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WINDY MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

The March chapter meeting was held at Jerry and Barbara Pockrus' place on March 21st. The wind was not as stiff as predicted but still a challenge. Thanks to everyone who helped set up the tables and chairs at Jerry's hangar.

There were about 60 members in attendance and enough food for everyone. As usual the offerings were excellent. Thanks to all who donated the door prizes that were given away.

There were 15 aircraft in attendance and one brand new motorcycle. Nice ride Doug. Thanks to Dennis Price for the Meeting Photos.

I mentioned the June fly in and the need for volunteers so please contact Jim Dougherty to sign up. Jared Calvert reminded us of the May fly in at Ranger field. He has done a lot to promote that historic airport and I hope you all can attend.

Plan to attend the April Meeting at Fairview Airport on the 18th. See the Calendar of events on the last page of this issue for directions and information.

See everyone in April
Terry

Photos by Dennis Price



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JUNE FLY-IN

Just a reminder that the June fly in will be held this year on June 12th and 13th. We need volunteers for aircraft parking, registration, setup, etc. Please contact Jim Dougherty the fly-in chairman to volunteer. Jim's contact numbers are on the back of this newsletter. The Quality Inn Gainesville is offering a special rate of \$69.99 a night plus tax. Make your reservation by phone at 940-665-8800 and mention the Antique Airplane Association. Fly in.

CASA GRANDE 2009

Several members of the Texas Chapter made it to the **Cactus Fly-In** put on by the **Arizona Chapter** of the Antique Airplane Association. This event is held every year at Casa Grande, Arizona and this year was held on March 6th and 7th, 2009.

The event is always attended well with many of the planes coming from the West Coast area, some of which we never see in our part of the Country. I never heard a count, but it seemed that perhaps 200 to 250 planes came and went during the two days. No Texas planes were present this year, with the exception of **Don and Ann Pellegreno** who came in the Arrow but didn't display it. Weather during that time of the year makes it difficult for the smaller planes from our part of Texas to ensure going and returning on any kind of schedule.

Others attending from our Chapter were **Terry Wallace, Dick Ramsey, Mike and Laurie Mitchell and Tom Jones.**

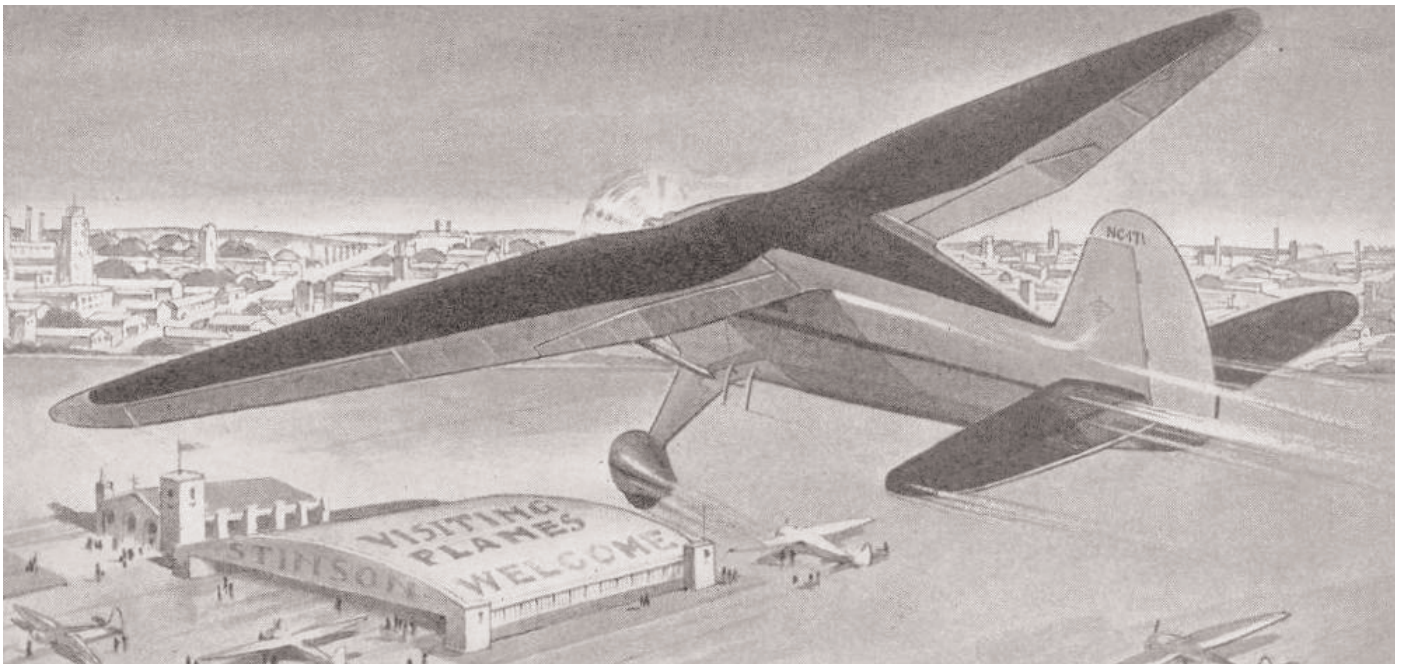
Texas Chapter President **Terry Wallace** presented the **Texas Chapter Choice Award** to a **1937 Stinson SR-7B, NC15173** owned by **Joseph L. Ciabattoni** of Upland, CA.

