

TEXAS AAA



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FUN TIME AT CHRISTIES !

On January 16 about 50 or so chapter members and guests gathered for our monthly meeting at Christie's Extreme Burgers in N. Richland Hills. There was great food, fellowship and interesting speakers. Christie and Gene put out a tasty Pot Roast Beef buffet topped off with a delicious cherry cobbler.

Our Meet Me member of the day was Ona B. Reed. She told some very interesting things about her life that went on and on. I still don't know how anyone so young has done so much! If you ever get a chance to talk to her about her experiences, you'll be amazed. It's fun to hear from our members each month about their life and experiences. Please see Rex Lake if you want to get on the list for future meetings.

Our featured speaker was Rick Brown, who also has had an extraordinary life. He told us of what it was like growing up in England and life there during WW 2. He told us about everything from what happened in a haystack with his first girlfriend to flying assault gliders and British Hurricanes over enemy territory. He got through the war with only having a mishap in which his hair was burned off temporarily.

Rick came to Dallas after his wife died in 1997 and never went back. He is a guide at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field. Quite an interesting Chap!

It was good to have Reb Stinson there back from Seattle. Our next meeting will be at the Vintage Flying Museum at Meacham February 20th.

Margaret and I will be on a cruise so Stan

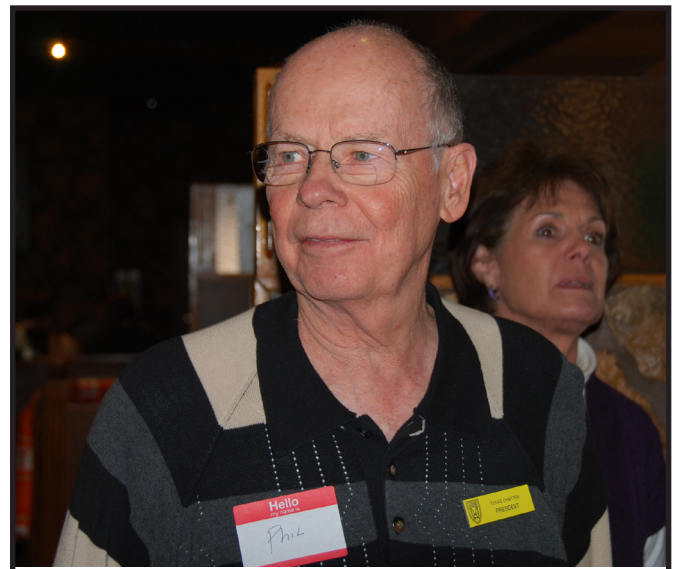
Price will conduct the meeting along with Rex. Please invite members and prospective members to our meetings to see what neat things are going on!

You're a great group!

Phil



Rick Brown former RAF Pilot was our speaker and gave us a personal view about the Battle of Britain.



Chapter President Phil Cook presided over the meeting.



Lynn Hearn.



Tom Richards



Chapter Activities Coordinator Rex Lake was responsible for the arrangements.



Ed and Carol Parrott and Margeret and Phil Cook waiting for food.



Our most senior member E.M. Johnson with Rex Lake.



Jack Brouse, Al Hilton and Lynn Hearn ready to fill their plates.

AIRLINER AVOIDS DISASTER!

Kittie Hill Airport, Leander, Texas

Tension engulfed the air here early this peacefully windy January morning as another airliner narrowly avoided a disastrous situation. WSA flight number two was making its usual taxi to re-fuel and, hopefully to the passengers aboard, make its normal take-off into what is considered the crowded skies. But, the loading of the highly volatile and toxic one-hundred octane leaded aviation fuel was delayed. Not by a failure of pumps, tanks, ladders, hoses, or of the highly trained ground support personnel necessary to refuel the mighty aircraft, but by the failure of a single, critical part: A two-dollar AN aviation-grade, FAA certified, A&P installed tail-wheel attach bolt failed, in what investigators called... "shear".

Interviews with the Captain (name withheld until investigations are complete) were quite telling:

"When did you first notice this catastrophic failure, Captain?"

"Oh, about the time it got real noisy, and the damned airplane failed to turn."

"My God, Captain, you could not turn the airplane?"

"No, there was too much mud an' water and all...just a real mess".

