched energy and contagious enthusiasm. Greg is someone who truly has found his calling and displays that passion every day. For over 25 years, he has educated hundreds of students not only for Lake Area Tech but also by supporting Civil Air Patrol Chapter students, who are also now in the aviation workforce throughout the state and beyond. His enthusiasm is contagious and encourages those around him to develop their own passion as well.

Please consider Greg Klein for this well-deserved recognition for a lifetime of service to promoting safety in aviation through his initial service in the USAF and subsequent career as an educator at Lake Area Technical College.

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Jeremy Price

*Congratulations to **Jeremy Price** of Watertown who won the **Grand Champion Gold Lindy Award** at AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 for his plans-built Super Cub PA-18 (N258JP).*

Named after aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, the Lindy Awards acknowledge the tireless effort necessary to create an aircraft that's truly the "best of the best." The Lindy is recognized worldwide as the ultimate recognition of aircraft craftsmanship.

Lindy Awards are given out across six categories: Homebuilts, Warbirds, Vintage, Rotorcraft, Ultralights, and Seaplanes. Entrants can be considered for only one category in a given year, and are not eligible for the same or any lower-tier awards if they have won in the past.

Looks are considered in award judging, but the quality of craftsmanship inherent in the aircraft is a crucial factor as well. Careful construction and/or restoration, as well as tireless maintenance, is essential in winning a Lindy.

Jeremy built the PA-18 over a 15-year period with the first flight on April 19, 2020, after about 5,000 hours of effort. The aircraft plans came from North Land Aircraft and were blueprints from Piper Aircraft.

Jeremy graduated from the University of Minnesota-Crookston with a pilot certificate for crop spraying, but never sprayed a field after graduating in 1999. In 2004 he started building the Super Cub and continued building while moving several times – to Iowa, Montana (2 years), North Dakota (10 years), and finally Watertown a year ago. He built the engine starting with a core from a Lycoming 320, which required a lot of research on part numbers.

For a living, Jeremy flies Part 135 and flew corporate aircraft out of Aberdeen for many years. In May of this year he started flying for NetJets out of Sioux Falls. Check out his website at <https://jeremyprice258.wixsite.com/mysite>

Jeremy flew the Super Cub for the first time into AirVenture Oshkosh last year and parked in the Vintage area at the south end. He was there for just one day, and two

judges looked at his plane (three judges must evaluate your aircraft to qualify for an award). This year was his second flight into AirVenture, and this time he parked in the Homebuilt area. Three judges evaluated his Super Cub, and



told him to be at the awards ceremony. With 200 hours in the Super Cub, you would think there would be a little “wear and tear” on it. Jeremy was surprised to win the Grand Champion Gold Lindy Award because he thought that the second place Lindy winner was a prettier aircraft. However, the judges took note the outstanding craftsmanship in Jeremy’s Super Cub. *Congratulations Jeremy!!* SDPA

Overheard -- Pottstown Route

Late in the afternoon of July 4, I was flying with my wife from Nebraska to Philadelphia International Airport in our Piper Cherokee. Stationary storms around the airport were causing major departure delays. As we landed on Runway 35 we could see planes lined up all along Taxiway K—nearly to the intersection with Runway 35. Just before we landed, we heard this exchange on the Tower frequency:

**American 1234:** “Tower, American 1234.”

**Tower:** “Go ahead American 1234”

**American 1234:** “We wanted to let the passengers know what’s going on—any news as far as Pottstown and going south?”

**Tower** (still talking a million miles a minute): “Ah, I wish I could give you better news, sir. I don’t really know what’s going on—they open up the route, they close the route, they change the route, they say the jet routes are bad, but you guys aren’t on a jet route, and then they say Pottstown is stopped. I don’t really know what’s going on right now. I’m sorry.”

**American 1234:** “I just recorded that. I’m going to play that for the passengers; that’s excellent.”

When I looked up that flight on FlightAware later, I found that they sat on the ground for over an hour and a half between pushback and takeoff. As for us, we made it back home to North Carolina the next morning, as planned.

From *Philip Rash, Durham, NC*

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Master Pilot and Master Mechanic Awards

South Dakota is lagging behind in recognizing pilots and mechanics with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award and the Charles E. Taylor Master Mechanic Award. The basic criteria are 50 or more years of experience as a pilot or as a mechanic (additional criteria below). Three of our neighboring states are doing a better job of nominating worthy people for the award (FAA website checked August 17, 2023)

<https://www.faa.gov/content/masterpilot/RecipientList.aspx>

<https://www.faa.gov/content/mastermechanic/RecipientList.aspx>

State	Master Pilot	Master Mechanic
Minnesota	159	54
Iowa	93	29
North Dakota	55	21
South Dakota	55	11
Nebraska	53	18
Wyoming	14	8
United States	7,968	3,393

Several worthy candidates in South Dakota have been contacted in recent years and encouraged by letter and phone calls to fill out the appropriate application and offered help in completing the paperwork. The SDPA has sent candidates packets containing examples of the cover letter for the submission packet, two examples of resumes, two examples of letters of recommendation, a copy of the appropriate FAA circular describing the award, and the application. However, apparently due to modesty, 10 pilots and one mechanic that we contacted in the past have declined to apply for the award.

If you know of someone meeting the following criteria, PLEASE nominate them. Contact SDPA for a packet of information and assist in submitting candidates for the award.

**Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award**

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award (WBMPA) is a prestigious award issued to recognize local pilots who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years as active pilots. This award will be in the form of an FAA award certificate and lapel pin. A smaller version of the pin will be awarded to the spouse, if appropriate. In addition, a “Role of Honor” with the recipient’s name, city, and state will be published at: <http://www.FAASafety.gov>.

This award program began in August 2003 and the guidance was revised in February 2008 (<https://www.faa.gov/content/MasterPilot/MPA.pdf>). To be eligible for the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award (WBMPA), candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) or Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pilot certificate.
- Have 50 or more years of civil and military flying experience.
- Up to 20 years of the required 50 years may be U.S. military experience.



- The effective start date for the 50 years is the date of the nominee's first solo flight or military equivalent.
- The 50 years may be computed consecutively or non-consecutively.
- Be a U.S. citizen.

Prior accident history will be reviewed and considered on a "case-by-case" basis. Prior enforcement actions (excluding revocation) are not necessarily disqualifying, but will be reviewed on a "case-by-case" basis. Revocation of any airman certificate will disqualify a nominee for this award.

