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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

No Wash Out At Meachum!

Our February meeting at the Vintage Flight Museum on Meachum Airport was on a cold and wet soggy Saturday but none of the 30 of so that attended were complaining.

Chuckie was a gracious hostess and provided a comfortable meeting room for us. There was plenty of wonderful food, desserts, camaraderie and fun. Our speaker Lee Swofford provided an enjoyable, informative and colorful trip back to WWII in Europe. Lee is a 91 year old veteran of the 8th Airforce who flew B-17's, 24's and 25's on bombing missions from bases in England to Germany. He had many stories and pictures that kept us all captivated. Thanks to Ed Parrott for finding him.

I think most members enjoy having a speaker from time to time. Please let me know if you have anyone in mind that would be interesting.

Darrell Irby (Fly-In Chairman) gave a report of progress on our October 12th and 13th 50th Fly-In. Please call him if you want to volunteer since it will take many hands for it to be successful. (817-379-1728, darrell@avcontx.com)

We want the newsletter to be something members look forward to receiving each month. So we could use your help by sending Terry Wallace at wallacete@cs.com your pictures, projects and stories for the newsletter. Check out the picture of how I became interested in aviation as a 7 year old aviator at the State Fair of Texas in 1941. My brother Clay was the pilot and I was in the right seat. My brother remembered that I told the operator to "take it easy I have heart trouble". Well, as you see it did not dash my interest in flying.

See you at Jerry and Barbara Pockrus's March 17th! Bring your favorite dish.

Phil



Photos by Dick Ramsey



CHAPTER MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2012: MEACHAM FIELD

Our Chapter Meeting was held in the Vintage Flying Museum located at Fort Worth Meacham Field Airport. There were only 28 members and guests signed in, but we still had a nice chance to visit with our friends and partake of the food provided by members. We were very fortunate to be able to meet in the Museum's side room, which holds about 50 people and is a welcome respite from the rain and cold. Our best wishes and thanks to Chuckie and the rest of the Museum staff for their warm welcome.

We did have a special guest speaker, Lee Swofford, who gave an interesting and informative presentation. He joined the Army in 1939 and eventually became a pilot in the Air Corp. The majority of his time was spent flying in B-24's in the latter stages of WWII, leading up to and thru the D-Day Invasion period and afterwards. He related some personal incidents, such as flying back across the English Channel with only two engines still running and running out of fuel just before getting to an airfield. He was able to land in a farm field, thus saving the day and his crew. □





SECRETARY REPORT:

The President called the chapter meeting to order. A brief time was spent introducing the guests. Phil presented the Treasurer's report provided by Joetta. Darrel, the fly-in chairperson, provided an impetus for members to start thinking about their volunteering role with the fly-in tasks. Dennis Price, as historian, solicited old chapter newsletters. He would like any old pack rat with old newsletters to contact him. He is going to request such from Joe Haynes. Dick Ramsey reminded the members that the newsletter is usually on the chapter web site ten days before the meeting and in color.

CHAPTER CHATTER: Not flying to a chapter meeting is like being asked to take out the trash. No fun! Driving to Meacham and anticipating a cold meeting place like last year made it "double worst." Never fear when Phil is here! The visiting and meeting took place in a warm room, and the coffee was excellent.

Terry Doyle was happy he did not have to bring the tables and chairs. I got the feeling, however, he felt a need to provide some assistance with the meeting. So, during the excellent presentation by Lee Swofford, he sat himself in a position so no one could return to the food table. Helping him was Dick Ramsey guarding, the now empty, big salad bowl. Sure happy they did not block access to the coffee. Joe Haynes just called and mentioned it had been raining too hard for Joy to drive over. The Pecan pie and salad she had ready will not rot. Joe will do his duty for us.

We lost another good antique chapter member Norm Justice. He was one of our faithful antique airplane nuts. He and his wife Mo hosted a couple chapter fly-in meetings in the not-to-distant past.

A service for him was held on 2/8/12 at his "Bird-nest" airstrip (65 xs). We flew down and were treated by his family just like when Norm was alive, like antique airplane nuts. His hangar was full of "airplane junk" and that day with family and friends attending the service.

As part of the service there was a bagpiper, all dressed up in his kilts and so forth. I got cold just looking at him in his short kilts and bare legs. His playing of "Amazing Grace" haunted me for most of the next day.

