

# TEXASAAA



TEXAS CHAPTER • ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION • NEWSLETTER • SEPTEMBER 2013

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Saturday's meeting was held at Jim Austin's hangar at Northwest Regional Airport, and we had a great turnout for the Breakfast meeting with forty one members and guests signing in. Thanks to Jim for opening up his hangar and to Terry Wallace for getting up early and cooking for all of us. Remember the 51st annual Fly-in is coming up quickly and Darrell Irby is doing an amazing job of getting the Fly-in organized but could use more volunteers. Check with him and see what you can do to help. Also the EAA Chapter 34 in Grand Prairie is having a Young Eagles Rally and needs pilots and airplanes to fly kids on September 14. The Young Eagles Program is an excellent way to expose young people to flying and we need to get more kids interested in flying. If you can help out, contact Michelle Daniel at 817-718-6995 or email her at [mpdaniel@prodigy.net](mailto:mpdaniel@prodigy.net). I have one more sales pitch to make and that is for the book "Hidden Warbirds: The Epic Stories of Finding, Recovering, and Rebuilding WWII's Lost Aircraft". The publisher sent us a free copy and it was won by Phil Cook at the July Meeting. I had a chance to briefly look at it and it looks like an interesting read. They are giving us a 40% discount if anyone is interested and that would be around \$18.00 for our members. Contact me at 817-791-6602 and I can give you the details. Fly safe.

Gary





# AMERICAN EAGLET TO POLAR GROVE AIRPORT MUSEUM.

My American Eaglet NC548Y, model 230, is no longer in the family. It all started in 1975 when I bought it from Earnie Siler in Marshfield, Mo.

My son Ken and I flew it home, Hampshire, Il in 6 legs with my old A model Bonanza. I had previously flown another Eaglet which also had a tail skid and no brakes. This was to be Ken's first experience at same, and he handled it like a pro, and believe me that is another world. Supposedly the last leg, from Princeton, Il, Ken flying. After I propped him I noticed that the valve clearance in the top cylinder was quite wide, but I thought nothing of it.

The engine, 3 cylinder, 35 HP had a small steel cap on each valve stem, one of which, managed to come out enroute. Self ended, don't you see? I went on home in the Bonanza, and after a long wait, received a call from Ken down at DeKalb, in darkness. He had lost one of those caps and had his first forced landing near some little town. He was able to get some help and put a 5/16 nut in place of the cap and took off. He reported the landing at DeKalb as "very colorful" with the fire from each short exhaust stack and the sparks from the tail skid.

The next morning I went to DeKalb to fly the last leg home. My son, a new A&P mechanic adjusted the valves and I took off, only to barely get out of the traffic pattern and ole Zeke lost power, it would not fly on 2 cylinders.

That was my first forced landing in 32 years of flying. Come to find out number one son had not tightened the lock nuts on the rocker arms. This time we just tightened the valve adjustment down on the valve stem like most engines are anyway. Ken then flew it out of the bean field I had landed in.

I complete restoration followed and we won Reserve Grand Champion at OSH in 1976. Many trophies followed and many flying hours ensued.

It flew to OSH twice from Texas.

I have been very fortunate in picking forced landing spots. My favorite one was with my 8 year old grandson returning from Jack Winthrop's place. Out of the blue, number 2 cylinder blew off breaking the cable that was suppose to secure them in place. The landing site was most important because we were Southwest bound along Rt 121 right at Coit Rd. a four lane divided road running south of us. Not much traffic so I picked the lane with the least traffic and landed, just like any other landing. The first car that stopped had a cel phone so I called Jack Winthrop for help. The he and Nancy drove down to us and took us home. The next day with Jack's trailer we brought it home.

Several forced landings followed throughout our years together and luckily there were no injuries.

So July 2013 I decided that I was getting too old for all that excitement, and donated it to the Polar Grove Airport museum in Illinois. Steve Thomas, the airport owner, trailered it to it's new home and I was on hand to reassemble it. I was given a very nice reception party and everyone is happy.

**Gene Morris** □



# FLY IN 2013

**When:** *October 11th & 12th, 2013*  
**Where:** *Gainesville Municipal Airport*  
*2300 Airport Dr*  
*Gainesville, Tx 76240*

The "Fall Festival of Flight" is upon us again. We are gearing up for the 51st Antique Airplane Association Texas Chapter Fly In. The Fly In will be held at the Gainesville Municipal Airport (GLE) again this year October 11th and 12th, 2013. Bill Morrow, owner of Tomlinson Avionics is kind enough to support our Fly In allowing us the use his hangar and ramp space. The Fly-In will include airplanes, activities, and lots of like-minded attendees.

