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Texas Chapter
**Antique Airplane
Association**
Fall Festival of Flight

49th Annual Fly-in
Gainesville, Texas
October 14-15, 2011
Gainesville Municipal Airport



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SEPTEMBER MEETING AT TAILWHEEL ACRES

The September meeting was held at Bobby and Kathy Jones's grass strip on Tailwheel Acres in Valley View, Texas. We had over 40 members and guests in attendance with seven aircraft flying in. Thanks again to Bobby and Kathy for their hospitality.

Thanks also to Gary Sublette for the accompanying photos for the newsletter.

At this meeting I asked for volunteers to refurbish the chapter tables and I want to thank Clare Wright for getting the supplies and also the following members for their help. Dick Ramsey, Steve Sokolich and daughter Sara, Don Pellegrino, Gary Sublette, Tom Richards, Darrell Irby, Terry Doyle, and Ken Robbins. They did a great job and if you see them at the October flyin please thank them.

Don Pellegrino accepted the task of chairing the election committee for next year's board of directors. If you would like to serve the chapter please contact Don.

Darrell gave a report on the October flyin and its shaping up to be a great weekend. Please contact him if you can volunteer to help.

I hope every member will plan to attend the flyin on October 14th and 15th, thanks to all the volunteers who have helped to plan this event.

Fly Safe,

Terry ☐





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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OCTOBER FLY-IN "FALL FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT" October 14th, 15th and 16th 2011

The 49th Annual Texas Chapter Antique Airplane Association Fly-In will be held at Gainesville Municipal Airport on October 14th and 15th 2011, Noon Friday until close Saturday night, with fly-away coffee and donuts for departures on Sunday the 16th. Clean-Up will follow. See our Website for more details.

Special Guest:

WASP Mary Alice (Putnam) Vandeventer plans to attend and be available to talk about the Women's Airforce Service Pilots contribution and experiences during WWII.

Don't be shy, Volunteer!!

This is a very important time for our Chapter, because it provides a chance for the whole Chapter to pull together to make this annual fly-in a success. It is only with the participation of members working together that this will happen. If you have not volunteered for some of the work involved in presenting the fly-in, do it now. Contact Darrell Irby, the Fly-In Chairman, and find out what you can do. If you're not able to do so before the event starts on Friday at noon, make yourself available to him then.

For Flyers: Gainesville Municipal (GLE) is located on the DFW Sectional Chart about two miles west of Gainesville, Texas.

For Drivers: From Interstate Highway 35 in Gainesville take Highway 82 West about two (2) miles until the airport entrance sign on the North side of the highway. Follow the Airport Road North and the Tomlinson Hangar will be on your right.

Schedule of Remaining Texas Chapter Monthly Meetings 2011:

Nov 19 Propwash Airport (16X)

Dec 17 Gainesville (GLE) Christmas Party

OTHER FLY-INS OF INTEREST:

Oct 21 thru 23, 2011: Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, RX. (7TA7)

Mar 2 & 3, 2012: Cactus Fly-In, Casa Grande, AZ. (CGZ)

Submitted by Dick Ramsey for Darrell Irby, Fly-In Chairman



GRASS ROOTS AVIATION

When people talk about grass roots flying I think of Paul Poberezney's Sport Aviation Association. That organization is based on the grass roots concept. It is very laid back. It is as if we turned the clock back where the object of flying was to fly. Most airplanes were simple, even the airlines. Navigation was accomplished by following a line on a map or following a highway or railroad.

Now days it seems there are a lot of builders installing "glass" cockpits. Here the object seems to be managing a trip rather than flying it. Between the GPS, the auto pilot, incessant chatter on the radio and tinkering with the instruments, flying becomes secondary. More time is spent in looking at the instruments than the sky. The grass roots concept considers that nothing in the cockpit will occupy your future as much as another airplane sharing the same airspace. Forget the instruments and look outside. See and be seen is the rule as it always has been.

To me, grass roots flying means flying in the fashion established back before WWII. As I age the only modern device I really consider essential is the starter. That is because no one is around to prop us at the gas pump any more. Also, grass roots aviation seems to encompass grass runways. There is almost no nostalgia in asphalt.

Except for a year in Ohio and a couple of years at San Geronimo Aipark, my aircraft have been hangared on grass strips. You can almost pretend that you are back in those thrilling days of yesteryear any time you take off. The only problem here is the need to develop a certain respect for rough surfaces. The only smooth grass runways I have ever landed on were in the mid-west where there is plenty of rainfall and the top soil is loamy and about 10 feet deep. Here in Texas conditions are different. Parched earth is all.

