



Saturday evening the awards banquet will be in the motel restaurant as in the past with Boast beef and chicken on the buffet. and happy hour starts at 6 with the meal at 7. Sunday will probably be foggy for a while like most years but that will give everyone more time to help me clean up and load the trailer for me to take back home.

Sunday evening I will be hosting the first stop of the air tour at my hangar for a hangar picnic with a few beverages also before we are treated to Doc Ayers famous bbq ribs. All Nebraska Chapter members are welcome to attend and if flying in please visit with me before so I can brief you on the power lines that you need to fly UNDER to get in or out of my runway however it is a half mile grass and 100 ft wide. Monday the tour continues in Fremont Nebraska with Jim Keldjuard and then on to Red Oak Iowa with Nick Hildreth before heading over to Blakesburg for the National AAA flyin.

That is about all that I have for now and hopefully we will get good weather on the 23rd for the flight to Minden and the rest of the week for all the other flying that we will be doing. Also check out the web site for the schedule of events at [www.antiqueairplaneminden.com](http://www.antiqueairplaneminden.com)

See everyone in Minden on the 23 rd  
Over and Out Todd

## Nebraska Chapter Antique Airplane Association

### Presidents Pre-flight



The Minden flyin is getting close and I hope everyone has made their room reservations by now and if you have not please do so asap. Most everything is going well as far as flyin plans and it should come together for a great time once again. Our chapter is going to do the friday noon lunch of bbq pork sandwiches and chips and we are going to donate the polish dogs for the cream can again this year as we did last year. Also we are doing the breakfast this year again with Pat and Kent heading it up along with master chef Rick Jacobsen however they still need help so please get with one of them and help out. They are also doing the Saturday noon lunch and need help making up hamburger patties and cooking for lunch.

Saturday at 1:30 is our chapter meeting along with chapter officer elections so please plane to be there. One of the major items to be discusses is that we need to have someone step up and be a "advertising officer" , I need help in this department especially with the flyin. This person can also be the flyin co-chair, please I really need someone to help out with this I believe that this flyin and the Husker Hawkeye air tour has a lot of potential if some one can please help me with this, I do not want to see the Nebraska Chapter flyin die out but I am not sure we can keep it going if we do not do a better job of advertising to get more pilots and planes there and on the Airtour. If anyone has any questions about this please visit with me at the flyin before the meeting.

**The next meeting of the  
Nebraska Chapter of the  
Antique Airplane Assoc.  
will be at 1:30p.m. on  
Saturday the 24th in the  
FBO building at Minden  
during the flyin this is  
also election of officers  
so be there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Minden Fly-in:**

**32nd Annual Nebraska Chapter Flyin**

**Fri. Aug 23 –Sun. Aug 25, 2013**

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# June Meeting Minuets

Regular meeting held at Central City airport June 2

Todd opened meeting at 10:15 with 11 members present

Minden annual fly in August 23,24, & 25

Decided to do the post card flyer again this year

- Friday noon, Todd will bring meat, Pat will bring buns and chips
- Friday PM, cream can:
  - o Club will buy meat again
  - o Short wing piper club will bring deserts
  - Saturday AM biskets and gravy, hash browns, and scrambled eggs; Todd will bring grill and roasters.
  - Saturday noon, hamburger Kent will get, group will patty in office lounge Friday
  - Banquet:
    - o Awards stay the same
    - o Open for speaker/program suggestions

Husker/Hawkeye Tour had big interest last year

- o Todd will do the meal/evening gathering at his hanger
- o Kent will check on transportation options to and from Todd's
- o Todd mentioned the possibility of having an activity Monday; playing in the dirt...?
- o Hopefully Nick Hildreth is planning to head up the tour

Blakesburg:

- o Youngest pilot award, another chapter should be heading it this year?
- o "New Arrivals" Members who have not been there before recognized

Treasures Report:

- o Right at \$2200
- o Mostly a wash after last year's fly in
- o All reports and paperwork is current and filed with state.

Next meeting discussion:

- o Possibly at Koizen at Elgin? Not a good date.
- o 7-21 at Barnstormers Norfolk Noon or Evening, Pat S. will check on availability, and officers will choose by availability and schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55

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Airplane Association Flyin**

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**2013**

**Minden NE Airport 0V3.**

Don't Forget this year  
will be the Second Annual  
**Husker/Hawkeye Air Tour**  
Sunday Aug. 25—Wed Aug. 28 2013  
Minden Nebraska (0V3)

For More Info Go to <http://neantiqueairplaneminden.com/>

# Have you Been To the National Fly-in in Blakesburg IA, ?

This is a good read for anyone, but espicially someone who is still on the fence about Going to Blakesburg!

A First Visit to Blakesburg By Patt Schmitz

I have been hooked as a lover of the old flying machines of yester year for many years. My love for the antiques was only heightened with my ownership of a 1941 Aeronca 65CA which was previously owned by a good friend of our family and was also the first plane to land at our farm. My goal became to someday make it to the Minden Antique fly in which I was finally able to make in 2009 with my wife Janet. We came, and joined the NE chapter, and got hooked by enjoying the wonderful new friends we met and gained a new goal, to make it to Blakesburg for the National Antique Aircraft Fly in. Every year it seemed that there was schedule and commitments that got in the way for us to go to Blakesburg, however; this year as the conflict on our schedule got changed, a plan for departure was made for "sometime" Friday.

It seamed odd that the year after I sold my antique we would make the trek to Blakesburg, however, my love of the old birds and the people who fly them has not changed. I'll admit I was a bit nervous about coming in to the air field, all the talk about uneven and trees, and being busy... and that I would be flying an "almost new" 1968 Cherokee (which I was sure I would get a lot of grief about).

The trip to Blakesburg was good, we got going at 4:00 pm and with a head wind (of course) we crossed the field a little before 7:00 p.m.. We made a wide circle to lose altitude, and joined the left hand pattern for a southerly landing. Janet's main job was looking for aircraft, and watching the flagmen which really put me at ease having the help. The sky and conditions were deteriorating but still good, and there were few airplanes flying which made that part easy also. As we came in on final, Janet spotted the flagmen, and the approach was maybe a tad high, but the concerning thing was we did not get a green flag... but we also did not get a red flag. I'm not real sure how perfect my landing was because I was watching the flagmen watch me. My guess was that it was OK to land, and it was. My years of landing on my grass strip (which is shorter and not nearly as level as antique airfield) must have paid off.

Aaron met us at the cross runway, and lead us to a parking spot way over the hill.

As we parked, Todd Harders met us with drinks and a hearty welcome which really made us feel at home. We learned that the HyVee food service was scheduled to be ending, so we quickly tied down so we could hurry to dinner since we were hungry and no food with us. Aaron came back with a golf cart to escort us up to dinner which was still serving.

The atmosphere, and people of this fly in, was fantastic and we enjoyed every part of it. Just to spend the night, and wake up to the "Field of dreams" with all the marvelous old (and some newer) airplanes was like fantasy. Everyone was just glad that we were there, and that we flew in with a non antique, was not an issue. Antique airfield was everything it's name implies, and the country side coupled with the camping was really great to experience. The "Pilot's Pub" was a real surprise, now that is a perfect man's cave for me! We are glad that we made it, and plan to return in the future years.