

# TEXASAAA



TEXAS CHAPTER • ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION • NEWSLETTER • MAY 2012

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you didn't come to the meeting 4/21 at the Robbin's hangar on Fairview Airport, you missed a treat !

We had great food and fellowship and Ken and Linda were gracious hosts as always. We had a few old members show up which was a special treat. The weather couldn't have been better for a meeting. Fairview was freshly fertilized and mowed and was as smooth and green as you can imagine. Darrell Irby updated us on plans for the October Fly-in. He still needs a few volunteers. Please call him if you can lend a hand at 817-379-1728. Our next meeting will also be at Fairview in Don and Ann Pellegreno's hangar.

Please come and bring that special dish or dessert.

Phil



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## **Fall Festival of Flight Texas Chapter Antique Airplane Association Members,**

As we plan our 50th anniversary Fly-in we are discovering the realities of the aviation business as it pertains to fly-ins of all types. Most fly-ins in the past few years have experienced decreasing attendance, reduced vendor participation, and fewer aircraft on the flight line. The difficulty is that the fixed costs are going up while revenue income is decreasing. Insurance costs are expected to again go up this year due to several aviation mishaps at various functions last year. Our 2011 fly-in was managed properly and still produced a loss of \$1453.16. This year's costs will be greater than last years.

We have a plan.

We recently met with the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, the Airport manager, and a primary aviation manufacturer in the Gainesville area. Our hopes were to find some sponsorship moneys. We came away with the conclusion that most businesses are up to their ears with local organizations needing money and for a "Private" organization, such as ourselves, moneys were not available for sponsorship purposes. Basically we have very little to give back to them.

This idea then came to us. "Who would most likely benefit from our fly-in and who would most likely be willing to help sponsor this great activity?"

The answer, "Our own people."

We are now asking our "Own members" to step forward and help with some financial sponsorship. The insurance costs alone for this year's event will probably be near \$1800.00.

Our hopes are that you, your business, or your buddies will individually or collectively donate some financial support and become our sponsors. In return we will insure that you receive proper recognition at the fly-in unless you desire to remain anonymous. We will be designing a sponsorship recognition board with the theme "50 Dollars for 50 Years" with a multiple sticker system to indicate your level of participation. Our thoughts are that even if you do not want to donate \$50.00 you can find a few buddies to collectively come up with a \$50.00 contribution in the name of your

group, ie. "The Bird Dog Dogs" or "The Old Airplane Lovers", or whatever.

You can also give your donation as an "In Honor of your favorite person." It would be great to have some Honorary donations to some of our Gone West members who enjoyed our fly-ins in the past.

Please help us with a contribution and let us know how you would like to have the card made out that will show on the appreciation board. Possible thoughts are:

Your individual name

Your company name

Your group name

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Be creative and put whatever you like.

Contributions can be mailed to:

Phil Cook

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Flower Mound, Tx. 75028

or

Stan Price

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Grapevine, Texas 76051

Thanks.

Phil Cook, President - Texas Chapter Antique Airplane Association

Stan Price, Vice President



## SECRETARY REPORT:

Guests were identified at both the beginning and end of the meeting, some arrived late and there was still some good food for them. Two marriage anniversaries this month: Dianne and Jack Parker, and Mary and Doug Sockwell. Joetta's Treasurer's report showed income was \$300 and outflow was \$100 for the yearly chapter meeting insurance, and the chapter's newsletter monthly cost of \$287.56. About a \$1.00 per member per issue. Motions were passed approving the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports.

Stan Price spoke about the monthly newsletter cost and once again pushed for members to receive such via e-mail. He anticipates action on this issue in the near future. Stan also talked about fly-in sponsors. Not just soliciting business sponsors, but also member sponsors. He reported that the Board of Directors is not in favor of raising the registration fee of \$5.00.

Darrel Irby has all the fly-in positions filled except for the areas of Vendors and Trash.



## CHAPTER CHATTER

Stan Price will place his autograph in your latest AOPA magazine by his picture on page 79. This will increase the future value of the magazine tenfold, and could lead to choice anxiety. What to do? Save it for your kids? Sell it on e-bay? Coupling this photo shoot with his frequent formation flying with the Van's RV group, may have the Swift group talking about treason. When visiting with the RV group, they talk about being nice to the old guy with an old airplane. By the way, the last time I looked in Stan's hangar, there were more old cars than airplanes. Perhaps, the antique airplane group should also talk about treason.

Just in case some of our members have forgotten, or don't know, the antiqueairfield.com is a wonderful web site. I have it as a bookmark, and have it set-up to notify me when something new is posted. At least once or twice a week something new is posted and I'm notified. A quick click on antiqueairfield.com and up comes some soul mate information. What wonderful information about fellow airplanenutz across the country. It is just another thing to help me enjoy another day in paradise.

Speaking of paradise, living on a residential airstrip produces somewhat the same effect. The first order for the day is walking to the hangar and starting to work (play) on one of my airplanes. Weather permitting, a door downwind is opened, and a chair is strategically placed in the sun as I view the runway and the world with a cup of coffee. When I did this in Iowa, it was to watch the corn grow (summer only). In Texas, I have more variety: watch the grass grow, contemplate my navel, or enjoy a visit by a neighbor's dog. Hey, I don't have to pay the vet bills. Just keep dog bones and have water available. One of the older guys on the airstrip, Louis Mitchell doesn't just talk about another day in paradise. He mentions bonus days. How's them apples!