By Richard Ramsey



**Texas Chapter Choice Award
1937 Stinson SR-7B, NC15173**





THE TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION 47TH ANNUAL FLY-IN - JUNE 12 & 13, 2009 GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT



Airport Info - GLE - N33.39.8 W 097.11.82 Unicom 123.0
 Located on Hwy 82 two miles west of I-35
 Runways: 17/35, 12/30
 Grass Runway: 17R/35L at midfield
 Monitor 118.375 for wind and runway info



Registration - There will be a registration desk inside the Tomlinson hangar. Aircraft must be registered for judging. A \$5.00/person or \$10.00/family registration contribution is requested to help defray the cost of the fly-in. No additional daily entrance fees! Meal tickets can be purchased at the registration desk.

Parking for drive-ins - There is RV parking available on the grass around the terminal building complete with a dump station. The City of Gainesville also has an RV parking facility at the exit of I-35 and California street.

Camping - camping is welcome but there are no shower facilities available.

Hotels

Quality Inn - 940-665-8800
 Lindsay Inn - 940-668-0929
 Rose House B&B - 940-665-1010
 Days Inn - 940-665-5555

Aircraft Judging

Antique/Classic/Experimental/Military
 Vendors - Fly Market - Fly-bys -
 Buddy Rides - Hangar Flying

Friday

Registration Opens 12 noon.
 Happy Hour 5:30 P.M. Free Beer & Soft Drinks
 Hamburger Cookout 6:30 P.M.

Saturday

Breakfast by local Kiwanis 7:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
 Lunch at Noon
 Happy Hour 4:00 P.M. Free Beer & Soft Drinks
 Banquet 5:00 P.M. Awards Ceremony & Door Prizes

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CUB WAITS IN BARN FOR 59 YEARS

By Jared Calvert

When I first step in the barn I realize building a clip-wing Cub will have to wait. I stood by myself, in awe at the sight. I was only told the plane, built in Lock Haven in 1946, had been sitting for "a while". I figured a high time, beat-up Cub would be a good base for a clip-wing and make a nice hangar mate for my Pitts. But seeing the short lightning bolt, "Cub" inscribed tires and cotton fabric, I knew this Cub had been in this barn for a very long time. It would have to be restored to original.

