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### Presidents Preflight

After what has seemed to be an exceptionally long winter it looks like spring might be here. As of this writing we just got rid of the snow from what hopefully was the last snow of the season and I actually got to fly a bit this evening after the winds lessened to below 20 mph for the first time in days.

My steerman has not made it out yet this spring but I have been flying a "new" airplane the last couple of months. Our piper PA-15 Vagabond is now done. This is Don Maxfield's, Lil Red Aero in Kearney, last aircraft restoration. He once again has done an excellent job doing a complete restoration. Thanks Don.

Our chapter has another new aircraft. Gary and or Dan Peterson purchased a Taperwing Waco. I have not seen this waco but am quite sure it is a "Top Notch" airplane to match in with their other airplanes.

This year the barnstormer tour will make a stop in Hastings. The dates are June 21-22. We need to try to get a group of our airplanes together and go to

Hastings and visit with these aviators. I know some of them and am looking forward to this event. For more info on the tour check out their website at [www.americanbarnstormertour.com/biplanes.asp](http://www.americanbarnstormertour.com/biplanes.asp)

Also, the Nebraska state flyin is going to be held in Holdrege this year and also the same weekend as the barnstormers will be in Hastings. The Ne state flyin is June 20-21, so let's try to support this event too.

The KC chapter aka VAA chapter 16 will hold their vintage airplane flyin in Gardner, KS the weekend of June 27-29th. I have attended this almost every year and is another great flyin.

I am sure that there are a lot more flyins that I have not mentioned. The avgas price this summer will be quite interesting to say the least and I know that some of us may have to cut back a bit but let's not let our vintage and antique airplanes sit around too much.

I have been working in western Nebraska since Thanksgiving

and will continue for a while longer so my emails have been slow but I am trying to get caught up now.

After this long winter I am looking forward to seeing everyone again and get back to having our regular meetings. the next meeting will be in Columbus Ne, **April 27 at 12:00 noon**. We will order in pizza to the airport and will meet in the A frame building as in the past. We'll need to throw in a few dollars a peice for the pizza.

Please remember if the weather is questionable give me a call, we may cancel it if it is extremely windy or marginal VFR, or IFR.

Hope to see you all soon.

Warm blue skies.

Todd

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