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Nebraska Aviation Council's Annual Symposium

The **2026 Aviation Symposium** will be held Jan. 28-29, and the **IA Renewal Seminar** will be Jan. 30-31 at Kearney, Nebraska.

The 34th Annual Statewide conference is intended for airport managers, pilots, consultants, and state and federal officials. The annual IA Renewal Seminar will be FAA approved for those wishing to renew their Inspection Authorization on the basis of FAR 65.93(a)(4). Persons interested must attend at least 8 hours of this seminar to be eligible for renewal of their certification.



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

Noon - 4:00 p.m.	Airport Management 2026 General Aviation Airport Management Including Airport Governance, Funding, Development, and Survivability – Jeff Kohlman, AMCG Pre-Registration Required
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Set-Up / Registration Open
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Title VI DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) NDOT-Aeronautics, Engineering Services
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Reception with Exhibitors
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Pilot Safety Meeting [Wings Credit Available] – Tom Chandler, AOPA MOSAIC (Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification) – Mark Gaffney, FAA Team

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
7:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Registration Open
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	General Session Opening Remarks – Eric Johnson, Chair, Nebraska Aviation Council Updates – Jeremy Borrell, Director, NDOT-Aeronautics – Debra Sanning, FAA-Central Region
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Protecting Your Airport's Assets (Meeting the Needs of Aerial Applicators) – Ed Young, Jet Law
10:50 - 11:45 a.m.	Low Level Air Refueling Training Update on 2025 B-29 Formation (Oshkosh Airshow) – KC-135 Team
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch NDOT Updates – Vicki Kramer, Director of NDOT Airport & Project of the Year Awards – Jeremy Borrell, Director, NDOT-Aeronautics 2026 State Fly-in Update
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.	Spill Prevention Control, Counter Measures and Storm Water Pollution Prevention – MidWest Training

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026 (cont'd)	
1:50 - 2:45 p.m.	Airport Rates, Fees & Charges for Airports & Pilots – Steve Stockam, Olsson & former Joplin, MO Airport Manager
2:50 - 3:15 p.m.	Snow Removal Operations on Your Airport Panel Moderator: Diane Hofer
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Nebraska Association of Airport Officials [NAAO] General Business Meeting & Legislative Updates After Market Safety Equipment for Certified and Experimental Aircraft – Mark Gaffney, FAASTeam
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Registration Open for Aviation Maintenance Seminar
5:00 p.m.	Social Hour with Exhibitors
6:00 p.m.	Banquet, Aviation Hall of Fame Presentations <i>Agenda subject to change</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026	
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Coffee & Rolls
7:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Registration Open
8:00 - 11:55 a.m.	Aviation Maintenance/IA Renewal Seminar Technical Presentations
11:55 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Aviation Maintenance/IA Renewal Seminar Technical Presentations
5:30 p.m.	Social Hour with Exhibitors
6:30 p.m.	Aviation Maintenance/IA Renewal Seminar Banquet Charlie Taylor Award Recognition & Aviation Maintenance Year in Review
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026	
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - Noon	Aircraft Maintenance/IA Renewal Seminar - Technical Presentations
Noon	Lunch On Your Own

For more information, visit the [Nebraska Aviation Council website](#).

Radar Departures

By David Morris

A radar departure is another option for departing an airport on an Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight. We might receive a radar departure if the airport does not have an established departure procedure, if we are unable to comply with a departure procedure, or if we request "No SIDs" as a part of our flight plan. We can expect Air Traffic Control (ATC) to issue an initial departure heading if we are being radar vectored immediately after takeoff. Rest assured ATC knows our flight route and will vector us into position. By nature of the departure type, once we are issued our clearance, the responsibility for coordination of our flight rests with ATC, including the tower controller and, after handoff, the departure controller who will remain with us until we are released "on course" and allowed to "resume own navigation."

For all practical purposes, a radar departure is the easiest type of departure to use. It is also a good alternative to a published departure procedure, particularly when none of the available departure procedures are conducive to our flight route.

Always maintain a detailed awareness of our location as we are being radar vectored by ATC. If for some reason radar contact is lost, we will be asked to provide position reports in order for ATC to monitor our flight progress. Also ATC may release us to "resume own navigation" after vectoring us off course momentarily for a variety of reasons including weather or traffic.

