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20TH ANNUAL CENTRAL CITY FLY-IN BREAKFAST

By: *Ronnie Mitchell Director of Nebraska Department of Aeronautics*

The weather was perfect with blue skies and mild north winds. American Legion Lone Tree Post 6 posted the colors while Chris Holland of the Lincoln Sport Parachute Club (LSPC) came in with our Flag streaming through the air. Four members of the LSPC did two jumps about two hours apart and pilot Merrill Mark of Duncan, NE, took them up to 5,500' MSL for the jumps. Rod Floerchinger appears to be flying between contrails!



Attendance at the breakfast totaled 325 for a great meal of pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs served by the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council #10386. Some of the notables in attendance were NE State Senator Curt Freisen and his wife Nancy who live in Henderson, NE. Local flight instructor John Armatys and student Deb Gangwish were there as well. Deb has also accompanied Governor Ricketts on agricultural trade missions.

Over 25 aircraft flew in for the event including the Muhle brothers in a Christian Eagle and a Pitts biplane.



They did a bit of formation flying which was awesome to watch. Doug Kreuger from Aurora flew his American Champion in with oversized tires and did some impressive climb attitudes. Jerry Movelock flew his AT6 Texan in and it was immaculate. There was also a STOL aircraft from Europe with a 260hp radial engine.



This was a great event orchestrated by Airfield Manager Don Shorney and his team of tireless helpers which included his wife Pam, daughter and granddaughter. Brandi Rima of BB's was there helping with greeting pilots and marshalling aircraft as well as many others too numerous to mention.

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26TH STATE FLY-IN AT CHADRON

By: Ronnie Mitchell Director of Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

Perhaps you've never been to Chadron (population 5,381) in the NW corner of our state but what a treat you would have been in for if you were there for the airport's State Fly-in, June 8-10. Activities began with 300 people having a prime rib dinner on Friday evening followed by a USO style show performed by the Potter Family from Rapid City, SD. Several couples danced on the concrete floor of the only remaining WWII hangar, called the "barrel hangar" due to its rounded roof.

Saturday morning clear skies prevailed with a full breakfast served by the Trunk Butte Christian School; pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls or biscuits with gravy! In the same hangar guest speakers held forth with some interesting topics such as: "Learning to Fly" by Jeff Robbins from Scottsbluff and NDOT Aeronautics Commissioner, Dick Trail telling about his flying experiences from attending the first class of the USAF Academy and the various aircraft he has flown. Dick and his KC135 aircrew received the Strategic Air Command's MacKay Trophy in 1967 for their exemplary courage and outstanding aerial accomplishments by performing the first multiple air refueling between a KC-135 aircraft and an A-3 Navy tanker which simultaneously refueled a Navy F-8 Crusader under emergency fuel shortages and combat conditions. Dr. Allen, an FAA Medical Examiner from Rapid City, talked about FAA medicals. Sherry Fisher, dressed as "Rosie the Riveter" told how women have helped aviation during times of war.



EAA Young Eagles rides were being given (nearly 60 for the day) while helicopter rides, and tandem parachute jumps were taking place. And yes, there were air show aircraft such as Doug Roth's Staudacher "Super Star", a 350hp fully aerobatic monoplane, Tom "Lark" Larkin's SubSonex Mini Jet (300mph weighing 500lbs and Curt Muhle's Vultee BT13, the "Vultee Vibrator." During WWII contract pilots trained new pilots in the Piper Cub at Chadron and then in the Vultee BT13. 11,500 Vultee's were built but today there are only about 30 still flying.



During the aerobatic performances, Airboss 1, Dale Byrkit, Airboss 2, Reggie Schmidt and Airboss 3, Gaynor Smith were busy keeping the performances safe from any other air traffic while coordinating the airshow itself.

Several awards were given out by NE Aviation Council (NAC) President Mike Olson and NAC State Fly-in coordinator Diane Bartels. Mayor John Coates and City Manager Craig Younkers accepted the award for having the 26th Annual State Fly-in at Chadron. During the Saturday 5-8:30pm program, Mayor John Coates recognized 16 WWII veterans for their service and asked them to tell brief highlights of their careers. He then asked the audience of 260 people to come shake their hand, which many did. Jon Leever of Western Community College introduced NE Aviation Hall of Fame 2017 inductee James E. Joyce. In 1969 he accepted a teaching position in the aviation maintenance department with Western Nebraska Vocational Technical School in Sidney, Nebraska. Jim retired from the school, now Western Nebraska Technical College, in May of 2006, ending a 36-year tenure. *(continued on next page)*

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A local talent show followed with a magic show by Jared Fernau, singing and dancing by Brooklin Stack and Kat Dod and ukulele player, Don Faulk.

Terri Haynes was there with her father, Harold Perkins. Terri was the primary organizer of the event but she will tell you she had a lot of help



from her committees including Mayor John Coates, City Manager Craig Younkens, City Works Manager Milo Rust and the members of A & M Aviation, Doug Budd, Jim and Scott.

