

# TEXASAAA



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## VINTAGE FLYING MUSEUM

If you have never been to the Vintage Flying Museum at Meacham field, put it on your bucket list. Although "Chuckie" the B-17 is gone the real Chuckie Hospers was our host and what a great lady she is. Thanks to her and all of the museum volunteers for hosting our February Meeting.

There were 44 members and guests in attendance and as always, plenty of food for all. The museum B-26 and DC-3 were flying and a ride on the DC-3 could be had for \$85.

I want to mention that there was an audit of the chapter books per the by-laws by Ken Robbins and Don Pellegrino and all was found in order. I want to thank Don, Ken and Joetta for their efforts.

Darrell Irby, who has been helping Terry Doyle as activities chairman has agreed to be this year's October fly in chairman. He will be forming committees to accomplish this important job so please be ready to help him make this year's fly in as successful as last year.

Thanks again to Dennis Price for the photos that accompany this article. Dennis does a great job and had pictures and Cd's available at the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Clark Field in Jerry Pockrus's Hangar on the 19th of March. Look for the meeting information in this issue.

Fly Safe,  
Terry



# TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the General Meeting held: February 19, 2011

The General Meeting was held at Fort Worth Meacham Airport in the Vintage Flying Museum and was called to order by President Terry Wallace.

There were 42 members and 2 guests in attendance. The attendance list is in the Chapter Records.

Terry thanked Chuckie Hospers for hosting the meeting location and also those who assisted with the set up and food service. Chuckie was able to provide a meeting room, off the main hangar, which was just the right size for our meeting and provided us some privacy, as the Museum was open to the public and was conducting flying operations.

### AGENDA:

#### Announcements

The Secretary's birthday on the 19th caused the attendees to break out in the Happy Birthday song. The Secretary declined the traditional spankings.

The next Meeting will be March 19th at Clark Field in Jerry Pockrus's hangar.

The April Meeting will be April 16th at Terry Wallace's hangar on Northwest Regional.

The May Meeting will be held on May 28th during the Fly-In at Ranger, TX.

Joe Haynes was able to update us on E.M. Johnson. E.M. is out of intensive care and in a two person room. He is doing much better, but is still mobility impaired.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Joetta Reetz, was unable to be at the meeting and no report was given.

#### Previous Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion concerning the previous meeting minutes, which were published in the Newsletter, and therefore were accepted as printed.

#### Old Business

Dennis Price once again provided a quantity of photo prints of members' airplanes and quite a few CD's of various air shows. This is a really nice service that he does for us and at no cost to members.

#### New Business

Darrell Irby advised that Tarrant County College would be hosting a PAMA, Aviation Maintenance Olympics on Saturday April 9th at the Northwest Campus in the Aviation Building. Competition will judge student skills and the public are invited.

Members were advised that we are in the process of upgrading our website and changing the Webmaster. The site, with the exception of the meeting dates, has not been updated lately, but Meetings and Announcements are current.

Terry asked again for Newsletter articles to be sent in to him.

Members who need a Chapter Roster should email a request to Terry.

Members who would like an updated copy of the By-Laws should email Dick Ramsey.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clare Wright and seconded by Dick Ramsey. The meeting ended at 1:45PM.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Ramsey

Secretary, Texas Chapter AAA

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# N6888A IS A 1956 CESSNA 172

Terry, it seems our AAA group is like our Cessna 170 Assn in that we are constantly in need of data for publications. We sometimes have to rerun articles in order to fill out one of the publications. If you can use this article on my airplane please do so and if it needs editing that is fine too. The attached photo was taken at the annual Reklaw fly in in October 2010 of which I have attended 16 so far.

N6888A is a 1956 Cessna 172 which was manufactured in July of 1956 as close as I can determine. From the factory in Wichita it went to a dealer in Oakland, CA, then to a Chevrolet dealer in Barberville, CA, followed by numerous owners in California. One of which must have been a dealer as his name appears on the records as having owned the aircraft at least 3 times. Apparently selling it to a customer, taking it back for whatever reason and reselling it again a couple more times. During its life so far it has had owners in California, Arizona, Nevada and Texas. In 1981, while owned by a lady in California, a Ralph Bolen STC to convert her to a conventional gear along with a Horton STOL STC was installed followed by a new Imron paint job (dark blue with silver). She was brought to Texas in the mid 1980's and was owned by a gentleman near Byers, TX and later by Mr. Don Lewis of Fort Worth. I have owned 2 previous planes before N6888A (a '65 C-182 & a '50 C-140A whom I sold to Dave Eby of Wichita Falls in 1989). I began a search for a 4 place aircraft in 1989, hoping to find a B model C-170. I could find them, but they were either too expensive or needed more work than I wanted to put into them. I happened to be looking for a plane one day in September of 1989 and spotted 888A at Northwest Regional sitting outside Don Lewis's hangar. From a distance I thought it was a C-180 (how I wished