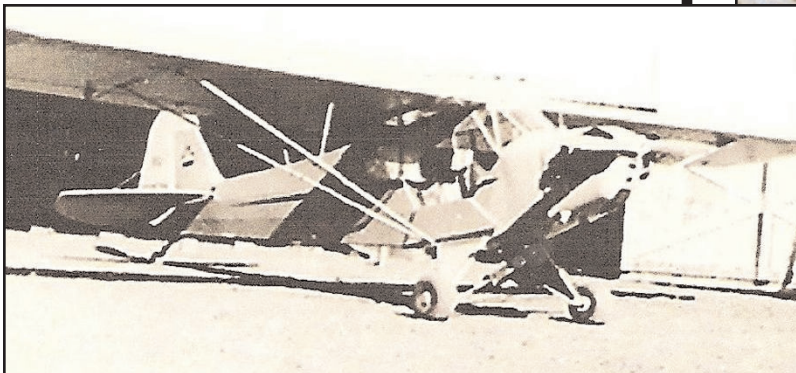
NC7057H, a Piper J3-C-65, was purchased new for \$2,352.00 by Charles Moseley of Santa Anna, TX. After taking possession of the aircraft in Fort Worth and flying it home to Coleman Co, Moseley's airplane had flown 16.5 hours. For three years Charles and his daughter Charlotte flew the aircraft to and from their ranch operations in separate counties. When the Mills Co. ranch was sold, the plane was no longer needed. The last flight was piloted by Charles on July 1, 1950. It was pushed into its wood, barn-like, dirt floor hangar at a corner of a 180 acre field. The doors were closed and the young Cub was put away into darkness where it would sit for nearly six decades. The total time on the airframe was 197 hours.

Fast forward to 2009 and the airplane is showing its age but is still in remarkable condition. Minimal rust and a considerable amount of cotton fabric remain on the airframe. The original instruments, aluminum rudder cable guards, canvas wrapped breather tube, on and on there is a new discovery at each glance. Amazingly, the family had done a great job keeping up with and taking care of the paperwork, including all of the aircraft logs, documents from the CAA, the purchase

receipt from Meacham Aircraft Sales, and the pilot logs of both Charles & Charlotte. Charlotte's son, Jay, found Ranger to be a fitting place for the airplane. It was pulled from the barn and once again in the sunlight on January 18.

Though the plane was completely assembled when the Ranger restoration group got their hands on it, it's become a basket case quick. Unique details continue to pop up though. When the tail-wheel was disassembled we found wood bearings. Wired to the fork was a tag reading "STEEL BEARING SHORTAGE NECESSITATES TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTION OF WOOD BEARINGS." When restored we plan on utilizing the Cub through the nonprofit, Calvert Charitable Projects, to give rides to kids at Ranger and flying events it attends. What better way is there to expose a young mind to aviation than through the open door of a Cub?

The restored Cub will also be a good platform for informing people about the Ranger Airfield project; an undertaking to restore and preserve one of Texas' oldest airports. Plans are to also form a flying museum and take in donations of antique aircraft, components & memorabilia. You can look over the Cub and experience the Ranger Airport at the May 23 meeting. Feel free to contact me by 254 433 1267 or jaredwd@yahoo.com. Visit the airfield's website at www.myspace.com/rangerairfield □





AIR SALVAGE SUMMER SALE

JUNE 20th, 2009, 8:00AM-4:00PM

1361 Ferris Rd., Lancaster, Texas

CHRIS RICE

Chris (Paul) Rice of Northwest Regional Airport passed away Saturday March 10th, 2009 from injuries rec'd earlier that week while working on a DC-3.

Chris fell from a lift while working on a side window of the aircraft and hit his head. He never regained consciousness.

He is survived by his mother and three sisters.



Are you looking for airport properties?
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CHARLIE BROWN THE B-17 FLYING FORTRESS

Charlie Brown was a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot with the 379th Bomber Group at Kimbolton, England. His B-17 was called 'Ye Old Pub' and was in a terrible state, having been hit by flak and fighters. The compass was damaged and they were flying deeper over enemy territory instead of heading home to Kimbolton.

