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2022 AIRMAN OF THE YEAR



This year's airman of the year was born September 10th, 1955 in Albion, Nebraska. His family lived west of Petersburg where he got his first taste of aviation when he was 6 years old. His dad's good friend Don Bittner landed in the snow south of the farm yard and gave him and his sister a ride. They moved to a farm northeast of Albion in '63 and he graduated from Albion High in '73.

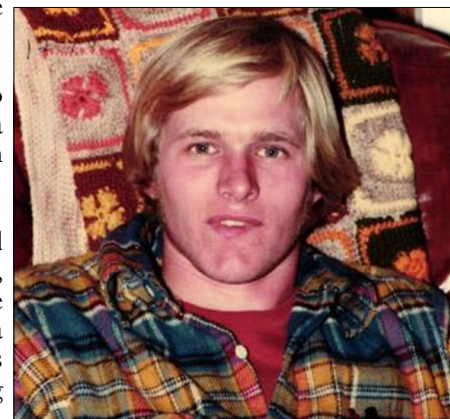
He attended Northeast Community College, then worked various jobs selling in Newman Grove working refrigeration maintenance at the cheese plant. He was inspired to start flying lessons with Jack Costello in '79 by a coworker who was putting an Ercoupe together in his back yard.

A job and a family put the lessons on hold. His wife Jo and he have four kids. His dad passed away suddenly early in '82 and Ken moved back to the farm to help his mother. He decided to stay in farming from then on.



In 1995 after the kids were a little older, he got back into flying. He started with an ultralight, then moved to a Cessna 140 after he got his license. He put 250 hours on the 140 the first year flying it to Oshkosh with Jo in 1999.

In 2000, Ken and Jo bought a farm by Petersburg and moved in 2001. He continued farming, raising cattle, spending time with family and the occasional over the road truck trip. He continued flying, eventually buying a 230 Cruisemaster out of California. The trip home was



eventful dealing with a broken throttle cable in Wyoming, a snow storm & a flat tire while landing in Albion, Nebraska.

In 2006, Ken bought a Pawnee off Ebay and started spraying his own crops for experience. He received his senior pilot signoff from Rick Schindler in 2009 and Petersburg Flying Service was born. The Pawnee evolved into an Ag Wagon.

Followed by a 401 in 2012, which really helped the business take off. And finally what he always wanted, a 502. Ken's plans for the future are to transition a new pilot into the business. Ken's hobbies include flying, farming, fishing, and most importantly, family.

The 2022 Airman of the Year is Ken Schmitz.



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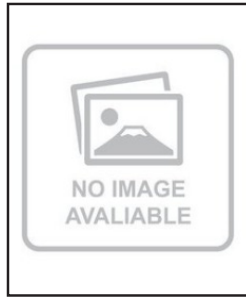
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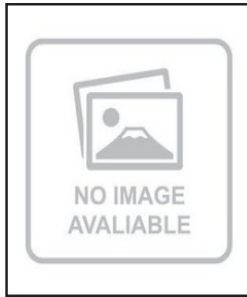
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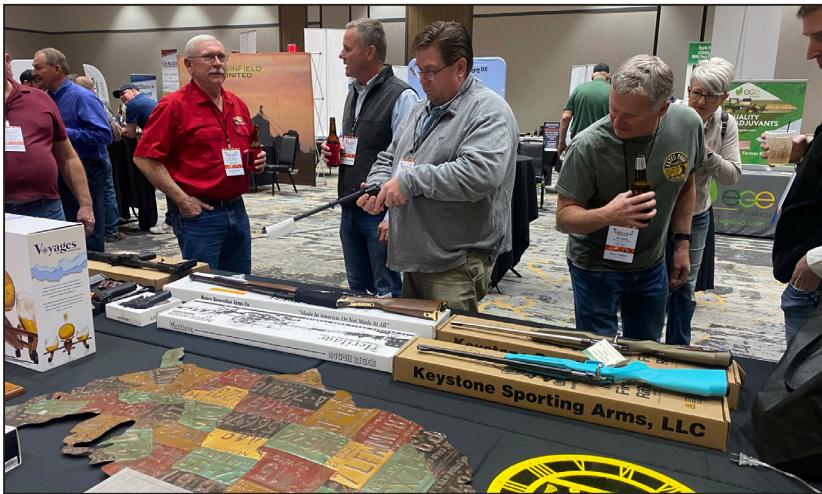


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NATA is an organization founded for the purpose of serving the interests of aviation related businesses in Nebraska. Representing almost 200 agricultural aviation operators, NATA also serves members from allied industries supplying ag aircraft owners and operators.

For more information on becoming an Allied Member of NATA, visit www.nebraskaaviationtradesassociation.com



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2022 CONVENTION COMPARISON

Convention Attendance	2019	2020	2021	2022
NATA Members	126	137	70	116
Spouses	10	11	11	15
Tuesday PAASS Only	15	11	10	4
Convention Only	13	25	5	20
PAASS	108	114	76	119
Exhibits	48	47	30	38
Exhibitor Reps	112	88	61	75

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The 2022 NATA scholarships are available to any Nebraska high school senior or individual continuing their education.

Application forms must be received by March 15, 2022. The form can be found online at www.gonata.net.

Please read the general instructions before completing your scholarship packet. The essay topic is: "What role does ag aviation play in producing a local commodity?" The essay must be a minimum of 400 words and must be typed and double spaced.

Application must include the signature of a Voting member of the Nebraska Aviation Trades Association.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Moore, Nebraska Aviation Trades Association at 531-289-8323 or email: taylor@youraam.com

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 100 Year Tumbler, Aviation book - Black Small Gift Basket
 100 Year Tumbler, Aviation book - Grey Lg. Gift Basket
 2 tickets to any volleyball game of choice
 2 Tickets to the Sooner @ Huskers football game
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2022

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- 2022 Voting Membership - \$160 \$_____
- 2022 Non-Voting Associate Membership - \$85 \$_____
- 2022 Allied Membership (Supplier/non-voting) - \$70 per person \$_____

40% of your dues not tax deductible due to lobbyist expenses

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The following information will be used in the membership directory

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Deadline to be included in the 2021 Membership Directory is March 30, 2022



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Please complete the below form and return with payment by March 30, 2022.

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