NAAA SEEKS OPERATOR AND PILOT PARTICIPATION FOR 2018 INDUSTRY SURVEY

NAAA is getting ready to conduct its 2018 Survey of Part 137 Operators and Pilots. It has been six years since the association conducted its last comprehensive industry survey, and now more than ever NAAA needs current and accurate data about what is happening in the aerial application industry.

A separate set of questions will be presented to operators and pilots. The information gathered in this survey is used to highlight the scope, importance and professionalism of the agricultural aviation industry. It is also used to counter theoretical overestimates of risk that federal agencies, such as the EPA, might make about aerial applications because of the actual data collected from survey responses. Results are also used to highlight potential threats to the future of the industry, such as towers and drones.

The 2018 survey contains questions about acres and crops treated, number of aircraft, drift mitigation techniques, wind turbines and met towers, drone encounters, health and additional important topics. Many of the questions in the 2018 survey are the same as those in the 2012 survey. This allows NAAA to track changes in the industry, which is beneficial for showing the adoption of technologies and techniques that improve accuracy and safety. As an example, recently the EPA has accepted that GPS is the dominant means of swath guidance in agricultural aviation and that human flaggers are no longer used.

In late January, NAAA sent Part 137 operators a letter, an email or both inviting them to participate in the survey. Email invitations also went out to member and non-member ag pilots in NAAA's database. The invitations included a web address or a link directly to the survey. The survey is web-based on a secure website. The response to the first question asking if you are an owner/operator of a business that holds a Part 137 certificate will either direct you to the operator or pilot set of questions. Operators should answer questions taking into account their entire operation. Pilots should answer based on the aircraft they usually fly. Completing the survey should take no longer than about 20 minutes.

Completing this survey will help the industry communicate with farmers, constituents and policy makers and further inform decision makers. As in the 2012 aerial application industry survey, NAAA will be summarizing the results and sharing them with the industry.

Please dedicate a few minutes to respond to the survey when you receive an invitation. Operator and pilot participation is vital. The higher the response rate, the more valid the results, and the stronger our voice. Don't miss your chance to be a part of documenting the importance of agricultural aviation and provide the information needed to protect the future of our great industry. If you are an ag pilot or operator in the U.S. and did not receive an invitation or have any problems completing the survey, please email NAAA's contractor, Tim Struttman, at tim.struttman09@gmail.com.

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BASF CONTINUES SUPPORT OF OPERATION S.A.F.E. IN 2018

Collaboration with NAAA incentivizes aerial applicators to participate in S.A.F.E. Fly-Ins

NAAA is pleased to announce that BASF has renewed its commitment to offer financial incentives to NAAA members who participate in Operation S.A.F.E. Fly-In clinics in 2018. This is a continuation of a program BASF initiated in 2010 in collaboration with NAAA to provide financial support for participating aerial applicators that can be used toward membership in NAAA or for new spray equipment.

Complete details are specified in the official program rules, but, aerial application operators can earn a \$225 incentive to be used to help subsidize either 2018 NAAA operator membership dues or up to \$225 of the cost of purchasing new nozzles and/or tips for each eligible aircraft that they pattern test at an Operation S.A.F.E. Fly-In. Pilots participating in an Operation S.A.F.E. Fly-In may be eligible to receive a \$170 rebate that would reimburse them for nearly the full cost of their NAAA membership dues. The eligibility period for BASF's incentive program encompasses Operation S.A.F.E. Fly-Ins offered between Oct. 1, 2017, and Sept. 30, 2018.

The goals of the Aerial Application Equipment and NAAA Membership Program are to encourage operators and pilots to:

- Pattern test their aircraft at an Operation S.A.F.E. Fly-In
- Provide an incentive to equip eligible aircraft with new nozzles and/or tips
- Encourage membership in NAAA
- Promote aerial application optimization and stewardship

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To qualify for BASF's Aerial Application Equipment and NAAA Membership Program, an operator or pilot must be an NAAA member and be the pilot flying the pattern evaluation. Although it is not necessary to be an NAAA member at the time of the Operation S.A.F.E. calibration clinic, the participant must become an NAAA member before applying for and being granted approval for the rebate. The operator or pilot must also be sure that the Operation S.A.F.E. analyst has his complete and correct information so that the analyst can provide that information to NAAA for submission to BASF. The operator or pilot must complete the application and send it to BASF to be reimbursed for a portion of his 2018 membership dues or submit receipts to receive a rebate for nozzles and/or tips purchased for the aircraft. Submissions must be received by the rebate program's auditor no later than Oct. 15. Payments will be made on or about Dec. 15, 2018.

Please visit AgAviation.org/basfincentive for complete details about the program and to download the application for reimbursement. The Aerial Application Equipment and NAAA Membership Program is part of BASF's ongoing stewardship efforts for aerial applicators and the safe and proper application of its products. Visit plant-health-pilots.com for a variety of resources BASF provides aerial applicators.

NAAA and NAAREF encourage operators and pilots to measure and calibrate each spray system every 24 months or after any modification is made to the aircraft, the distribution system or flight procedures that could significantly affect the swath profile. Operation S.A.F.E. calibration clinics are held regularly throughout the year and can be sponsored by a state association or company. Operation S.A.F.E. clinics NAAA is aware of are listed on the event calendar at AgAviation.org.

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