

TEXAS AAA



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ICE CREAM AT THE AUSTIN'S

Warm day, cold ice cream, and good friends. That best describes the August fly in and meeting at Jim and Betty's hangar at North West regional airport on the 15th. Not the typical 100 degree day we usually see here in August but warm enough to make the ice cream refreshing.

About 50 members and guests enjoyed the pot luck lunch and as always there was plenty of food for all. There were ten aircraft in attendance and one motorcycle.

A special vehicle arrived on a trailer pulled by Jana and Billy Copeland. It was a very authentic army jeep with a radio and box of hand grenades, well I didn't look inside but that's what was printed on the side of the box.

The election committee made a report of the nominees for the next year's officers. See the list in this newsletter. Remember we will vote on the officers at the next meeting on September 19th. Thanks again to Jim and Betty and all of you who helped them with the ice cream social.

Fly Safe,
Terry





GREETINGS FROM STUUGART GERMANY

Greetings to the Texas AAA gang from sunny Stuttgart, Germany. Not that Stuttgart is as sunny as Texas, but compared to many regions of Germany, it's not bad. Shirley Girard here; some of you remember me as the gal who built wings and covered rag-wing airplanes in the late 70's, 80's and early 90's in Ponder, Justin, Austin, and San Antonio. And I hope a lot of you read the article in last month's newsletter about Achim Engels. That article appeared in the winter edition 2008 of the Schorndorf city magazine "arnold" and was written by Tom Krink. I apologise for not having that made clear. I just translated the article. Anyway, here's a shot of Achim with his favorite hat, <http://www.collectors-edition.de/FokkerD7/2004-12/3208.jpg> And here's a shot of the lower triplane wing we finished this spring. <http://www.collectors-edition.de/FokkerD7/2004-12/4019.jpg>. For those interested, there are thousands of pictures on the forum <http://www.worldwar1aeroplanesinc.org/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=97> and his website is worth a look, too: (English site) http://www.collectors-edition.de/f-t-s_titel_english.htm. I've also put together a website: Mudflap-Aviation.com.

It's feels really grand to be active again in the aviation world after an 18 year pause. We moved here in 1991 when husband Bill landed a job with the Stuttgart State Opera, and I've been busy raising our three kids and doing various things like translating stuff for ken Hyde and working at a stables. There is little activity in the antique aviation field in Germany, compared to what is in the States, so I feel fortunate to have found a place to work again, despite the distance - 37 kilometers, a 1 1/4 hour train and streetcar ride, or 35 to 1 hour 20 minute drive, depending on traffic. We're currently putting together three Fokker DVII's, a triplane or two, a couple of DVIII's, three E III's, three C I's, and it looks like we'll be working on a couple of Eindeckers and Pfalz D III's. The C I's are my project for the latter half of every month. One goes to a customer in New Zealand, one is for Achim's museum, and one is

mine. And it's for sale!!! OK, I'm still building rib jigs (28 different ones) and ribs, but it's never too soon to spread the word. The C I is a slightly larger version of the famous DVII, but it's a two seater - so anyone wanting the great flying characteristics of the DVII but want to take someone else along would feel just right in the C I.

I hope to hear from some old friends and renew contacts with the AAA folk! Shirley Girard, Mudflap Aviation

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PROPOSAL TO HOLD ANNUAL TXAAA FLY-IN AT RANGER AIRFIELD - JARED CALVERT

This September, many of us will be attending the national antique fly-in at Blakesburg. This well-known event attracts unique aircraft and their equally unique enthusiasts annually. Doesn't Texas deserve its own "Blakesburg?" At our September meeting we will have the opportunity to relocate our annual fly-in to a true antique airfield - Ranger Airfield (F23) - 70 nm west of Fort Worth's Meacham Field.

Ranger traces its aviation roots back to 1911, when R.G. Fowler, a student of the Wright Brothers, landed his Model B in a field south of town. In 1928, the same tract officially became Ranger Airport. In 1931, Amelia Earhart visited in her Beech Nut Gum sponsored Pitcairn autogiro. And in 1938, a CPT program was established using 4 Taylorcrafts and a TA4000. Today, we still use the 3300 ft. grass strip and the original hangar from 1928.

I've been a member of the TXAAA since joining at the age of 13. Over the years I've seen attendance drop at Gainesville. I don't think the economy or the aging of antique airplane owners has played a chief role in this. I believe the main reason is that we haven't been providing people with enough incentive to attend.