The applicant or anyone on behalf of the applicant must submit the following information to their local FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) Program Manager:

- Three letters of recommendation from holders of FAA pilot certificates who can attest to the applicant's 50 years or more of U.S. piloting experience.
- Photocopies or proper documentation describing the kind of certificate(s) held by the applicant, including if available, the original issue date(s) of the certificate(s).
- A detailed description, resume, or summary of the applicant's flying history.
- A completed WBMPA application form.

#### **Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award**

The FAA established the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award (CTMMA) to recognize aviation maintenance personnel who have at least 50 years of experience in the aviation maintenance industry. The award is named for Mr. Charles E. Taylor, the mechanic that helped build and maintain the Wright Brothers airplane "The Flyer." Recipients of the award receive a certificate and lapel pin. The certificate is signed by the FAA Administrator. The recipient's name, city, state, and certificate number are placed in a "Role of Honor" leather book kept in Washington, DC, at the FAA building.

This award program began in 2004 and the guidance was revised in August 2015. Detailed criteria for the award can be found in FAA Advisory Circular 65-26D ([http://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory\\_Circular/AC%2065-26D.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC%2065-26D.pdf)). To be eligible for the Master Mechanic Award, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) or Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mechanic or repairman certificate.
- Have 50 or more years of civil and military maintenance experience.
- Up to 20 years of the required 50 years may be U.S. military experience; or worked as an uncertified person in a U.S. aviation maintenance facility that maintained U.S. registered aircraft, either domestic or overseas; or worked as an uncertified person in the aircraft manufacturing industry in the United States, producing U.S. type-certificated or U.S. military aircraft.
- The 50 years may be computed consecutively or non-consecutively.
- Be a U.S. citizen.

Prior accident history will be reviewed and considered on a "case-by-case" basis. Prior enforcement actions (excluding

revocation) are not necessarily disqualifying, but will be reviewed on a "case-by-case" basis. Revocation of any airman certificate will disqualify a nominee for this award.

The applicant or anyone on behalf of the applicant must submit the following information to their local FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) Program Manager:

- Three letters of recommendation from holders of FAA mechanic or repairman certificates who can attest to the applicant's 50 years or more of U.S. maintenance experience.
- Photocopies of applicant's airframe/powerplant or repairman certificate(s).
- A detailed description, resume, or summary of the applicant's aviation maintenance history.
- A completed CTMMA application form.

Once the application package for either the Master Pilot Award or the Master Mechanic Award is received, the FAASTeam Program Manager will review the information. The Regional FAASTeam Manager will be the final authority for approval of the applicant.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact your local FAASTeam Representative (Steven R. Hoogerhyde, FAASTeam Program Manager - Operations for SD at 605-737-3024; Jeffrey R. Boe, FAASTeam Program Manager - Airworthiness for ND and SD at 701-492-5817.

The SDPA is making a concerted effort to find pilots and mechanics / repairman who qualify for the awards, and then work to gather the necessary resumes, application, and three letters of recommendation.

If you know of a pilot or mechanic in South Dakota who might qualify for these awards and have not yet been recognized, please contact one of the SDPA officers and we will work to see that the South Dakota pilot or mechanic / repairman is submitted for the award.

#### **Master Mechanics in South Dakota**

- Frank Broesamle**, Mobridge (Nov 1996)
- Ivan Ellis**, Sturgis (Nov 1996)
- Luverne Kraemer**, Nemo (Nov 1996)
- Edward Dahlhoff**, Sioux Falls (Mar 2001)
- Clifford Adkins**, Parkston (Sep 2001)
- Arnold Kolb**, Spearfish (Aug 2002)
- Raymond Kolb**, Lemmon (Aug 2002)
- William Ferwerda**, Springfield (Jul 2003)
- Thomas Kitterman**, Sioux Falls (Feb 2019)
- John Bucker**, Castlewood (Dec 2022)
- Gerald Kasuska**, Watertown (Dec 2022)

#### **Master Pilots in South Dakota**

- Cecil Ice**, Pierre (Mar 2002)
- Bob Balentine**, Yankton (Aug 2005)
- Roy Crisman**, Wagner (Aug 2005)
- Bill Ferwerda**, Springfield (Aug 2005)
- Grove Rathbun**, Rapid City (Sep 2005)
- James Bartels**, Pierre (Sep 2006)
- Charles Summers**, Rapid City (Sep 2006)
- Vern Kraemer**, Nemo (Jun 2007)



**Dennis Martens**, Vermillion (Sep 2007)  
**Ken Merrill**, Rapid City (Sep 2008)  
**Mark Breuer**, Howard (Sep 2009)  
**Richard Grorud**, Grenville (Sep 2009)  
**James Nelson**, Spearfish (Sep 2009)  
**Larry Nelson**, Rapid City (Sep 2009)  
**Harley Taylor**, Aberdeen (Sep 2009)  
**Laverne Tech**, Rapid City (Sep 2009)  
**Coleman “Buzz” Wagner**, Clark (Sep 2009)  
**Charles Meyer**, North Sioux City (Apr 2010)  
**LaDell Swiden**, Madison (Oct 2010)  
**Cliff Adkins**, Parkston (Nov 2010)  
**Earle Geide**, Hartford (Aug 2011)  
**Jim Eisenmenger**, Yankton (Sep 2012)  
**Peter Hegg**, Sioux Falls (Sep 2012)  
**Boyd Porch**, Kadoka (Sep 2012)  
**Larry Pravecek**, Winner (Sep 2012)  
**Forrest Wixon**, Pierre (Sep 2012)  
**Bert Corwin**, Rapid City (Sep 2013)  
**James Ketchen**, Rapid City (Sep 2013)  
**John Barney**, Brookings (Sep 2014)  
**Bernard Christenson**, Pierre (Nov 2014)  
**Richard Bown**, Black Hawk (Nov 2014)  
**Donald Blumenberg**, Fulton (Sep 2015)  
**Allen Neal**, Rapid City (Oct 2015)  
**Jerry Ellingson**, Lake Preston (Sep 2016)  
**Denny Lewis**, Hot Springs (Sep 2016)  
**Lynn Riedesel**, Brookings (Sep 2016)  
**Bruce Allred**, Vermillion (Dec 2016)  
**Roger Huntley**, Yankton (Jul 2017)  
**Roger R. Hutchison**, Sioux Falls (Oct 2017)  
**Mark D. O’Leary**, Sioux Falls (Oct 2017)  
**Billy E. Davis**, Castlewood (Sep 2018)  
**Jim Huls**, Madison (Sep 2018)  
**Kit Thomson**, Sioux Falls (Sep 2018)  
**Jim Cox**, Yankton (Sep 2019)  
**Robert McLaughlin**, Brookings (Sep 2019)  
**Skip VanDerhule**, Yankton (Sep 2019)  
**Jess Bauer**, Revillo (Sep 2021)  
**Jerry Mitchell**, Rapid City (Sep 2016)  
**Christopher Lang**, Rapid City (Oct 2021)  
**Raymond Thomas**, Springfield (Oct 2021)  
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**James Christophersen**, Brookings (Dec 2022)  
**Gene Ebnetter**, Yankton (Dec 2022)  
**Gerald Kasuske**, Watertown (Dec 2022)  
**Harold Schramm**, Utica (Dec 2022)  
**Harrison Thompson**, Brookings (Dec 2022)

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I was extremely tempted to respond “NORCAL, Skylane XYZ commencing ‘Pugachev’s cobra’ maneuver,” but said instead “Skylane XYZ right 360s.”