The ATC controller is not required to provide terrain and obstacle clearance just because ATC has radar contact with our aircraft. It remains our responsibility until the controller begins to provide navigational guidance in the form of radar vectors. Once radar vectors are given, we are expected to promptly comply with headings and altitudes as assigned. Question any assigned heading if we believe it to be incorrect or if it would cause a violation of a regulation, then advise ATC immediately and obtain a revised clearance. ■

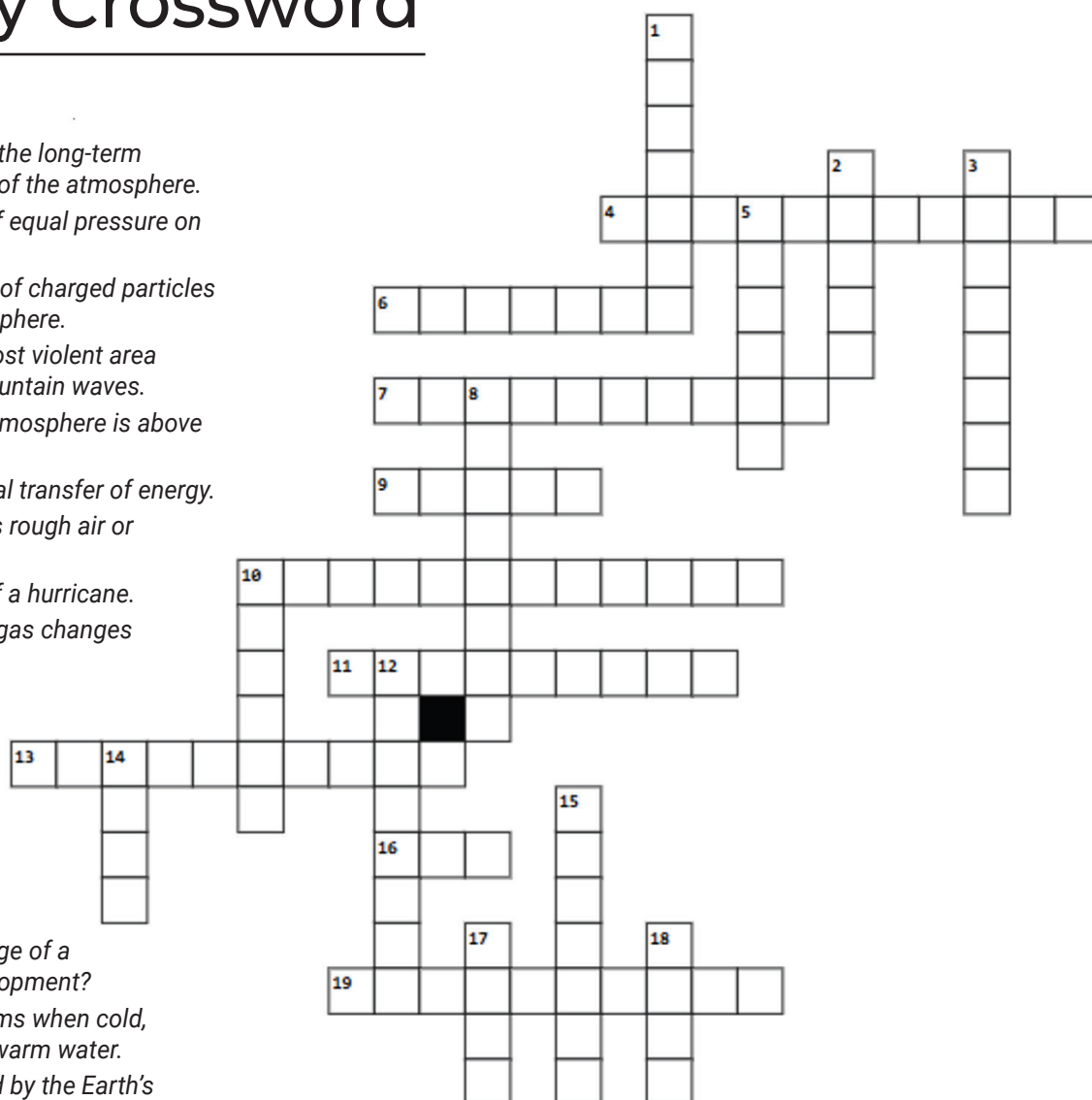
January Crossword

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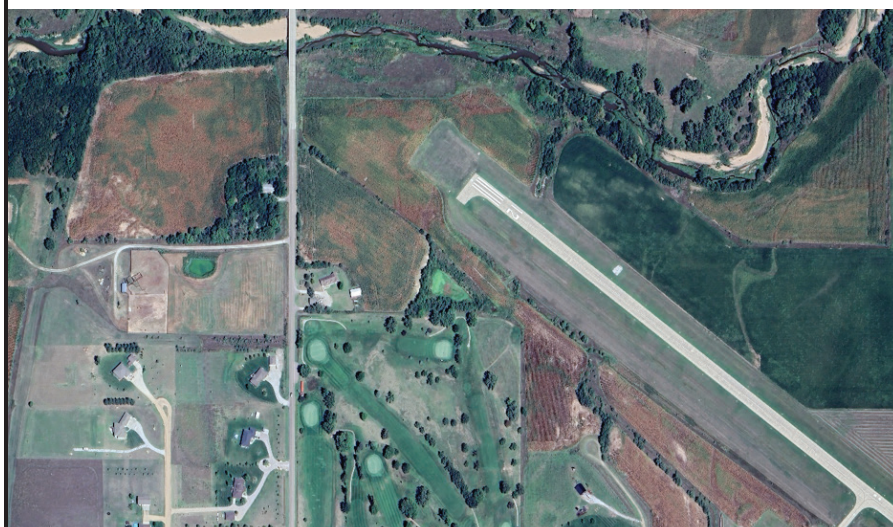
4. This is the study of the long-term average conditions of the atmosphere.
6. What are the lines of equal pressure on a surface chart?
7. This is a deep layer of charged particles in the Earth's atmosphere.
9. This cloud is the most violent area associated with mountain waves.
10. What layer of the atmosphere is above the Tropopause?
11. This is the horizontal transfer of energy.
13. This is described as rough air or bumpiness in flight.
16. This is the center of a hurricane.
19. The process that a gas changes straight to a solid.

DOWN

1. What is the first stage of a thunderstorm development?
2. This type of fog forms when cold, dry air moves over warm water.
3. This force is caused by the Earth's rotation.
5. This stage of a thunderstorm has both updrafts and downdrafts.
8. What gas makes up 78% of the Earth's atmosphere?