I'm proposing we bring back our annual fly-in bigger than ever, and Ranger is the place to do it. A large wooded area located on the airfield will provide excellent camping. Although camping will provide the best fly-in experience, visitors can stay at the RV park adjacent to the airfield or at a number of nearby hotels like La Quinta, Holiday Inn, Ramada, Super 8 and Econo Lodge. On Friday night, fly-in visitors can take the short drive down Ranger Hill to Strawn for a taste of Mary's famous chicken fried steak before returning to the hangar for beer and hangar flying. Saturday's breakfast will be provided by the local Lions Club and the early afternoon Air Show, insured by the City of Ranger, will be a memorable highlight as well as more hangar flying. As an incentive to stay another night, the Sunday dawn patrol to Breckenridge for a tour of Ezell's Warbird Rebuilders shop will be interest-

ing and educational. Everything will come together to make the AAA's Annual Fly-In at Ranger a "gotta be there" event. Ranger has much to offer, and given the chance that can be seen at the 2010 48th Annual Fly-In.

Call me with questions: 254 433 1267 or read more about F23 at its temporary website: www.myspace.com/rangerairfield

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CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVEN NELSON

Steve, who is the recipient of the Phillip Edgington Flying Scholarship, is now a private pilot working towards his CFI certification under Phil's scholarship.

Steven recently completed his six years of active duty with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

Steven is now home in Sanger and headed to the Denton Airport each day to work on his fixed wing flying career.

Thank you Steven for your service to our country.

Phil would be so proud.

"FLY ARMY"

Georgina

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If you are looking for perfect safety, you will do well to sit on a fence and watch the birds; but if you really wish to learn, you must mount a machine and become acquainted with its tricks by actual trial. - Wilbur Wright, 1901.

THE LESSON.

If you're forced to fight, give no quarter. It's good to have back-up from your mate though.

Basically, A Great "Aviation" Story

This came from a gent who runs a 2000 acre corn farm up around Barron WI , not far from Oshkosh . He used to fly F4Es and F-16s for The Guard and participated in the first Gulf War... Submitted for your Enjoyment, and as a reminder that there are other great, magnificent Flyers around besides us.

I went out to plant corn for a bit to finish a field before tomorrow Morning and witnessed The Great Battle. A golden eagle - big bastard, about six foot wingspan - flew right in front of the tractor. It was being chased by three crows that were continually dive bombing it and pecking at it. The crows do this because the eagles rob their nests when they find them.

At any rate, the eagle banked hard right in one evasive maneuver, then landed in the field about 100 feet from the tractor. This eagle stood about 3 feet tall. The crows all landed too and took up positions around the eagle at 120 degrees apart, but kept their distance at about 20 feet from the big bird. The eagle would take a couple steps towards one of the crows and they'd hop backwards and forward to keep their distance. Then the reinforcement showed up.

I happened to spot the eagle's mate hurtling down out of the sky at what appeared to be approximately Mach 1.5. Just before impact the eagle on the ground took flight, (obviously a coordinated tactic; probably pre-briefed) and the three crows which were watching the grounded eagle, also took flight thinking they were going to get in some more pecking on the big bird. The first crow being targeted by the diving eagle never stood a snowball's chance in hell. There was a mid-air explosion of black feathers and that crow was done. The diving eagle then banked hard left in what had to be a 9G climbing turn, using the energy it had accumulated in the dive, and hit crow #2 less than two seconds later. Another crow dead.

The grounded eagle, which was now airborne and had an altitude advantage on the remaining crow, which was streaking eastward in full Burner, made a short dive then banked hard right

when the escaping crow tried to evade the hit. It didn't work - crow #3 bit the dust at about 20 feet altitude.

This aerial battle was better than any air show I've been to, including the warbirds show at Oshkosh ! The two eagles ripped the crows Apart and ate them on the ground, and as I got closer and closer working my way across the field, I passed within 20 feet of one of them as it Ate its catch. It stopped and looked at me as I went by and you could see in the look of that bird that it knew who's Boss Of The Sky. What a Beautiful bird!

I love it. Not only did they kill their enemy, they ate them.

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NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the July Chapter Meeting Don Pellegreno was appointed the Chairperson to provide a list of candidates for election for the fiscal year beginning October 1 2009. At the August 15th Chapter Meeting Mike Mitchell presented the list of candidates for Don who was out of town. The meeting was opened to nominations from the floor, but as none were made; the slate of candidates submitted by Don Pellegreno was accepted. The list of nominees for election to be voted on September 19th meeting is as follows:

President: Phil Cook. Vice President: Stan Price. Secretary: Richard Ramsey. Treasurer: Georgina Edgington. Activities Coordinator: Rex Lake. Newsletter Editor: Barry Wallace. Historian: Penny Richards.

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ALBERT RAY KIDD

I am sorry to report on the death of one of our oldest members of the Texas Chapter of the AAA. Ray Kidd had just turned 92.