The humble Skylane goes slow and steady but cannot hover! Maybe one day.

From Ivo Linev, Berkeley, California

In aerobatics, **Pugachev's Cobra** (or **Pugachev Cobra**) is a dramatic and demanding maneuver in which an airplane flying at a moderate speed suddenly raises the nose momentarily to the vertical position and slightly beyond, before dropping it back to normal flight. It uses potent engine thrust to maintain approximately constant altitude through the entire move. Some have speculated that the maneuver may have use in close range combat, although it has never been



used in combat. It is an impressive trick to demonstrate an aircraft's pitch control authority, high angle of attack (AOA) stability and engine-versus-inlet compatibility, as well as the pilot's skill. The maneuver is named after the Soviet test pilot Viktor Pugachyov, who performed it in 1989 at the Paris Le Bourget air show. It is claimed that a similar maneuver was performed in the 1960s, by Swedish Air Force pilots in the Saab 35 Draken.

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SD Aeronautics Commission – May 25

The SD Aeronautics Commission held a conference call meeting on May 25 at 2:00PM with staff in the Becker-Hansen Transportation Building in Pierre.

Participating were Commissioners **Bob Huggins** (Sioux Falls, Vice Chair), **Rolf Johnson** (Mina), **Eric Odenbach** (Eureka, Chair), **Jerry Rieber** (Watertown), [absent: Chris Funk (Volga), Dave Luers (Pierre), Cassidy Nelson (Elkton)], **Joel Jundt** (Secretary of SDDOT), **Kellie Beck** (SDDOT Division of Management & Finance), **Jack Dokken**, **Jon Becker**, **Tom Koch**, **Brad Remmich**, **Nancy Hiller** (all DOT Office of Air, Rail & Transit), **Kari Kroll** (Executive Assistant, SDDOT Office of Secretary), **Dustin DeBoer** (SDDOT Office of Legal Counsel, Sioux Falls), **Katlyn Wieme** (Office of Legal Counsel, Contract Administrator), **Patrick Dame** (Rapid City Regional Airport), **Tom Schauer** (Mead & Hunt), **Rod Senn** (Mead & Hunt), **Steve Hamilton** (SDPA, Yankton).

Chairman Odenbach called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present via roll call. He opened the floor to Commission members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waivers pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3-23. No conflicts of interest were disclosed and no waivers were requested.

The minutes of the April 20 meeting of the Commission were approved, as corrected for a misspelling, by roll call vote: all aye.

Overheard -- Pugachev’s Cobra

Returning to Palo Alto airport from the East on a short flight through the busy [San Francisco] Bay Area airspace, I was admiring Mount Diablo [located south fo San Francisco] at 4500 feet when NORCAL instructed, “Skylane XYZ hold your current position.”

Odenbach opened the floor for **public input**. Patrick Dame addressed the Commission. He commented that \$20 million in federal funding has been secured with an additional \$19.5 million in discretionary funding for an airport terminal expansion project at Rapid City Regional Airport. He noted that the Commission would be asked at their next meeting to provide 5% state share (\$1.25 million) instead of the Commission's cap of \$200,000 for terminal projects. He noted that the Aeronautics Fund had sufficient funds to cover the 5% state share.

Joel Jundt gave the **Secretary's report**. He reported that the Working Group on Funding Needs met on May 12 to discuss funding needs at commercial airports and GA airports (large, medium, small). They looked at revenue sources and plan two more meetings with the final meeting in August when they will prepare a report for SD legislators concerning airport needs. Hopefully, funding for airport needs will be addressed in the 2024 SD Legislature.

Jon Becker requested Commission consideration of **Airport Improvement Program (AIP)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant Applications**. Airport sponsors are requesting funding from the State Aeronautics Fund for the following AIP or BIL projects.

**Aberdeen (AIP):** Runway 13-31 rehab and lighting improvements - engineering and IFE (Independent Fee Estimate); concrete/asphalt. Federal Share \$904,500.00; State Share \$50,250.00; Local Share \$50,250.00; Total \$1,005,000.00.

**Aberdeen (BIL):** Runway 13-31 rehab and lighting improvements; grading and marking. Federal Share \$1,943,111.00; State Share \$107,951.00; Local Share \$107,951.00; Total \$2,159,013.00.

**Bison (AIP):** Airside pavement rehab (microsurface, crack seal and markings). Federal Share \$526,500.00; State Share \$29,250.00; Local Share \$29,250.00; Total \$585,000.00.

**Britton (AIP):** Construct avgas fuel system – construction and engineering fees. Federal Share \$373,500.00; State Share \$0; Local Share \$41,500.00; Total \$415,000.00.

**Britton (BIL):** Construct Jet A fuel system – tank, dispensing cabinet, credit card reader, piping. Federal Share \$207,000.00; State Share \$0; Local Share \$23,000.00; Total \$230,000.00.

**Brookings (BIL):** Purchase snow removal equipment. Federal Share \$346,500.00; State Share \$19,250.00; Local Share \$19,250.00; Total \$385,000.00.

**Chamberlain (AIP):** Construct new terminal building. Federal Share \$209,070.00; State Share \$11,615.00; Local Share \$11,615.00; Total \$232,300.00. Only one bidder on project, which included some civil engineering work and pavement.

**Custer (AIP):** Construct east hangar taxilane extension, drainage improvements, earthwork, base, asphalt. Federal Share \$578,000.00; State Share \$32,111.00; Local Share

\$32,111.00; Total \$642,222.00.

**Custer (BIL):** Construct east taxilane – administration & observation, and materials testing. Federal Share \$120,000.00; State Share \$6,666.00; Local Share \$6,667.00; Total \$133,333.00.