After flying over an enemy airfield, a German pilot named Franz Steigler was ordered to take off and shoot down the B-17. When he got near the B-17, he could not believe his eyes. In his words, he 'had never seen a plane in such a bad state'. The tail and rear section was severely damaged, and the tail gunner wounded. The top gunner was all over the top of the fuselage! The nose was smashed and there were holes everywhere.

Despite having ammunition, Franz flew to the side of the B-17 and looked at Charlie Brown, the pilot. Brown was scared and struggling to control his damaged and blood-stained plane.

Aware that they had no idea where they were going, Franz waved at Charlie to turn 180 degrees. Franz escorted and guided the stricken plane to, and slightly over, the North Sea towards England. He then saluted Charlie Brown and turned away, back to Europe.

When Franz landed he told the CO that the plane had been shot down over the sea, and never told the truth to anybody. Charlie Brown and the remains of his crew told all at their briefing, but were ordered never to talk about it. More than 40 years later, Charlie Brown wanted to find the Luftwaffe pilot who saved the crew. After years of research, Franz was found. He had never talked about the incident, not even at post-war reunions.

They met in the USA at a 379th Bomber Group reunion, together with 25 people who are alive now - all because Franz never fired his guns that day.

Research shows that Charlie Brown lived in Seattle and Franz Steigler had moved to Vancouver, BC after the war. When they finally met, they discovered they had lived less than 200 miles apart for the past 50 years! MAY GOD BLESS THAT GERMAN PILOT !!

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Although they serve quietly but not tirelessly in the background, two of our members deserve special recognition and thanks for their efforts to make our Chapter better. They are **G.R. Dennis Price** and **Shirley Swindle**.

Dennis Price doesn't make all the meetings as he lives in the Austin area and his job with the State takes him traveling quite often. However, when he does make a meeting, he comes with an arm load of goodies. We refer of course to the wonderful pictures Dennis takes of our planes at our meetings and fly-ins. He then prints them in 8X10 and furnishes them free to the owner of the plane. Often he has CDs he has made of our, or other, fly-ins and also gives them to those who are interested. Dennis does all of this on his own hook, without compensation. How could you possibly ask for more?

Shirley Swindle sits quietly in the back of the room and you might not notice her behind the piles of T-Shirts and Hats. Shirley has for a long time taken it on herself to obtain and make available to our members the shirts, hats and name tags, all sporting our Chapters logo, that she has had designed at her own expense and then makes available for members to purchase. It takes a lot of effort to keep up with something like this, then bundle them all up and get them to meetings. Nothing speaks more for an organization than members who all "show their colors" with pride at events. Without Shirley's efforts, sometimes thanklessly, that would not be possible in our Chapter.

Both of these loyal members deserve a big **WELL DONE AND THANK YOU!**

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE - 1950 Bellanca Cruisemaster 14-19. 190 Lyc., 80 hrs.. SCMOH. 2987 tt. \$27,500. Contact: Sherman Oxford at (972)874-5050 or (214)704-1535. 2/07

FOR RENT - 2,500 sq. ft hanger on beautiful Bird Dog Airfield full water, full electricity, stack doors, cement floors. Contact: Scott Sackett (940) 367-1992 Cell or email: sackett@pobox.com.--10/06

HANGERS FOR LEASE - Lancaster, TX (KLNC) T-Hangars, 60'x60' and 70'x70'Call George (214) 521-8855

FOR SALE ---- 1958 Cessna 172 TTAF 3796 TSMOH 2057. \$ 25,000.00 Or Best Offer. Contact Craig Tuggle at (940)433-8579.

FOR SALE 1973 Cessna 150L Restored June, 2001, Continental 0200-A, 67 hrs SMOH \$28,000. More information and many photos at: www.contarsoftware.com/cessna/.