Norm died of Leukemia, which he did not know he had. A few days before his death, he was out mowing his runway and fell down. A trip to the hospital to check for broken bones led to finding a low white blood cell count, and had him being transferred to Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. He died shortly afterward.



Roberta, Jim, and Jack.

LONG TIME MEMBER GONE WEST

Norman D. Justice, 85, died Sunday, February 5, 2012 at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth following a brief illness. Norman (Norm) was born in Dallas Center and raised in Greenfield, Iowa, the son of Dick and Lucile (Scott) Justice.



Norm in his favorite colored shorts (red) and his favorite airplane a Ryan PT-22. □

Norm always had family and friends around him. He loved it and indicated such by actually building a Brick Shit House by his hangar for use by visitors. I do not know of another airstrip with a brick building like this with a shower. The container into which the family placed his ashes exemplifies his love of family and airplanes, a red gallon Marvel Mystery Oil can. Yes, an old tin MMO can – the stuff he had fed to the Kinner engine on his PT-22 for years. How's them apples? Norm is gone, but not forgotten.

One of my friends in Iowa referred to his hangar full of airplanes as the “toy box.” He had someone working for him to keep his toys in shape. Well, this old fool does his own work (play). Thus, my hangar is a “sand box.” One gets dirty in a sand box and not in a toy box. The one with the biggest toy or sand box wins. Don't ask me what.

I will no longer keep score as to who has the biggest toy or sand box. There is no question the Jack Brouse and Joe Haynes win hands down. They are players (volunteers) with the Vought retirees group, and get to play with restoring past Vought aircraft. Someone has to do the playing in the biggest toy box I've ever seen.

A number of years back, Jack was looking for some cotton aircraft fabric to cover the Vought V- 173 Flying Pancake. Jim Austin, Brent Taylor and I coughed up some cotton fabric, pinked tape, and dope, the type in a can. Lo and behold, the Austins and Pellegrenos were invited to the rollout of the Flying Pancake. No, it will not fly again even though it appears airworthy.

The pictures speak for themselves. Look at the size of the thing, and two Continental C-80 engines power it. No more information because y'all need to get Jack talking. Jack is in the wheel chair because of a broken leg from chasing his wife. She had the checkbook.

The V-173 belongs to the National Air and Space Museum (NASM), and was moved to the old Vought hangar eight years ago for restoration. Her next journey will be to the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field for display. She is scheduled to arrive at the museum in the early morning of April 16th. Early means 5:00 AM. The museum director has scheduled a pancake breakfast for those coming to see the arrival of the Flying Pancake. What a deal at half the price.

I have no idea if the pancakes breakfast will be free or cost a little. In any case, Jack's leg will be healed and he'll be able to get the checkbook and possibly pay for everyone's pancake breakfast. I hope to be there, and see y'all there. Yes, bring some money in case. CHEERS don

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One of the New DFW Terminals with ATC Tower in background.



DFW Approach Control (Dark Room)



DFW Center Tower

TXAAA CHAPTER MEMBERS VISIT FAA

BY REX LAKE

During the month of December, 2011 a group from the Texas Chapter of Antique Airplane Association visited the DFW Tracon including Approach Control. The new chapter President Phil Cook and Stan Price, the new Vice President along with six others were invited by Mr. Rob Lowe, District Manager, Metroplex ATM D10 TRACON (The Main Man) to tour the facilities which are located at Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport.

The group viewed a video presentation about the operations at DFW and were then given a guided tour of the Tower Cab and Approach Control operations. The visitors enjoyed seeing all the facets of the operation including the Training / Simulator Lab, the Tower Cab (Wow! What a view!!), and Approach Control live operations room (The Dark Room). A lady named Doris was assigned as our tour guide and she is a controller that works the Northwest Regional airport area including all the area and airports in the northwest sector of Approach Control. Doris is also a training instructor and was very informative and interesting. She answered all our questions and provided hands on interaction with live traffic and operating radar positions. Our group was given handsets to monitor controllers and aircraft communications while observing the actual traffic on the radar scopes / digital presentations. While at the "Traffic Management Controller" position the ATC Specialist on duty showed us how they integrated the weather information, traffic flow and volume of airborne aircraft into a smooth and efficient plan and pro-

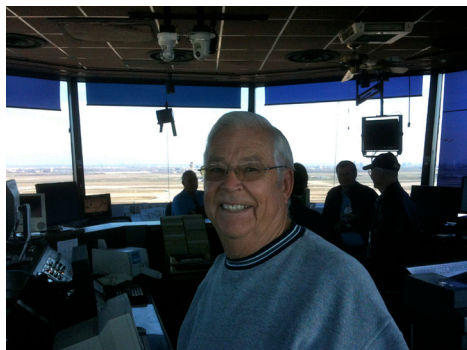
cess. It was eye-opening and truly amazing to see all the activity within the conterminous United States not to mention around the world. The TMC specialist was able to show us an active / live digital presentation of thousands of aircraft all going somewhere in flight ... sort of reminds me of a song ... all on one huge flat panel display.