**DeSmet (AIP):** Construct AWOS-IIIP. Federal Share \$280,800.00; State Share \$15,600.00; Local Share \$15,600.00; Total \$312,000.00.

**Faulkton (AIP):** Appraisals, land acquisition, attorney fees, exhibit A update. Federal Share \$59,850.00; State Share \$3,325.00; Local Share \$3,325.00; Total \$66,500.00.

**Faith (AIP):** Design, replacement of MIRLs [medium intensity runway lights], non-lit signs, beacon, controls, electrical vault, windcone, segmented circle.

Federal Share \$83,700.00; State Share \$4,650.00; Local Share \$4,650.00; Total \$93,000.00.

**Highmore (BIL):** Sealcoat and remark runway, taxiway and connectors, and hangar taxilane. Federal Share \$125,234.00; State Share \$6,958.00; Local Share \$6,958.00; Total \$139,150.00.

**Madison (AIP):** Construct hangar taxilane; construction and administration/observation. Federal Share \$408,600.00; State Share \$22,700.00; Local Share \$22,700.00; Total \$454,000.00.

**Madison (BIL):** Airport drive and parking lot reconstruction; administration/observation. Federal Share \$304,000.00; State Share \$16,888.89; Local Share \$16,888.89; Total \$379,125.17.

**Parkston (AIP):** Design runway 15-33 connector, GA apron reconstruction. Federal Share \$171,000.00; State Share \$9,500.00; Local Share \$9,500.00; Total \$190,000.00.

**Philip (AIP):** Design 12-30 reconstruction with turnarounds – includes aquatic and cultural surveys, and geotechnical exploration. Federal Share \$207,000.00; State Share \$11,500.00; Local Share \$11,500.00; Total \$230,000.00.

**Rosebud (AIP):** Construct AWOS-IIIP. Federal Share \$279,000.00; State Share \$15,500.00; Local Share \$15,500.00; Total \$310,000.00.

**Rosebud (BIL):** Engineering for the AWOS-IIIP. Federal Share \$112,500.00; State Share \$6,250.00; Local Share \$6,250.00; Total \$125,000.00.

**Sisseton (AIP):** Construct apron security fencing improvements, install 10' chain link. Federal Share \$126,900.00; State Share \$7,050.00; Local Share \$7,050.00; Total \$141,000.00.

**Sturgis (AIP):** Construct AWOS-IIIP, including design, bidding, cultural and aquatic resource surveys. Federal Share \$139,500.00; State Share \$7,750.00; Local Share \$7,750.00; Total \$155,000.00.

**Sturgis (BIL):** Construct AWOS-IIIP. Federal Share \$234,000.00; State Share \$13,000.00; Local Share \$13,000.00; Total \$260,000.00.

**Tea (AIP):** Phase 1 apron reconstruction (200' x 270' north



portion). Federal Share \$832,500.00; State Share \$65,160.00; Local Share \$46,250.00; Total \$943,910.00.

**Wall (AIP):** AGIS (Airport Geographic Information System) update after runway 12-30 reconstruction, extension and widening. Federal Share \$95,000.00; State Share \$5,278.00; Local Share \$5,278.00; Total \$105,556.00.

**Watertown (AIP):** Design partial taxiway C and B, including aquatic survey and geotechnical exploration. Federal Share \$499,500.00; State Share \$27,750.00; Local Share \$27,750.00; Total \$555,000.00.

**Watertown (BIL):** Design partial parallel taxiway and ag operations area. Federal Share \$130,500.00; State Share \$7,250.00; Local Share \$7,250.00; Total \$145,000.00.

**Wessington Springs (AIP):** Construct taxiway/taxilane improvements - correct direct access to apron, extend taxilane. Federal Share \$1,048,500.00; State Share \$58,250.00; Local Share \$58,250.00; Total \$1,165,000.00.

**Wessington Springs (BIL):** Taxiway/taxilane improvements including electrical and engineering. Federal Share \$252,000.00; State Share \$14,000.00; Local Share \$14,000.00; Total \$280,000.00.

**Yankton (AIP):** Construct north hangar taxilanes, access road and runway 20 end turnaround - administration/observation and AGIS. Federal Share \$1,233,000.00; State Share \$68,500.00; Local Share \$68,500.00; Total \$1,370,000.00.

**Yankton (BIL):** North hangar taxilanes, access road. Federal Share \$304,000.00; State Share \$16,000.00; Local Share \$16,000.00; Total \$347,025.00.

**SDDOT Pavement Maintenance (AIP):** Pavement maintenance for South Dakota Airports. Federal Share \$1,093,500.00; State Share \$60,750.00; Local Share \$60,750.00; Total \$1,215,000.00.

The Commission voted on the Watertown projects. Moved by Rolf Johnson, seconded by Eric Odenbach, to approve the two Watertown projects. All aye with Jerry Rieber abstaining.

The Commission voted on the Britton projects separately due them being revenue-generating fuel systems. Moved by Jerry Rieber, seconded by Bob Huggins, to approve the two projects. All aye.

The Commission voted on the remaining projects as a group. Moved by Jerry Rieber, seconded by Bob Huggins, to approve all the remaining projects. All aye.

Nancy Hiller requested Commission consideration of funding a portion of the prizes for the **2023 International Aviation Art Contest**. The International Aviation Art Contest was held again this year, and the theme was "Air Sports & the Environment." The Office of Aeronautics received 33 pieces of artwork from 12 different schools. The winners will receive an award certificate, a laminated copy of their submission, and a prize paid for by the Aeronautics Fund and the South Dakota Pilots Association. All winning submissions are shown on the SDDOT website at:

<https://dot.sd.gov/transportation/aviation/aerospace-education>. The total cost of the prizes was \$1,106.81. The South Dakota Pilots Association has donated \$600.00 towards the purchase of these prizes and the Department is requesting the Aeronautics Commission approve the remaining costs of \$506.81 be paid for using the Aeronautics Fund.

Moved by Bob Huggins, seconded by Rolf Johnson, to approve funding for the prizes for the art contest. All aye.

Nancy Hiller requested Commission consideration of **Amendment to State Match** on 2022 AIP Grant The following airport grant received a federal amendment and we are requesting the state share for this grant increase accordingly.

**Yankton Airport:** Rehabilitate Taxiway A - Reseal Joints, Concrete Panel Repair, Crack Repair, and Pavement Markings The federal grant amount was increased to reflect final as-built measured quantities for construction. The state share must increase accordingly.