"Muddy Waters?...was he aboard?"

"Well, I haven't reviewed the passenger manifest...no comment."

"How long was your aircraft dangerously blocking the active runway?"

"Well, it took Cynthia...I mean the mechanic, about ten minutes to walk back to the pickup...err ground support equipment...and drive through the slop to position the, uhh, aircraft tow vehicle, adjacent to the aft end of the aircraft, so

that the ground crew could tow the disabled aircraft to a safe place."

"So, YOU caused a ten minute delay to normal operations?"

"Well, actually, it was more like thirty minutes or so."

"A THIRTY MINUTE DELAY?"

"Well, uhh, about the time we got the ground support equipment in place, Tommm... uhh, a competitor's air service employee, came over and said he had a replacement airworthy part back in his hangar, and would bring it over and we could use it to repair the aircraft".

"So you made the repairs while blocking the active runway?"

"Well, yeah...we did."

"You shut down Kittie Hill airport for over a half hour?"

"Ahh, yup, sure as hell did. But what the hell, we've got three grass runways for Christ's sake".

"Why, Captain, that is totally irresponsible and unprofessional of you".

"Given the options, lady, I think I made the right decision".

"You, sir, are a disgrace to your profession".

"Yes, Ma'm, I am. And you are a bitch. However, in an hour or so I will be back in the air, doing my job, and I will have learned from my experience. And in an hour or so, you will still be a bitch".

Hardtimes Earl

(With apologies to Winston Churchill)

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THANK YOU FROM ALVENA POCOCK

Alvena Pocock sent a nice note to Dick Ramsey thanking him, Terry, Jim and Phil for coming down to Waco for the Visitation upon the death of Nick Pocock. She also expressed thanks for the gorgeous flowers sent by the Texas Chapter.

I should also note that she included a check for her dues to remain a Chapter Member in her own name. She and Nick were strong supporters of our Chapter and she will always be welcome to continue.

Dick Ramsey

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

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TXAAA ANNUAL FLY IN AT GAINESVILLE

It has been suggested by a number of our members, that the date for our annual "Fly-in" be changed to a cooler month because of the uncomfortable heat in June. A phone poll was conducted among our active members and our initial poll has suggested that there is considerable interest in moving the fly-in to a cooler month. It has been determined by investigation and suggestion that we move the date to the second weekend in October.

You will find a voting ballot in this newsletter that is pre-stamped and pre-addressed to Rex Lake. Please take a moment to vote on this important issue. We want everyone to have a say in this decision and your vote is important. There are three choices on the ballot. Please select only one and clearly check the box for it.

We would like to announce the results of the voting at our February meeting and therefore all ballots must be post marked no later than February 15th.

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Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Aircraft Type: _____ National
AAA No. _____
(Ownership of an aircraft is not required)

To start or renew membership in the Texas Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association please furnish the above information and send it with \$25.00 (payable to Texas AAA) to: Georgina Edgington, 10862 Gregory Rd., Sanger, Texas 76266.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE - 1950 Bellanca Cruisemaster 14-19. 190 Lyc., 80 hrs.. SMOH. 2987 tt. \$24,000. Contact: Sherman Oxford at (972)874-5050 or (214)704-1535.

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 e-mail: sackett@pobox.com.--11/09

FOR RENT T-HANGARS available at Bird Dog Airfield (TE58). Three left. Water, electricity and fully enclosed. Contact Scott Sackett (940) 367-1992 sackett@pobox.com 11/09

FOR SALE 1936 Stinson SR8C NC17116: 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. 11/09

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, \$59,900.00, Would consider a nice champ or J-3 in trade. John Whatley 575-536-3173 Res, 214-629-3929 Cell 11/09

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 11/09

FOR SALE - 1 Jacobs R-755-9 245 Hp 165 Hr smoh, 1 Stearman 220 Cont. motor mount, 1 Leise neville 50 amp gen.