Our chapter chief merchandize pusher, Ken Robbins, is about to order some more stuff. He is open to suggestions. Buy a T-shirt from last year's fly-in, and you get to give two suggestions. Talking to him about his pusher role has both of us really appreciating the job Shirley Swindle did for a long time with this task. There still are a few fly-in T-shirts for sell. Be big hearted and buy one for an in-law. Don't go cheap! Buy two for \$10.

Gossip time! Those of us watching the two-story job land (Stearman) gave Bill Hertel a "10." It has been said that his wife has a long list of "honey dos" now that he has retired from flying for Fed Ex. Not to be out done Charlie and Susie Webb were also blessed

with a "10" landing in their J-3. It wasn't until Charlie mentioned his name that I put two and two together. Charlie has a polished Cessna C-195 that is a real award winner. Charlie was a member way back when, and has just rejoined the chapter. Charlie and Stan Price are polishing wizards or should one say nuts! I did not see Tom Wood land in the Culver Cadet, but I will watch his landing next month in his Midget Mustang. I got that envy feeling.

Enjoy the day, spending time with a friend or airplane. I do it every day and do not feel over worked as an old guy. CHEERS don



## THE LONGEST FLIGHT IN HISTORY... IN A CESSNA-172

By Barry Meek

Last summer on a contract job, I flew an average of about five hours a day. There were stretches lasting several days when I'd be aloft for over ten hours, landing just once for fuel. If the weather was bad, there would be a break, or a short flight of two or three hours. Most pilots do what they do because they love the work. But after a few days of non-stop ten-hour flights, it gets a bit gruelling. The noise, heat, vibration, mental and physical fatigue can be really tough on the mind and body.

If you think that's difficult, imagine spending over two months in a Cessna 172, flying twenty four hours a day, without even landing for fuel. That's exactly what two pilots did back in 1958 in the California and Nevada desert. Bob Timm and John Cook set a world endurance record, remaining airborne for just under 65 days. It was a publicity flight, sponsored by the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas.

Timm worked at the Hacienda, and he had the passion for flying, along with a dream of setting a world record by staying airborne for longer than any other pilot in history. He convinced his boss to sponsor the flight, reasoning it would bring a lot of publicity to the hotel.

John Cook, Bob Timm, actor Preston Foster & Hacienda owner Doc Bayley.



## Texas AAA Chapter Member David Crowell

Texas Chapter member David Crowell, Jim Dougherty's Step Father, previously of Hillister, Texas passed away on Tuesday 5-1-2012 after a lengthy illness. Interment will be in the DFW National Cemetery at a later date.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAY 2012 MEETING

The May 19th meeting will be held at Fairview Airport (7ts0). Don and Ann Pellagreno will be our hosts. The Noon lunch will be Potluck. So, you are asked to bring a Main Dish, and a Salad or dessert to share. A smile and a few kind words are always welcome

**FOR FLYERS:** Fairview Airport (7ts0) is about three miles NE of Rhome, and four miles W of Propwash Airport. The 17/35 runway is 2500 feet and a nice GREEN turf. Do not lock a brake when you turn.

**For Drivers:** From I-35W go west on 407 to the red light just over the railroad tracks. Take a left and go south to the next red light. Take a right and go west about eight miles as you enjoy the many curves. There is a Dillavou Ln. sign on the right side of the road. Take a left to the Robbin's place. If you did not buy Justin boots for the wife, try the idea of a western shirt.

## Schedule of Monthly Meetings: 2012:

**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:

**May 4-5:** 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.



# AIRSHOW<sup>NO. 5</sup>

## MAY 25-26, 2012

# RANGER AIRFIELD

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FLY-IN & AIRSHOW



- **FRI:** Hamburgers (\$5) 5:30 P.M.  
Evening Airshow **7:00** P.M. (Airfield closed 6:50-7:30)
- **SAT:** Breakfast (\$5) 7:00-8:30 A.M.  
Lunch served to pilots/passengers 11:30 A.M. (Donation)  
Airshow **1:00** P.M. (Airfield closed 12:50-2:00)
- **SUN: DAWN PATROL ~ 0700**

**Visit:** [www.rangerairfield.org](http://www.rangerairfield.org) Identifier: F23 Elevation: 1470 ft.

CTAF: 122.9 Rwy **01/19:** 3415 x 75 ft. Turf, In Good Condition



# CLASSIFIED

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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

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FOR LEASE: 3 miles from Bird's Nest Airport/ Austin Executive Airport off F M 973: 2.11 acres with large workshop (25'x65'), an d 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.

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

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FOR SALE : Garmin GPS-296 It comes with many accessories and is in excellent condition and with original box included. Sale price \$550.00 plus shipping (if applicable). Contact Rex Lake. Phone # 817-431-4229

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## Fall Festival of Flight Fly Mart 2012

This year we are again holding the fly mart at our October fly in and now is a good time to start collecting parts to make money for the chapter. Put a box by your hangar door and bring everything to Gainesville in October. The fly mart helps defray the cost of the fly in and puts cash in your pockets.

Terry

## 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.**

**Please send dues and address changes to:**  
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**The Texas Chapter supports and encourages membership in the National Antique Airplane Association.**

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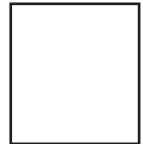
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