	Federal (90%)	State (5%)
Final project	\$259,777.00	\$14,432.40
Original grant	\$249,750.00	\$13,875.00
Change	\$10,027.00	\$557.40

The Department recommends approval of a state grant amendment in the amount of \$557.40. Moved by Jerry Rieber, seconded by Bob Huggins, to approve funding the amended grant. All aye.

Jon Becker requested Commission consideration of **Funding for AWOS Maintenance**. The following is an update on the annual maintenance estimates the SDDOT has received for the nine non-federal AWOS systems [Britton, Brookings, Chamberlain, Gettysburg, Madison, Milbank, Redfield, Spearfish, Yankton].

SDDOT has obtained quotes from various vendors, and the "educated" estimates ranged from \$21,600 to \$61,200 for all sites. To proceed with the maintenance contract, SDDOT have identified three potential scenarios for the Aeronautics Commission to consider:

Scenario 1: The State acts as the contract administrator without making any financial contribution towards the maintenance fees incurred by the sponsors.

Scenario 2: The State covers 100% of the sponsor's maintenance fees, relieving them of any financial obligation.

Scenario 3: The State pays a reduced percentage of the total contract amount, sharing the maintenance costs with the sponsors.

Each scenario presents its own benefits and concerns. It is important for the Commission to discuss and evaluate the financial implications and potential impact on the AWOS systems' performance and longevity.

Key points discussed included variation of existing AWOS-III units, different end dates of existing maintenance terms, picking a common starting date for a combined maintenance



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contract (2025 was suggested), having maintenance vendors physically visit the AWOS-III units and submit quotes for a combined maintenance contract including the new AWOS-III units planned for DeSmet, Rosebud, and Sturgis (total of 12 units). The consensus was to support scenario 3 and cost share with the airport sponsors.

Office staff will contact vendors for getting firm costs for a maintenance contract, and will contact SD Office of Legal for contract language.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52PM. The next Commission meeting is set for June 15 at 2:00PM. SDPA

SD Aeronautics Commission – June 15

The SD Aeronautics Commission held a conference call meeting on June 15 at 2:00PM with staff in the Becker-Hansen Transportation Building in Pierre.

Participating were Commissioners **Chris Funk** (Volga), **Bob Huggins** (Sioux Falls, Vice Chair), **Rolf Johnson** (Mina), **Dave Luers** (Pierre), **Kassidy Nelson** (Elkton), **Eric Odenbach** (Eureka, Chair), **Jerry Rieber** (Watertown), **Joel Jundt** (Secretary of SDDOT), **Kellie Beck** (SDDOT Division of Management & Finance), **Jack Dokken**, **Jon Becker**, **Tom Koch**, **Nancy Hiller** (all DOT Office of Air, Rail & Transit), **Kari Kroll** (Executive Assistant, SDDOT Office of Secretary), **Dustin DeBoer** (SDDOT Office of Legal Counsel, Sioux Falls), **Katlyn Wieme** (Office of Legal Counsel, Contract Administrator), **Patrick Dame** (Rapid City Regional Airport), **Rod Senn** (Mead & Hunt), **Karla Nordyke** (City of Isabel), **Ryan Maher** (Town of Isabel/Isabel Airport Manager), **Dan Letellier** (Sioux Falls Regional Airport), **Steve Hamilton** (SDPA, Yankton).

Chairman Odenbach called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present via roll call. He opened the floor to Commission members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waivers pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3-23. No conflicts of interest were disclosed and no waivers were requested.

The minutes of the May 25 meeting of the Commission were approved by roll call vote: all aye.

Odenbach opened the floor for **public input**. No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

Joel Jundt gave the Secretary's report. A House committee and a Senate committee are working on draft FAA Reauthorization bills, which are expected to differ from each other, thus requiring a conference committee to work out differences.

Joel had reviewed the Aeronautics Commission's Policies and Handbook and thought the policy on funding of terminal building projects was in part ambiguous. It was unclear if the \$200,000 cap on terminal projects applied to multiple projects done over the years. Another aspect was the definition of "terminal project" – did it include the terminal apron or just the building itself.

Aeronautics staff will prepare language to clarify the policy statement for the next Commission meeting.

Jon Becker asked Commission consideration of AIP/ BIL Applications. Airport sponsors are requesting funding from the State Aeronautics Fund for the following AIP projects.

**Canton** (AIP): Design hangar taxiway extension. Federal Share \$68,400.00; State Share \$3,800.00; Local Share \$3,800.00; Total \$76,000.00.

**Hoven** (AIP): Construct lighting improvements including MIRL (Medium Intensity Runway Lights), MITL (Medium-Intensity Taxiway edge Lighting), PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator), windcone, and rotating beacon. Federal Share \$81,000.00; State Share \$4,500.00; Local Share \$4,500.00; Total \$90,000.00.

Moved by Jerry Rieber, seconded by Bob Huggins, to approve the state share for the two projects. Roll call vote, all aye.

Jon Becker asked Commission consideration of Funding Request from **Isabel Airport**. The runway lighting is currently non-functional. The Town of Isabel requested a partnership with the Commission for installation of solar lights at the Isabel Airport. The estimated cost is \$500 per light plus \$100 for a mounting kit. The runway is 3,000' x 150' and needs 36 lights. The total cost would be \$21,600. The Town of Isabel is committed to a 25% share or \$5,400 and requesting the Commission fund 75% of the cost. Unanswered questions include battery maintenance and the benefit of a controller. The Town of Isabel would also like to know whether the project will be accomplished in 2023 or 2024.

After discussion and a question/answer session, Jerry Rieber moved, seconded by Bob Huggins, to table the request until the City of Isabel gets a quote for a solar lighting system. Roll call vote: all aye.

Jon Becker introduced Patrick Dame who asked Commission consideration of **Waiver to the Airport**

**Terminal Project Funding Cap for Rapid City Airport**. The Rapid City Regional Airport is in the process of bidding an airline terminal expansion project. This project will be the first of three major projects to expand the terminal. The SD Aeronautics Commission has a policy that limits the funding for airline terminals to a lifetime finite amount (\$200,000). This policy has an impact to all commercial service airports and is growing more significant with the increased terminal project costs. Updating this policy is critical to the two largest airports in the state that provides over 95 percent of the air service for the State of South Dakota residents, businesses and tourist who are coming and going from our state. The Rapid City Regional Airport respectfully requests the Aeronautics Commission waive the funding cap for the airline terminals.

Dan Letellier commented that the **Sioux Falls Regional Airport** will be added five more gates to the terminal in the next few years at a cost of \$130 million. He noted that funding assistance would be



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needed from several sources including the Aeronautic Commission. Dan encouraged the Commission to eliminate their cap on terminal projects and consider funding projects on an individual basis.