Contact at 940-367-4480 Bob Landrum 11/09

FOR SALE - 1940 Fairchild 24 with a fresh annual. Engine is 200 HP Ranger engine with 204 HRS SMOH. It has approx. 150 hrs since rebuild. Asking 85K. Contact Tom at 817-790-3190 11/09

FOR SALE - 1932 Fairchild 22 C7B. It has a 145 HP Menasco engine with a high wing and 2 open cockpits. This is a 100% rebuild of every piece of the aircraft. Asking 65K. Contact Tom at 817-790-3190. 11/09

FOR SALE - Five acres adjacent to, and with access to a 4000 ft. established grass runway. Located in Justin, TX \$85,000.00. Motivated seller.

Maybeth Nunn, Broker, Realtor. Cross Texas Realty (214) 356-0383 www.Airportsoftexas.com 11/28

FOR SALE:Garmin GPS-295 with 4" Diagonal Color Display. Like new and packed in the original box with the following accessories:Mounts for yoke or top of Instrument Panel Remote Antenna Cigarette Lighter Adaptor Fused Link Wiring for direct A/C Power 2 Sets of Owner's Manuals and a Specification Sheet Contact Clare Wright, Ph: 817-277-1596 12/09

FOR SALE:Two Headsets in excellent condition. One SoftCom and one Aviall. \$70.00 each or both for \$125.00 Contact Clare Wright, Ph: 817-277-1596 12/09

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY MEETING

February Meeting: February 20th 2010 at the Vintage Flying Museum adjacent to Ft. Worth Meacham International Airport.

Bob Roth with the VFM will be our Host. The Meeting and Noon Lunch will be held in the main hangar of the VFM. The Lunch will be Pot-Luck, so members are encouraged to bring a favorite Main Dish and a Salad or Dessert to share. This is an excellent chance to visit the Museum and see the many planes as well as a number of other attractions and memorabilia they have on display. Doc and Chuckie Hoppers, founders of the VFM, will be our special guests.

For Fliers: Ft. Worth Meacham is located just north of Downtown Ft. Worth, Texas and all necessary information can be found on the DFW Sectional or Terminal Area Charts. Bob Roth will coordinate with the Tower Controllers and assured us that they will assist us in any way needed. If you do not have a Transponder, advise them on first contact. Non-radio equipped can be accommodated as a flight of two with a radio equipped plane. After landing advise Ground Control you wish to taxi to the VFM parking area off taxiway M.

For Drivers: From Interstate Loop 820 West of IH35W go South on Hwy 287 also called North Main Street to NW 38th Street. Go West on NW 38th Street until the Dead End at the Airport Fence, then turn left. The VFM hanger is the last Large Hanger on your left.

Schedule of Monthly Meetings:

- Feb. 20:** Vintage Flying Museum, Meacham Field, Ft. Worth, Texas (KFTW)
- Mar. 20:** Clark Airport, Justin, Texas (3T6)
- Apr. 17:** New Fairview Airfield, New Fairview, Texas (7TS0)
- May 29:** Ranger, Texas (F23).
- Jun. 12:** Gainesville Municipal, Gainesville, Texas. Annual Fly-In (GLE)
- Jul. 17:** Northwest Regional Airport, Roanoke, Texas (52F)
- Aug. 21:** Northwest Regional Airport, Roanoke, Texas (52F)
- Sep. 18:** Freedom Field, Gainesville, Texas (7T0)
- Oct. 16:** Edgington Ranch Field, Sanger, Texas (XA03)
- Nov. 20:** Propwash Airport, Justin, Texas (16X)
- Dec. 18:** Gainesville Municipal, Gainesville, Texas. Annual Christmas Party (GLE)

Other Fly-Ins of Interest:

- Mar. 5th & 6th 2010:** 52nd Annual Cactus Fly-In, Casa Grande, AZ. (KCGZ)
- May 28th-30th 2010:** Ranger Fly-In and Airshow, Ranger, TX. (F23)

Submitted for Rex Lake, Activities Coordinator, by Richard Ramsey

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

OWNERSHIP OF AN AIRPLANE IS NOT REQUIRED.

The only Requirement is a Love of Airplanes and the Fellowship of those who share that Passion.

Membership and Dues for the Texas Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association are \$25.00 per year. Visit our Website at www.texasantiqueairplane.org or www.txaaa.org for details and an Application Form.

NOTE: Membership expires 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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The Texas Chapter supports and encourages membership in the National Antique Airplane Association.

For Information about joining the National AAA, Visit their Website at www.antiqueairfield.com or Email antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com or you may write:

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