I have landed on at least 100 grass strips here in Texas. None have been smooth like asphalt, but then none have been too rough either. Mainly it's a matter of equipment and flying technique. Its best to have 600 X 6 wheels. Bigger is better. I did fly a Tailwind regularly off a rough grass strip and did that on 500 X 5s. It was a tail dragger as you all know, and that helped. However, if you land your tri-gear in a full stall and keep the nose wheel off as long as possible you should be OK. At modern airports I see a tendency to "drive" a tri-gear airplane onto the runway. All three wheels contact the surface at the same time. This is hard on the nose gear and transmits quite a shock into the airframe. Hold it off and make that full stall with the nose high, just as you would in a tail dragger. Take this technique over to a grass strip and enjoy the experience. Speaking of experience, I landed on a friends dirt strip out west of San Antonio one Saturday morning 30 years ago. I had to buzz the cows off the runway first and came around for the landing with a near perfect approach. The old Champ was humming and I had a big smile at my success. Unfortunately, I had not factored in the activities of the cows on the runway prior to my landing. After

skidding through what they had left behind I climbed out to discover the wheels fuselage, lift struts and undersides of the wings and tail feathers were covered with something other than mud. There was a certain ambiance about the faithful Champ that hadn't been there before. It was quite some time before anyone asked me for a ride.

So, for those of you who have had a similar experience in their grass roots efforts I know I am probably boring you with my story. On the other hand, you may want to share your experiences with some younger pilot and get them interested in returning to the basic fun of flying. Give it a try. You might even end up like the rest of us who live somewhat in the past!

Don Staats



TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION

Membership Application – New/Renewal Form
(Ownership of an aircraft is not required)

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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Please submit the above information with your \$25 payment to Texas Antique Airplane Association, 5209 Glen Canyon Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76137. If paying by check, please make payable to: Texas Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association.

Paid: Check No. _____ Cash _____

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FOR SALE - 1950 Bellanca Cruisemaster 14-19. 190 Lyc., 80 hrs.. SCMOH. 2987 tt. \$20,000. 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

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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

FOR SALE: 1959 Cessna 150 for sale. An inexpensive time builder that runs great. 230 SMOH, 4430 TT, always hangared, last annual 8/11 Original logs signed by Cessna test pilot on first flight. \$18,000.00 OBO. Terry Wallace, wallacete@cs.com or cell 817-706-3173. 4/17

FOR SALE- 1936 Taylor Aircraft Company (built before Piper changed name of Company) J-2 Cub, with a Cont 65 HP engine and Univair sealed struts. Airframe has 2180 hrs and recovered with Stitts Polyfiber in 1977. Engine has 848 total hrs and 60 since overhaul. Last annual was in February 2011. EAA auto gas STC. Located in Westlake, Texas. \$25,000. Contact Gary Sublette at 817-791-6602. 5/13

FOR LEASE: 3 miles from Bird's Nest Airport/ Austin Executive Airport off FM 973: 2.11 acres with large workshop (25'x65') , and 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath mobile home for lease. Currently being renovated, will be available soon. Contact Bill and Shirley Girard: Shirley@mudflap-aviation.com.

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FOR SALE: CESSNA 170B - Call (985) 643-3587 for details.

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TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Meeting held: 17 September 2011

The General Meeting was held at Bobby and Kathy Jones Hangar on Tailwheel Acres Airport and was called to order at 12:45PM by President Terry Wallace. There were 31 members and 11 guests in attendance as well as 7 Airplanes and a Helicopter. The attendance list is in the Chapter Records. Terry thanked Bobby and Kathy Jones for use of their wonderful hangar and for hosting the meeting. He also thanked those who helped with the tables and food set-up.

AGENDA:

Announcements:

Several visitors were introduced by their sponsors including one family who joined on the spot.

A few brave members admitted to having another Birthday this Month.

Terry Wallace appointed Don Pellegreno to Chair a Committee for the Election of New Officers and Don asked several members to assist him with this.

Terry announced that he had heard that the Motels in Gainesville may be running out of rooms they had reserved for the Fly-In.

Terry indicated that due to the extreme drought conditions in East Texas, there is a possibility that the Reklaw Fly-In may be cancelled. As this is scheduled for the next weekend after our October Fly-In at Gainesville, we could see an increase in attendees at our fly-in, if Reklaw is cancelled.

Treasurer's Report:

Joetta Reetz presented the Treasurer's Report, and it was accepted by vote.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the Meeting on 20 August 2011 were approved by vote.

Old Business:

Terry made a report on the Fly-In at Blakesburg, Iowa. About 25-30 of our members were there. A donation from the Texas Chapter of \$500.00 was presented to Bob Taylor.

Terry reported that two of our members, Don Pellegreno and Jim Hays won awards for their airplanes. Don won three awards, one of which was for the best work by an owner, for his Rearwin Cloudster. Jim won for his Culver Cadet.

New Business:

Table repair will be held on Saturday 9-24 at 9:00AM on Northwest Regional Airport where the Trailer is kept. Volunteers to help would be appreciated.

Darrell Irby gave a status report on the Gainesville Fly-In.

Historian for Medal of Honor is interested in attending and is trying to get a Medal recipient to attend.

Members who would be able to assist in an Aviation 101 session for school children on Friday the 14th of Oct should contact Darrell.

Fly-Mart is ready and needs members to bring items for sale. Chapter keeps 10% of sales.

Don Pellegreno indicated that the Trophies have been ordered, categories decided and several Judges have been selected, but more help would be welcome.

A motion to adjourn was made by and seconded. The meeting ended at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Ramsey

Secretary, Texas Chapter AAA

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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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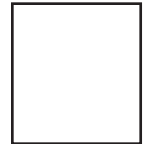
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