it had been!). The next day I drove up to NW Regional, met Don and asked if he wanted to sell the plane. He did so we struck a deal. The aforementioned blue & silver (Cowboy colors) had not weathered the sun too well as the top of the wings and fuselage were silver and the primer was showing through in many places. I brought 6888A home to Triple S Airport in Aledo where it lived until late in 2004 when Triple S was closed and made into a horse farm. She then began life at Grand Prairie (GPM) until the present. Many times I heard pilots tell me that if a tricycle geared plane had the tail wheel conversion and got rid of the drag from the nose wheel that it would go faster. All I can say is if 888A is faster now than when she had a nose wheel, she sure was a slow 172! She is an honest 115 mph/100 k cruise aircraft. I have occasions to fly with friends who have C-170's and I have yet to find one that is as slow as 888A. I call her "Ole Pokey". Like most planes of this vintage she has had modifications and additions. The first being the tail wheel conversion, an upgrade to a 60 amp alternator, an overhaul 700 + hours ago in 1999, a paint job in 2000, a new interior in 2001 plus numerous avionics changes/upgrades. 6888A has been a joy to own and fly for my wife and I the past 21+ years. We have flown her to many fly ins in Texas and neighboring states as well as commuting to visit family and friends in Texas and Colorado, Missouri, New Mexico



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# CLASSIFIED

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

**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** - 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** - 1941 Fairchild 24, 15 hours on a 185 Warner, with an Airomantic or Curtis Reed prop. Beautiful airplane, good fabric. Asking 85K with 185 Warner or 65K with 165 Warner. 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 45K. 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:** Brand new set of Whelen Strobe and Nav lights. Never installed. All wiring and connectors are included. For more info call 817-596-3344 or 817-994-1546. \$300.00 Thanks, Charles Percy. 2/10

**FOR SALE:** Pietenpol airframe with mostly intact metal parts, minor rib damage, Continental mount, struts OK except one bent and one clevis broken, instruments and good centersection with tank and main tank. All papers included, no engine. \$1400, jbkhays@centex.net, 325 646-0154, 647-9644 cell, at Flying S, 3 east of BWD. 8/10

**FOR SALE:** Building site for house & or hangar 2.39 Acres - North-South 2400' grass runway New Residential Airport-FLATBUSH ESTATES-Decatur- \$49,900 Sharon Sanden, Owner/Realtor - Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage ssanden@airmail.net - 817-676-7458 8/10

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and to Cessna 170 conventions in Texas, New Mexico, California, Washington, Montana, Canada (twice), Michigan (twice), Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Louisiana, Indiana, Nevada, Missouri and Minnesota. And with luck she will take us to San Diego this coming July. As much fun and rewarding as flying N6888A is, its the people we meet and get to know that is the best part of flying. Organizations such as the Antique Aircraft Association and the International Cessna 170 Association have allowed us to travel far and wide and get to know so many fine folks that are like family to us.

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# News/Press Release from the ;

Antique Airplane Association  
Air Power Museum Inc.

## It's Over, It is Finished, The End ... and We Won!!

What started as a simple FOIA request on 08-22-02 became a protracted legal battle that has wound its way up

through the US Supreme Court and back to the lower courts. But it's finally over. A summary judgment, by US District Court Judge Ricardo M. Urbina, could foreshadow easier access to Approved Type Certificate (ATC) drawings/data held by the FAA, for those restoring antique/classic aircraft.

This particular case involved AAA Executive Director Brent Taylor's FOIA request for the Fairchild 45 drawings/data. That request was denied by the FAA and led to legal action against the FAA and the Fairchild Corporation (now defunct) in the pursuit of access to those drawings/data.

That legal action against Fairchild and the FAA was undertaken for Brent Taylor by AAA member Michael J. Pangia, a former FAA legal counsel now in private practice. Mike has written an authoritative account of that legal battle titled "A Quest for Secret Plans; A Journey Into the Land of Oz" available for reading at [www.AntiqueAirfield.com](http://www.AntiqueAirfield.com)

However, even after a unanimous decision in Brent Taylor's favor by the US Supreme Court in 2008, the legal

wrangling continued as the case was remanded back to the US District Court.

Then on Wed. January 19th a summary judgment was made in favor of Brent Taylor bringing the matter to an end

Judge Urbina's decision holds that;

1. Once manufacturer authorized disclosure of its materials, they were no longer secret for purposes of FOIA's trade secrets exemption.
2. Secret status of the materials was not restored when manufacturer revoked its authorization to disclosure.
3. The materials were not commercially valuable, and, thus, did not fall within FOIA's trade secrets exemption.

This decision should help pave the way for easier access (via FOIA) to the approved data/drawings that owners/restorers of antique/classic aircraft need to help in complying with the FAR's in the restoration and continued airworthiness of said aircraft.

"It's been a long and expensive road but if it helps to "Keep the Antiques Flying", then it will have been well worth it."