One issue raised was that the Legislature was not inclined to provide extra funding for airport projects as long as there was a positive balance in the Aeronautics Fund. It was noted that the Working Group on Airport Funding would provide information to the Legislature about funding needs while keeping the Aeronautics Fund solvent.

After 28 minutes of discussion, no action was taken on the request for a waiver of the Commission's cap on terminal projects.

The next item was Commission consideration of Funding Request from **Rapid City Airport**. The Rapid City Regional Airport (RAP) is in the process of bidding Project 1 of the Airline Terminal Project. This project will provide additional space at the airline ticket counters for passenger queuing, realign the saw-toothed ticket counters, drastically improve the efficiencies of the baggage makeup area and increase the size of the TSA (Transportation Security Administration) screening area along with eliminate the slope (which is prohibiting RAP from getting new TSA screening equipment). So far RAP has received Federal Funding in the amount of \$21.8 million and is awaiting a potential future discretionary announcement as well. RAP is requesting the Aeronautics Commission match 5% of the \$21.8 million in Federal funding. The amount requested is \$1,050,000.

Eric Odenbach noted that the agenda item did not include a formal grant, so the Commission could not discuss the request.

The Commission meeting adjourned at about 3:00PM.

The next Commission meeting is set for July 20. SDPA

### SD Aeronautics Commission – July 20

The SD Aeronautics Commission held a conference call meeting on July 20 at 2:00PM with staff in the Becker-Hansen Transportation Building in Pierre.

Participating were Commissioners **Chris Funk** (Volga), **Bob Huggins** (Sioux Falls, Vice Chair), **Rolf Johnson** (Mina), **Dave Luers** (Pierre), **Kassidy Nelson** (Elkton), **Jerry Rieber** (Watertown), [absent: Eric Odenbach (Eureka, Chair)], **Joel Jundt** (Secretary of SDDOT), **Kellie Beck** (SDDOT Division of Management & Finance), **Jack Dokken**, **Nancy Hiller** (all DOT Office of Air, Rail & Transit), **Kari Kroll** (Executive Assistant, SDDOT Office of Secretary), **Dustin DeBoer** (SDDOT Office of Legal Counsel, Sioux Falls), **Katlyn Wieme** (Office of Legal Counsel, Contract Administrator), and **Steve Hamilton** (SDPA, Yankton).

Vice Chairman Bob Huggins called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present via roll call. He opened the floor to Commission members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waivers pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3-23.

Two conflicts of interest were disclosed and waivers were requested. Rolf Johnson disclosed that he has a land lease for a private hangar at the Aberdeen Regional Airport. Gerald Rieber disclosed that he is a member of the airport board at

the Watertown Regional Airport. However, Rieber said that he needed to add to his disclosure that he had a hangar lease at the Watertown Airport. Dustin DeBoer said that the revised disclosure would have to be presented at the August meeting.

Moved by Chris Funk, seconded by Dave Luers, that Rolf Johnson's disclosure was fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. Roll call vote: all aye. Dustin DeBoer said the disclosure would be filed with the Auditor General and the Attorney General and would be part of the public record.

The minutes of the June 15 meeting of the Commission were approved, with one misspelling corrected, by roll call vote: all aye.

Huggins opened the floor for **public input**. No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

Joel Jundt gave the **Secretary's report**. On the federal side, the U.S. House passed its version of the FAA Reauthorization bill (H.R.3935, also known as the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act). Funding for the Essential Air Service (EAS) was initially dropped from the bill, but was included in the final version. The EAS funding is used for commercial service at Aberdeen, Pierre, and Watertown. The Senate's FAA Reauthorization bill, S.1939, remains under consideration by the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

On the state side, during the August meeting the Commission needs to set a hearing date for the September Commission meeting to update the citation for the statute for airport licensing. The Legislative Research Council has crosschecked administrative rules across agencies and found incorrect citations.

Joel Jundt thanked **Dave Luers** for his service on the Commission. Today was Dave's last Commission meeting. *Thank you Dave for your service!*

Jack Dokken requested Commission consideration of **Airport Grant Applications** for the state share from the Aeronautics Fund. Airport sponsors are requesting funding from the State Aeronautics Fund for the following AIP (Airport Improvement Plan) or BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) projects.

**Belle Fourche** (AIP): hangar area drainage improvements & vehicle access with gate. Federal Share \$287,705.00; State Share \$15,984.00; Local Share \$15,984.00; Total \$319,673.00.

**Belle Fourche** (BIL): hangar area drainage improvements & vehicle access with gate. Federal Share \$268,495.00; State Share \$14,916.00; Local Share \$14,916.00; Total \$298,328.00.

**Hoven** (AIP): construction of lighting improvements including MIRL (medium intensity runway lights), MITL (medium intensity taxiway lights), PAPI (precision approach path indicator), wind cone, and beacon. Federal Share \$481,500.00; State Share \$26,750.00; Local Share \$26,750.00; Total \$535,000.00.

**Pierre** (AIP): ARFF (aircraft rescue & fire fighting) truck procurement. Federal Share \$904,500.00; State Share \$50,250.00; Local Share \$50,250.00; Total \$1,005,000.00.

**Spearfish** (AIP): pavement maintenance (crack seal, seal coat, markings on runway 13-31). Federal Share

\$504,000.00; State Share \$28,000.00; Local Share \$28,000.00; Total \$560,000.00.

Moved by Jerry Rieber, seconded by Chris Funk, to approve the state share of the five grant requests. Roll call vote: all aye.

Jack Dokken requested Commission consideration of a funding request from **Isabel Airport**. The Town of Isabel requested a partnership with the Commission for installation of solar lights at the Isabel Airport. The estimated cost is \$500 per light plus \$100 for a mounting kit. The runway is 3,000' x 150' and needs 36 lights. The total cost would be \$22,125.00. The Town of Isabel is committed to a 25% share or \$5,531.00 and requesting the Commission fund 75% of the cost or \$16,594.00. SPX Aids to Navigation LLC of Franklin, TN, is the source of the lights. It was noted that there no pilot controlled unit for the solar lighting system. Lights would come on at night allowing nighttime landings.

Moved by Jerry Rieber, seconded by Dave Luers, to approve the state share of 75% of the cost. Roll call vote: all aye.