10. This is a line of thunderstorms that can extend 100s of miles.
12. What do temperature and pressure do as you go up in altitude.
14. This type of icing is the easiest to remove.
15. The height of the lowest cloud layer that is broken or overcast.
17. Which front has the steepest slope and causes the most severe weather?
18. Are air masses areas of low or high pressure?



Can you identify the following Nebraska public airport based on the following aerial snippet? North is up. (Answer is on the last page)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Recurring Monthly Events

3rd Thursday | Third Thursday Pilot Lunch | 88 Tactical, 15350 Shepard St., Suite 1, Omaha | 11am | Open to the public

3rd Saturday (April-October) | EAA 569 Fly-In Breakfast | Wahoo Municipal Airport (AHQ) | 8-10am | suggested donation: \$10/ adults; \$5/kids

Last Saturday (March-October) | Nebraska Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association Hamburger fly-In lunch at Hastings Municipal Airport (KHSI) | 11:30am-1pm (free-will donation)

Last Saturday | Burgers & Brats | Wayne Municipal Airport (LCG) | 5-8pm

Monthly Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter Meetings

• **EAA 80** | 2nd Monday | 7pm | EAA ABLE ACE Facility, Oakview Mall, Omaha (October-May) and Oracle Aviation, Millard Airport (June-August) | www.eaa80.org/

• **EAA 80 IMC Club** | 2nd Tuesday (October-May) | 6:30pm | EAA ABLE ACE Facility, Oakview Mall, Omaha

• **EAA 80 VMC Club** | 2nd Tuesday (October-May) | 6:30 pm | Revv Aviation, Council Bluffs Municipal Airport