He was born in Savoy Texas on April 11, 1917. He family moved to Sherman Texas where he attended Grade School and High School. Ray enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1939 where served his country in WWII at many bases throughout the US. He taught Aircraft and Engine Mechanics schools throughout the US. In the Pacific Theater he was stationed in Tinian and Okinawa. Ray married Frances Willene Norman from Big Spring in 1944.

Following his discharge as M/Sgt. Willene and Ray returned to Sherman to operate a Taxi service. In 1946 Ray became Manager of the Sherman Airport. Ray and Willene were early members of the Texas Chapter of the AAA. They were very active in the Chapter and our many parties. Willene became Chapter Sec/Treasurer. We had many meetings at there home and Airport. In 1953, Ray went to work at Perrin AF Base as a mechanic until the base closed in 1971. His last restoration was a Ryan Navion. Ray will be missed by all of us.



CARL H. WALCHSHAUSER

December 17, 1938-July 14, 2009

Carl Walchshauser was a long time member of the Texas Chapter AAA. He was always ready to host a Chapter Meeting. He made many trips with Bob Baas, EM Johnson, Joe Haynes to Blakesburg IA for the National AAA Fly In. He had a Stinson-Vultee, Cessna L-19, Ryan Navion. We always enjoyed the trips we took together. He knew the best Restaurants along the way. He was great at conducting his Allied Dynamics Business along the way. We will all miss Carl.



**Are you looking for airport properties?
Contact Texas Chapter Member**

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NEW CHAPTER BY-LAWS

At the Chapter Meeting on August 15 2009, after determining that a quorum of eligible members was present, the proposed By-Laws previously submitted to members was voted on. The result was 12 for and 0 against. The new By-Laws were accepted and are now in effect.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER BY-LAWS

Joe Haynes has submitted this proposed amendment to allow the information about incorporation to be included in the By-Laws. This request had been accepted and will be presented to the membership for a vote at the September 19 2009 meeting.

Proposed to Amend ARTICLE I as follows:

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1 NAME

The name of this organization is Texas Chapter Antique Airplane Association. It is a Chapter of the National Antique Airplane Association.

SECTION 2 INCORPORATION

This Chapter is incorporated in Texas as a Non-Profit and there is no Capital Stock. The duration of the Corporation is Perpetual.



MARGARET PATTERSON

August 1, 1924-July 6, 2009

Margaret Patterson passed away July 6, 2009. She was born in Duncan Oklahoma and moved to Kilgore Texas at the height of the oil boom. She graduated from Kilgore High School attended Texas State College For Women in Denton Texas. After graduation she worked for Magnolia Petroleum Company as a Seismic Analyst. In 1951 she married Homer, Pat, Patterson and raised three children in Highland Park. After Pat's retirement he bought a Cessna 172. She loved the airplane and loved our meetings. Margaret and Pat hosted many parties in their home. She died on Jackson and Farrah Fossetts entering the Pearly Gates. She could provide them with plenty of laughs.



CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE - 1950 Bellanca Cruisemaster 14-19. 190 Lyc., 80 hrs.. SMOH. 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 SALE OR 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.

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. \$15,000.00 1-918-855-8500 Tulsa, OK. - 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

FOR SALE - 1 Jacobs R-755-9 245 Hp 165 Hr smoh, 1 Stearman 220 Cont. motor mount, 1 Leise nevell 50 amp gen. Contact at 940-367-4480 Bob Landrum



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009 SEPTEMBER

The September Meeting will be September 19th 2009 at Northwest Regional Airport. **Terry Wallace** will be our host. The Noon Lunch will be Pot Luck, so please bring your favorite Main Dish and a Salad or Dessert. This is our Election of Officers Meeting. The slate of candidates is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. You must be present to vote.

For Flyers: Northwest Regional (52F) is about 3 miles Northwest of Roanoke, Texas. 33-02-59.44 N /097-13-56.05 W. Runway 17/35 is 3500 X 40 ft Asphalt in fair condition. Use 122.9 for advisories. You may park in grass in front of Jim Austin's hangar. Terry's hangar is 2 hangars to the East of Austin's.

For Drivers: From IH 35W take Hwy 1171 exit and go East on 1171 to Cleveland-Gibbs Road. Turn South (right) on Cleveland-Gibbs Rd. As you come into the Airport on Cleveland-Gibbs Rd. take a right at the stop sign and go north to the dead end. Turn left and his hangar is the fourth one on the left.

Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Please Note Changes in Meeting Locations

Sep 19 Northwest Regional (52F)
Oct 17 Bird Dog Field (TE58)
Nov 21 Edgington Field (XA03)
Dec 19 Gainesville (GLE) Christmas Party

If you have hosted a meeting this year or have scheduled to, THANK YOU.

OTHER FLY-INS OF INTEREST:

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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