Jack Dokken requested Commission consideration of **Policies and Procedures for Use of State Funds**. Sections 9 and 10 and section C.2 were revised as follows:

9. Portions of a terminal building, dedicated to public use and non-revenue producing, may be funded by the Aeronautics Commission. Three limitations apply:

- i. On projects funded by State and Local only, the Commission will review on a case-by-case case-by-case basis to determine state funding participation.
- ii. On projects involving Federal/State/Local funding, State aid will be limited to the current match set by the Commission.
- iii. State aid will be limited to a maximum of \$200,000 for each commercial service airport project. This cap will be set for each major improvement (project) such as new construction, remodeling, etc. vs. a cap over the life of the terminal. Planned construction projects will not to be broken out into numerous projects, or phases, for the purpose of receiving additional state funds.

10. Generally, revenue producing projects including, but not limited to; terminal buildings, fuel systems, hangars and parking lots are not eligible for AIP funding. The Commission will review these projects on a case-by-case case-by-case basis to determine the level of state funding participation. ~~Planned construction projects will not to be broken out into numerous projects, or phases, for the purpose of receiving additional state funds.~~

C. Criteria Utilized in Determining State Funding for Non-AIP Projects

- 1. State/Local construction projects for minimum airport facilities, which may be necessary to comply with basic service or small GA airport requirements or State Licensing Standards, are eligible for 75% State participation.
- 2. The maximum funding amounts available for said construction projects is \$75,000. State participation funds for any one airport and for any one planned construction project that addresses the needed ~~the~~ specific basic service. Planned construction projects are not to will not be broken out into numerous

projects, or phases, for the purpose of receiving additional state funds.

Moved by Dave Luers, seconded by Rolf Johnson, to approve the proposed changes and remove an unneeded "the" in paragraph C.2. Roll call vote: all aye.

Bob Huggins mentioned that he was holding off on submitting an annual disclosure of a potential conflict of interest for teaching a course at Lake Area Technical College. He has a planned surgery this fall, which would delay the course until next year.

The Commission meeting adjourned at about 2:32PM. The next meeting is set for August 17. SDPA

### SD Aeronautics Commission – August 17

The South Dakota Aeronautics Commission meeting scheduled for August 17, 2023 has been cancelled due to a light agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 2 p.m. CT/ 1 p.m. MT.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. I am always happy to help!

Kari Kroll | Executive Assistant  
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### Congress Passes NOTAM Bill

By Lillian Geil (AOPA on-line)

The House passed the Senate-amended version of H.R. 346, the NOTAM Improvement Act of 2023, on May 22, following the passage of the bill by unanimous consent in the Senate on May 9.

H.R. 346 requires the FAA to create a task force—consisting of aviation industry professionals, safety experts, and unions—to review existing methods for publishing notams to pilots. The group would examine regulations, policies, and systems to provide informed recommendations to Congress. The bill also sets a deadline for the FAA to implement the new notam system and a backup.

A version of the bill was first introduced in 2021 to establish a task force to improve the notam system, but the bill was never considered by the Senate. After a notam outage grounded airplanes nationwide in January, Reps. Pete Stauber (R-Minn.) and Mark DeSaulnier (D-Calif.) reintroduced the bill in January, which passed the House later that month.

Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), and Shelly Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) introduced the companion bill in the Senate where it was later amended to include directing the FAA to finish modernizing the NOTAM system and create a backup system by September 30, 2024.

AOPA worked closely with industry stakeholders to include in the Senate version of the bill a realistic, but pressing, timeline for the FAA.

"These changes to the notam system are long overdue," said AOPA Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Jim Coon. "AOPA appreciates the bipartisan effort to ensure pilots can feel safe operating in an accurate and updated system."

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Overheard

We were over Tennessee having a pretty decent ride at FL390, but lower altitudes were not faring as well, and the chatter between aircraft and Memphis Center reflected the hunt for smoother air. As the crew of a regional jet (RJ) checked on frequency, they asked about rides.

**Memphis Center:** It won't smooth out until you land.

**RJ:** You haven't seen my landings!

From Jim McIrvine, Dulles, VA

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For a comprehensive aviation event listing, go to <https://sdpilots.com>. CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANIZERS TO SEE IF THE EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED OR POSTPONED.

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Aviation events in or near SD compiled by Steve Hamilton.

**Aug 29-Sep 4:** Antique Aircraft Association Fly-in at **Blakesburg (IA27, Antique Airfield), IA** -- HOME of the Antique Aircraft Association. *The Blakesburg fly-in requires membership in the AAA.* <http://www.antiqueairfield.com>

**Sep:** Madison Aviation Enthusiasts meet at **Madison (MDS), SD**, on Thursdays at 6:00PM for food, fun & flying. Contact Morris Riggan at 605-256-9774 or Charlie Keppen at 605-480-1312.

**Sep:** Coffee, treats & conversation at **Hot Springs (HSR), SD**, every Friday 9:30-11:30AM. Come join us for some hangar flying. Contact Rick Breitenbach at 605-515-9013.

**Sep:** **SD Civil Air Patrol** meetings. Seniors and cadets meet monthly at Brookings Airport, Custer County Airport, Ellsworth AFB, Lincoln County Airport, Pierre Airport, Sioux Falls Airport, and Spearfish Airport. For meeting times, specific locations, and contact information, go to <https://sdwg.cap.gov/command/squadrons>

**Sep 1-3:** B-25 *Berlin Express* visit and flight experience at **Bismarck (BIS), ND**. Tickets aboard the Berlin Express are \$425 for adult EAA members and \$475 for adult nonmembers. Once the aircraft is airborne, passengers will be allowed to move freely about its interior for the purpose of changing vantage points and exploring the bomber's various compartments. Each flight experience spans approximately one hour, including briefing, debriefing, and about 18 minutes of flight time. More information on the Berlin Express, along with links to buy tickets, can be found at [FlyTheB25.org](http://FlyTheB25.org).

**Sep 2:** Monthly airport breakfast at **York (JYR), NE**, 8:00-10:00AM featuring custom-made omelets, burritos, eggs, sausage, and of course, airplane shaped pancakes if so desired. Free-will donation. EAA Chapter 1055. Contact Rod Matlock at [redoakrod@stewireless.com](mailto:redoakrod@stewireless.com)

**Sep 2:** CANCELED -- GOING TO BIG NASTY -- Airport breakfast at **Sturgis (49B), SD**. Contact Roger Burnham at 605-347-1050 or Bruce Bowen at 605-490-1139.