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# *John Ryburn Bowden*

*December 19, 1929*

*February 19, 2011*



It is with mixed emotions that I must report the passing of my father John Ryburn Bowden . He has made his final flight toward the heavens and will be missed by all who knew him. Missed for his kind spirit, his love of aviation, and for the way he generously shared that passion with others. Yet we are relieved that he will no longer suffer through his courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease and other illnesses.

Many aviation enthusiasts have fond memories of attending one of the annual fly-ins hosted by my Dad and Mom over a span of 14 years from the late 1970's through the early 1990's. Some of those years, there were two (2) fly-ins. Attended by folks from all over the United States, these events grew to include over a hundred planes and several hundred visitors and participants. This was Dad's way of contributing and sharing in the promotion of grassroots aviation, antique airplanes, and sport flying.

We are so very proud of dad and all of the ways he taught us and cared for us. He lived life to its fullest and made every day a new adventure. His aviation accomplishments alone are marveled by many. Yet these were only small chapters in a life of countless achievements. One newspaper account of his life stated, "Many of us dream of doing things. John Bowden did them." This is an understatement.

Such a story is impossible to tell, short of a biography book. Perhaps one day this will happen. but for now, we will hold to his memory and be thankful for the time we spent with John R. Bowden.

Terry Bowden



John Ryburn Bowden  
December 19, 1929  
February 19, 2011

John and Glenna Bowden have been very good Antiquers and long time members of the Texas Antique Chapter .

John passed away February 19, 2011. He was 81 years old. He operated Deer Pasture Airfield. He hosted two fly-ins a year, Bluebonnet and Deer Pasture. John loved to restore antiques and started with a Stinson 108, then a Taylorcraft. John first attended the Denton fly-in in C-182, then later purchased a C-1 Curtiss Robin in Missouri and brought it to Deer Pasture. It was powered with a Challenger engine and was named Texas Lady. Texas Lady was restored twice and is still hangared at Deer Pasture. Then a red Waco YKS was purchased and John restored. John then bought an Ingram-Foster, Curtiss Pusher which was restored by John and Ray Kidd. We got to see the engine run at Deer Pasture Airfield. No buyers could be found in Texas, so it is displayed in the Albuquerque Airport Terminal.

After flying Bob Landrum's Cessna 195, he bought one of his own. He later bought a Waco Custom Cabin, which he restored with the same original color scheme. He then bought a Beech Staggerwing, which he completely restored. He re-stored a number of Cessna's and a Piper Comanche. His pride and Joy is the Curtiss C-1, which he found to be a refueler and it was painted Texaco Red with a fuel door. In 1937 John got to see Douglas "Wrong Way Corrigan" take off after repairing his broken fuel line. John also flew many of these planes to Antique Airfield. Thanks to John for sharing his spirit of Aviation with us.

Joe Haynes



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH MEETING 2011

We are invited to Jerry and Barbara Pockrus's hangar at Clark Airport (3T6) for our Meeting and Lunch at Noon on March 19th, 2011. The lunch will be pot luck. Members are asked to bring a Main Dish and a Salad or Dessert to share. Along with your appetites it would be nice to bring a door prize to add spice to the meeting. CONTACT #'s (940) 390-6357 or (940) 648-2286.

**For Fliers:** 3T6 is on Sectional and Terminal Area charts about 3 miles north of Justin, Texas. Elev. 705ft, runway 17-35 is 1800x22 ft asphalt. Use 122.9 to announce.

**For Drivers:** Halfway between Ponder and Justin on FM156 turn West on Eakin Cemetery Road and go 1/2 mile west to the Airport. Turn South (left) on Clark Airfield Road and follow it to the third house (first hangar) on left.

### Schedule of Monthly Meetings:

Mar 19: Clark Airport, Justin, TX. (3T6)  
Apr 16: Northwest Regional Airport, Roanoke, TX. (52F)  
May 28: Ranger Airport, Ranger, TX. (F23)  
Jun 18: Cedar Mills Airport, Gordonville, TX. (3T0)  
Jul 16: New Fairview Airport, Rhome, TX. (7TS0)  
Aug 20: Northwest Regional Airport, Roanoke, TX. (52)  
Sep 17:  
Oct 14 & 15: Gainesville Municipal, Gainesville, Texas. Annual Fly-In (GLE)  
Nov 19: Propwash Airport, Justin, TX. (16X)  
Dec 17: Gainesville Municipal, Gainesville, Texas. Annual Christmas Party (GLE)

### FLY-INS OF INTEREST:

May 27-30: Ranger Memorial Day Fly-In, Ranger, TX.  
Jun 3 & 4: Oklahoma Chapter AAA Fly-In, Pauls Valley, OK.  
Aug 31-Sep 5: National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA.  
Oct 14 & 15: "Fall Festival of Flight" TXAAA Annual Fly-In, Gainesville, TX.  
Oct 28-30: Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX.

Submitted for Terry Doyle and Darrell Irby, Activity Coordinators, 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](http://www.texasantiqueairplane.org) or [www.txaaa.org](http://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.**

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