You will experience a treasure trove of antique and classic aircraft for your viewing pleasure. Aircraft enthusiasts are treated to a unique opportunity to view aircraft up close; or as I prefer to see them in their natural element during takeoff, landing, and when some owners perform fly-bys. All aircraft are welcomed and encouraged to attend. However, recent Fly-Ins included excellent examples of early civilian Stinsons, Luscombes, Cubs, and many more. Airline and military aircraft have included the Douglas DC-3, Beach B-18, Antonov AN-2, and Grumman Widgeon. There is no telling what you may see. Aircraft owners can register their aircraft for judging. This is an excellent opportunity to gain recognition for months or years of hard work restoring your aircraft.

The Texas Chapter Antique Airplane Association, Inc. (TxAAA) in cooperation with the City of Gainesville, Texas, is one of the season's premier aviation events with emphasis placed on the aircraft of yesteryear. There will be lots of antique airplanes and other planes to watch and look at, as well as antique cars, various vendors, some great food, a Fly-Mart, and music provided by the Nunns. Make sure you bring items to sell or cash to purchase at the Fly-Mart. The city of Gainesville will



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

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host the annual Depot Days for the weekend. The Depot Days event will include entertainment, a car show, and a host of other activities.

Find out more about the 2013 Annual Fly-In and Depot Days online at [www.texasantiqueairplane.org](http://www.texasantiqueairplane.org)  
<http://www.depotdaygainesville.com/#!>

**SEE YOU THERE!**



# CHAPTER CHOICE AWARD

## Antique Airfield

**Blakesburg, Iowa: August 31, 2013.**

Thirty members of the Texas Chapter of the AAA celebrated the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee of the Antique Airplane Association at its annual fly-in. This year also marked the 75th anniversary of Don Luscombe's vision of the first commercially successful all-metal personal plane, and the featured aircraft was his Luscombe Model 8. Officially, there were 412 total aeroplanes in attendance, including seventy representative Luscombe aircraft ranging from original pre-war examples to highly modified aircraft (radial engine powered, high-horsepower, and clipped-wing Luscombes were displayed and flown). Also attending were Monocoupes, which were also a product of lowan Don Luscombe's fertile mind and marketing ability.

Texas Chapter members presented nominees for the Chapter Choice award as Terry Wallace counted votes and went through the process of elimination to determine the successful candidate.

This year's Chapter Choice award went to Ms. Sharon Tinkler of Tullahoma, Tennessee for her Luscombe Model 8F with the Larson 150 HP engine conversion. The plaque was presented to Ms. Tinkler at the Sunday awards ceremony.

This Luscombe, NC1594B, is a very special airplane. Owned by Captain Bill Tinkler (retired, UAL) and his wife Sharon, "Captain Bill" as he was known by his great many friends, flew this aircraft with his first wife on a commemorative flight of the original 1924 "through" air mail service from New Jersey to San Francisco in 1984. The purpose of the flight was to highlight the Postal Service's role in establishing the airway beacon and marker system that first enabled coast-to-coast cross country flying. Captain Bill was sworn in as an official air mail pilot by the United States Postal Service and followed the original route, landing at all 17 original stops exactly as it was flown in the day. He delivered celebratory postmarked mail at each of the original stops along the way to the great enthusiasm of the Post Office employees, and the people of the towns along the route. We lost Captain Bill in October of last



year and he is dearly missed by his friends and family. Sharon Tinkler is the sole keeper of NC1594B now, and it was a very special "Blakesburg" for her to bring the airplane back to the annual gathering of so many of her friends at Antique Airfield.

Howard Hollinger



# BLAKESBURG 2013 FLY-IN

WOW! this year's National Antique Airplane Association Fly-in was Spectacular.

There were about 30 Texas Chapter members that made the pilgrimage to the annual National AAA fly-in this year and the trip was well worth it. We took the Texas heat with us and added the Iowa humidity and felt right at home during the weekend, but Saturday night/Sunday morning a front came through and cooled things off with a little rain. By noon it was nice for the return trip south.

By Saturday there were over 400 aircraft in attendance, approximately 60 of which were Luscombe's because this year's theme was that aircraft and our chapter choice award went to Bill and Sharon Tinkler's well traveled Luscombe NC1594B. (see Howard Hollinger's report on the chapter choice award in this issue).

Our members enjoyed Lone Star Beer and Wisconsin Brats in front of the APM library supplied by Harold Stieber and Bob Jolley. Great fun for all, thanks to Bob and Harold. They plan to make this an annual event at the fly-in and that alone is reason enough to make plans to attend next year's event.

As Texas Area director for the National Antique Airplane Association I urge you all to join and help keep the antiques flying. The work done by the Taylors and all their volunteers helps to preserve and promote antique airplanes and aviation history.