FOR SALE -1942 Stinson L-5. Restoration completed one year ago. 190 HP Lycoming, 20 SMOH. Asking \$59,000. William J. Nelson --1524 Rocky Bluff Drive, El Paso, Texas 79902
wnelson1@elp.rr.com - 05-08

FOR SALE 1946 CESSNA 140 - \$28,000 - Very original airplane - 4006TT, 615 SMOH, 85hp, Completely refurbished 1988, very nice. Contact Mike V. Vance, Owner located Grapevine, TX USA - Telephone:817/946/1180 -- 9/08

FOR SALE RARE 1950 8F Luscombe project. N831B Temco built serial #6762, One of the last thirteen built in Dallas. 0-SPOH, TTAF-1494, SMOH-550, 2 owners the last 28 years. \$20,900.00 1-918-855-8500 Tulsa, OK. Please note we also have a Pristine 1946 GC1B Swift for sale. - 10/08

FOR SALE 1936 Stinson SR8C NC171116: Airframe time is apps. 1200 TT, engine and prop apps. 800 TT. We have \$35,000 in the project, but would take \$30,000. For additional information, please contact me on my cell phone Joetta Reetz @ 817-253-7295. 01/09

FOR SALE: 1964 Cessna 210D TTA 5105 TTE 454(SFREM)-Continental Medallion IO 520-A, Prop 434 SMOH. Last Annual 09/08, Int 9 Ext 8, \$69,900.00, Would consider a nice champ or J-3 in trade. John Whatley 575-536-3173 Res, 214-629-3929 Cell

FOR SALE: 1947 Piper PA-12 Super Cruiser, LYC O-320, 150 HP(Kenmore Conversion),TTA 1618, TTE 630 SFREM. Recent INT & Carpet 9.0, EXT 7.5, Last Annual 03/09, \$59,900, WOULD CONSIDER A NICE CHAMP OR J-3 IN TRADE, John Whatley 575-536-3173 Res, 214-629-3929 Cell



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009 APRIL MEETING

The April Meeting will be held April 18, 2009 at Fairview Airport (7TS0). **Kenneth and Linda Robbins** will be our hosts. They request that people **do not bring dogs (pets)**. The Noon Lunch will be Pot-Luck, so members are asked to bring a Main Dish and a Salad or Dessert to share. We all know some of you have been hording treasure in your hangars. Donate it as a door prize at the meeting so you don't have to guard it any longer. Besides, it does get to be fun.

For Flyers: Fairview Airport (7TS0) is about 3 miles NE of Rhome, Texas. 33-05-4380N / 097-25-37.0760W. Runway 17/35 is 3300 by 100 Turf in good condition.

For Drivers: From US 287, 2 miles North of Rhome, TX go East on FM 407 to Dillavou Lane. Turn South on Dillavou Lane and the hangar is about 400 yards on your right. Dillavou Ln. is about 6 miles West of Justin, TX on FM 407.

Schedule of Texas Chapter Monthly Meetings 2009

Apr 18 Fairview Airport (7TS0)
May 23 Ranger Airport (F23)
Jun 12 and 13 Gainesville (GLE) Texas Chapter Annual Fly-In
Jul 18 Edgington Ranch (XA03)
Aug 15 Northwest Regional (52F)
Sep 19 Bird Dog Airfield (TE58)
Oct 17 Edgington Ranch (XA03)
Nov 21 Northwest Regional (52F)
Dec 19 Gainesville (GLE) Christmas Party

Many Thanks to Members who have offered to host a meeting this year.

OTHER FLY-INS OF INTEREST:

Sep 2 thru 7 National AAA Fly-in Blakesburg, IA (IA27)
Sep 18 and 19 Tulsa Fly-In Bartlesville, OK (KBVO)
Oct 23 thru 25 Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX (7TA7)



MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership dues for the Texas Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association are \$25.00 per year.

NOTE - YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES EXPIRE ON THE DATE NEXT TO YOUR NAME ON THE MAILING LABEL OF YOUR NEWSLETTER.

Please send dues and address changes to:

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