**Sep 2:** Big Nasty Breakfast Fly-In at **Big Nasty Creek in**

**northwest SD.** 7:00-10:00AM. Dennis Nash and family are hosting a fly-in breakfast at their ranch (N 45.706475 -- W 102.879127). On Billings Sectional chart go 13 miles North (up) the middle of Gap C High MOA to the banks of the Big Nasty Creek. Turf runways: 12-30 (2000'; obstructions: 30 -- road); turf runway 18-36 (1400'; obstructions: 36 has a 50' creek bank; 18 has a hill). For traffic, monitor 122.8. To reach the ranch for ground support, contact 122.750. Contact Dennis Nash at 605-855-2453 in the evening.

The link immediately below is to an aviation chart (ignore the date on it). "X" marks the spot.

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The link below is to a road map that might be helpful for air or ground travel. 11707 White Hill Rd, Prairie City, SD <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gj8tr876SBj3xxR29>

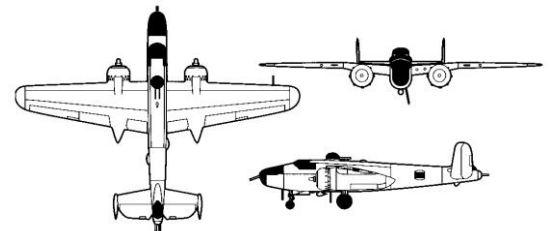
Dennis and family are hoping to grow this event and welcome all to come join them for the morning.

**Sep 4:** Airport breakfast at **Sheldon (SHL), IA**, 7:00-11:00AM. Sponsored by Sheldon Sky High Flyers, EAA Chapter 1295, and Sheldon Christian School Parents; assisted by Midwest Flying Service. Contact 712-470-5032.

**Sep 7-10:** 9<sup>th</sup> annual Black Hills Fly-in at **Hot Springs (HSR), SD**. All are welcome, but this will be somewhat of an off airport event with most of the fly outs happening at ranches in the tri-state area of SD, WY, and MT. Flyouts, food, fellowship, and nearly unlimited places to explore and turn avgas into noise and memories. We hope to see you there! Contact Clint Busenitz at 605-891-1290 or Larry Vetterman at 605-890-0525.

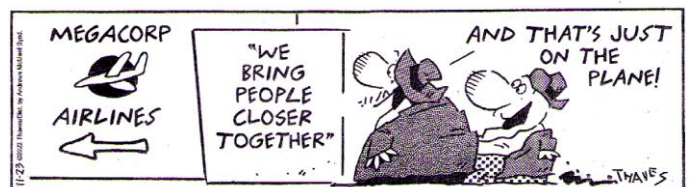
**Sep 8-10:** B-25 *Berlin Express* visit and flight experience at **Rapid City (RAP), SD**. Tickets aboard the Berlin Express are \$425 for adult EAA members and \$475 for adult nonmembers. Each flight experience spans approximately one hour, including briefing, debriefing, and about 18 minutes of flight time. More information on the Berlin Express,

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**Sep 9:** SDPA meeting at **Wessington Springs (4X4), SD**, in airport hangar. 11:00AM presentation. Noon: lunch pizza & pop (\$5 per person). 1:00PM: SDPA meeting with cookies. Organized by Roger Lee and Brian Bergeleen. Contact Dale Knuth for more information at 605-860-5862 or [dale.knuth@gmail.com](mailto:dale.knuth@gmail.com).

**Sep 9:** Monthly meeting of the Joe Foss Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force at **Joe Foss Field – Sioux Falls Airport (FSD), SD**, at 10:00AM in Maverick Air Center. Contact Chris Geringer at [cafjoefoss@gmail.com](mailto:cafjoefoss@gmail.com) <https://www.cafjoefoss.org>

**Sep 9-10:** Airport breakfast at **Groton (2E6), SD**. Breakfast 7:00-9:00AM -- both days. Lunch 11:00AM-1:00PM – both days. Saturday supper 5:00-7:00PM; no supper on Sunday. Free-will donation. Funds raised go for airport improvements. Airplane rides. **CHECK NOTAMS FOR CLOSURE OF NEW TURF RUNWAYS DUE TO BEING TOO WET TO LAND ON!!!** Contact Darrell Hillestad at 605-380-6204 or [metromerlin@aol.com](mailto:metromerlin@aol.com) or [6053806204@mms.att.net](mailto:6053806204@mms.att.net)

**Sep 10:** Airport breakfast at **Bismarck (BIS), ND**, 7:00AM-1:00PM. Pancake breakfast.

**Sep 11:** Sioux Falls Ballooning Club meeting in **Sioux Falls, SD**, at 7:00PM at TBD. <http://www.sfballooning.org>

**Sep 12:** Monthly meeting of Norfolk EAA Chapter 918 in **Norfolk (OFK), NE**, in the FBO building at 7:00PM. Contact Tim Miller at 402-750-8638 or [tim.mpgpro@gmail.com](mailto:tim.mpgpro@gmail.com)

**Sep 15-17:** B-25 *Berlin Express* visit and flight experience at **Scottsbluff (BFF), NE**. Tickets aboard the Berlin Express are \$425 for adult EAA members and \$475 for adult nonmembers. Each flight experience spans approximately one hour, including briefing, debriefing, and about 18 minutes of flight time. More information on the Berlin Express, along with links to buy tickets, can be found at [FlyTheB25.org](http://FlyTheB25.org).

**Sep 16:** Airport breakfast in the EAA Chapter 289 Building at **Lincoln County (Y14), Tea, SD**, 8:00-10:00AM featuring pancakes with eggs & sausage, coffee and juice for a suggested donation of \$10.00; fly-in PIC free. Contact Bruce Beecroft at 605-376-7120.

**Sep 17:** Fly-in, Drive-in, Walk-in, Dragged-in airport breakfast at **Chan Gurney (YKN), Yankton, SD**, 8:00AM-12:00PM. PIC FREE, adults \$10.00; kids 5-10 \$5.00; under 5 free. Fund-raiser for aviation scholarships. Sponsored by Yankton Regional Aviation Association and City of Yankton. Contact Mike Roinstad at [mroinstad@gmail.com](mailto:mroinstad@gmail.com)

**Sep 21:** SD Aeronautics Commission meeting at 2:00PM. Maybe be in-person in Becker-Hansen Building in Pierre or a conference call. Contact Kari Kroll for details: 605.773.5105 or [Kari.Kroll@state.sd.us](mailto:Kari.Kroll@state.sd.us)

**Sep 30:** Monthly hamburger fly-in at **Hastings (HSI), NE**, 11:30AM-1:30PM. Hosted by the Nebraska Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association. <https://www.facebook.com/NebrAAA/> SDPA