• **EAA 291** | 1st Saturday | 8:30am | Wayne Municipal Airport | chapters.eaa.org/eea291

• **EAA 544** | Last Monday | 7pm | Hastings Municipal Airport | chapters.eaa.org/eea544

• **EAA 562** | 3rd Saturday | 1pm | Hershey Airport

• **EAA 569 and IAC 80** | 1st Tuesday | 7pm | Duncan Aviation, Hangar H, Darlene Christianson Room, 3833 N Park Rd., Lincoln Airport | www.eaa569.org

• **EAA 608** | 3rd Saturday | 8am | Robbins Aviation, Western Nebraska Regional Airport, Scottsbluff | chapters.eaa.org/eea608

• **EAA 804** | 2nd Sunday | 2pm | O'Neill Municipal Airport Terminal Building

• **EAA 918** | 2nd Tuesday | 6pm | Norfolk Regional Airport FBO | chapters.eaa.org/eea918

• **EAA 1055** | 1st Tuesday | 7pm | York Municipal Airport | chapters.eaa.org/eea1055

• **EAA 1091** | 2nd Tuesday | 6:30pm | Airport Managers Office | Kearney Regional Airport | chapters.eaa.org/eea1091

• **EAA 1571** | 2nd Saturday | 12pm | Central City Municipal Airport | www.1571.eaachapter.org/

Monthly Women in Aviation International Chapter Meetings

• **WAI Cornhusker Chapter** | 1st Thursday | 4pm | Meeting rotates between LNK Terminal and Duncan Aviation

• **WAI Platte River Chapter** | 3rd Tuesday | 6:30pm | North Platte Regional Airport (LBF) Conf. Rm.

Nebraska State Fly-In

Fremont Municipal Airport

 Saturday, June 20, 2026  8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

 Location: 1777 W 23rd St, Fremont, NE 68025

Celebrate aviation in Nebraska at this family-friendly event!

- Vendor Fair
- Aviation Hall of Fame Display
- Local Entertainment
- Children's Activities



FREE BREAKFAST!

We are thrilled to bring this special aviation experience to the Fremont community! Come learn about aviation across the state and discover the exciting local operations right here at your airport.


Vendors, we'd love to hear from you - please reach out today to host a booth at this event

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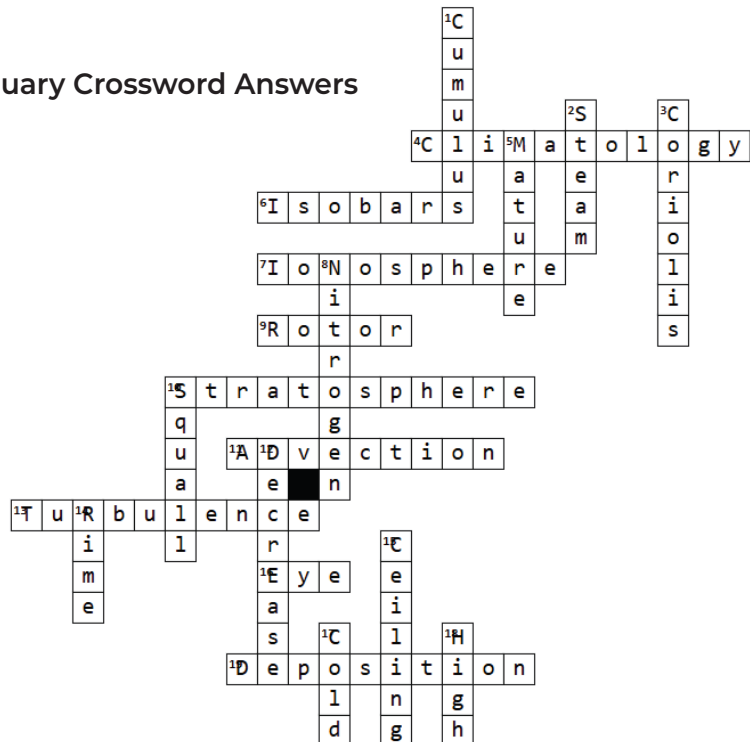
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January Crossword Answers



Airport quiz answers: Helion