Everyone in the group really enjoyed the FAM TRIP to the DFW APCH CNTRL facilities and came away with a smile on their face, a new appreciation for Approach Control, a new perspective about how GA interfaces with Approach Control and vice-versa, and a better understanding of how it all works together. Ms. Doris was asked if we (little GA guys) were a problem or a pain to them and her response was ... "Absolutely not!". She told us that all FAA control agencies are a "Service Organization" and are there to help and benefit all involved in the aviation arena. She also said that GA was a very important segment of what aviation is all about and she was proud to be part of those who help keep the skies safe and beneficial to all comers.

The TxAAA visitor group want to especially thank Mr. Rob Lowe for allowing us to visit and for making it a memorable time for all. His goal was to get direct interface between controllers and pilots for mutual benefit. □



"The Spine" so called by the Tracon folks because this road runs right down the middle of DFW from north to south.



Mr. Ed Parrot ... Tx-AAA member, with other 52F pilots in the background. (Notice the big smile)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2012 MEETING

The March meeting will be held of March 17th at Clark Field (3T6). Barb and Jerry Pockrus are hosting the meeting. The airfield is located just north of Justin, Texas. The Pot Luck lunch will be at Noon. Members are asked to bring a smile, Main Dish, Sides, and a Salad or Dessert.

FOR FLIERS: Clark Field (3T6) is about 3-5 miles north of Justin, Texas. The asphalt runway (17-35) is 2000 feet. Left hand traffic as you end your being high.

FOR DRIVERS: Take 114 west to 156 and go north through Justin, Texas about 3-5 miles. Look for Cemetery Road and turn west to the airport. Or, off I35W go west on 407 to the red light just over the railroad track in Justin. Turn right, north on 156. Look for Cemetery Road (3-5) and go west. To bad you didn't fly. Stop in Justin and buy your wife a pair of boots.

Schedule of Monthly Meetings: 2012:

Jan 28: "The Beacon Café" Hicks Field (T67)

Feb 18: Meacham Field, Fort Worth TX. (FTW) (Vintage Flying Museum)

Mar 17: Clark Airport, Justin, TX. (3T6) (Pockrus)

Apr 21: New Fairview Airport, Rhome, TX. (7TS0) (Robbins)

May 19: New Fairview Airport, Rhome, TX. (7TS0) (Pellegreno)

Jun 16: Cedar Mills Airport, Gordonville, TX. (3T0)

Jul 21: Northwest Regional Roanoke TX. (52F) (Terry Wallace)

Aug 18: Northwest Regional Roanoke TX. (52F) (Terry Wallace)

Sep 15: Tailwheel Acres, Valley View, TX. (1XA6) (Jones)

Oct 12 & 13: Gainesville Municipal, Gainesville, Texas.

Annual Fly-In (GLE) (Tomlinson) (unconfirmed)

Nov 17: Propwash Airport, Justin, TX. (16X) (Nunns)

Dec 15: Gainesville Municipal, Gainesville, Texas. Annual Christmas Party (GLE) (Tomlinson) (unconfirmed)

Fly-Ins of Interest 2012:

Mar 2 & 3: Arizona Chapter AAA Annual Fly-In, Casa Grande, AZ

Jun 1 & 2: Oklahoma Chapter AAA Fly-In, Pauls Valley, OK.

Aug 29-Sep 3: National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA.

Oct 12 & 13: 50th "Fall Festival of Flight" TXAAA Annual Fly-In, Gainesville, TX.

Oct 26-28: Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX.

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FOR SALE - 1950 Bellanca Cruisemaster 14-19. 190 Lyc., 80 hrs.. SMOH. 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- 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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NOTE: Membership expires on the date next to your name on the mailing label of your Newsletter.

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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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