*Texas Area Director AAA  
Terry Wallace*









# TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES REPORT

## Minutes of the general Meeting held: Aug 17, 2013

The August general meeting was held in Jim Austin's Hangar at Northwest regional airport.

The meeting was called to order by president Gary Sublette at 10 AM. There were a total of 43 Members and guests in attendance and the list is in the chapter records.

### AGENDA:

**Announcements:** The September Meeting will be held at Noon Sep 21, 2013 at Bowie Municipal Airport, Bowie, Texas (0F2). Mark and Sharon Breeding will be our hosts and the Noon Lunch meeting will be held in their hangar.

**Treasurer's Report:** The July 2013 Treasurer's report was entered into the minutes by Joetta Reetz.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from the July meeting were published in the August 2013 newsletter. They were approved at the meeting by majority vote.

**Old business:** no old business

**New Business:** Richard Ramsey was given an award for his work as the web coordinator and help to the chapter through the years.

**Program:** Door prizes were awarded.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting ended at 12:35 AM

Submitted by Terry Wallace  
Texas Chapter AAA

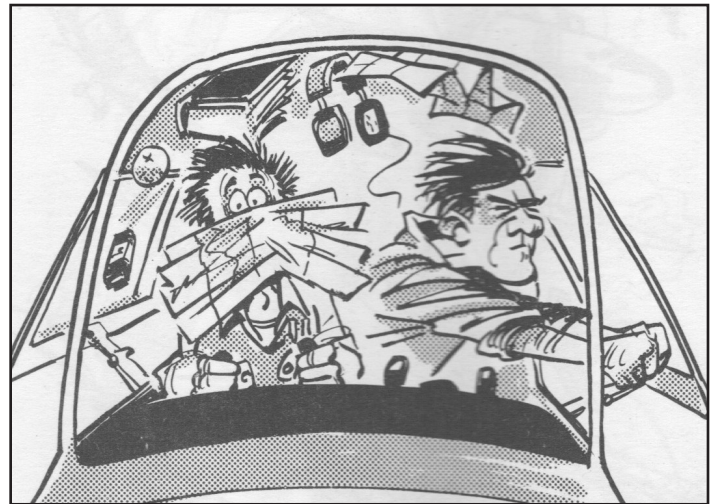


## FELLOW MEMBERS

Just a word of thanks for the recognition I received at the August Meeting. You caught me totally by surprise. I certainly did appreciate the kind words. I'm sure that there are others who have worked just as hard for the Chapter and could be just as deserving. Having sold my Luscombe on Friday the 16th, just before the meeting, the wonderful framed pictures I received will be excellent memories of the plane which I truly enjoyed. It was time however, to let it go on to someone who will fly it more often than I had been able to. Planes like that are meant to be flown, not be fixtures in hangars.

To those of you that had a hand in the plaque and framed photos, thank you again.

Dick Ramsey



**HYPERVENTILATION** -- Having both windows open at cruise speed.

## TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION Membership Application - Renewal Form

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(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: Treasurer, Texas Antique Airplane Association, 5209 Glen Canyon Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76137

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**AVIATION'S ENDURING CLASSICS** - a new photo book by Texas Chapter member Dan Linn. I have been taking photographs of airplanes as long as I can remember. Now I am excited to share my photographs through books that people can enjoy with friends and family. My first work features vintage aircraft from the 1940's and 1950's. These photographs were taken at various events on my travels to Florida, Iowa, Wisconsin and Texas, producing shining examples of the memorable airplanes that aviation enthusiasts love. My hope is that enthusiasts, pilots and their families will have stories to tell of one or more of the airplanes in this book. I invite you to purchase a copy, sit down with family and friends and tell your own personal stories about Aviation's Enduring Classics.

To preview the book and purchase a copy of Aviation's Enduring Classics go to [www.dtlinn.com](http://www.dtlinn.com) - click on the book cover to go to the bookstore.

Texas Chapter members will recognize many of the aircraft featured in the book! Dan Linn 2/13

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**T HANGER FOR RENT** at Clark Airport, Justin, TX. \$75.00 per month. Contact Al Hilton 972-741-4520 I'm cleaning out my hangar and have a few items to place in the for sale section of our AAA news letter.

**FOR SALE:** 1947 Luscombe 8E 750TT O SMOH C-85-12F 4 owners since new, polished needs reassembly, all logs from new, NDH \$15K Wright W-760-8 engine O SMOH 235hp \$17.5K Ham-Std ground adjustable props & Curtis-Reed make offer Cowlings, Stearman seats and engine mounts..... cheap 30X5 wheels and tires, old instruments & radios for displays 40 year collection call Reb Stimson 817-343-7556 av8reb@aol.com

## TRANSITION YEAR TO OCTOBER DUES PAYMENTS

The Changeover to paying dues in October and the prororation of dues was the result of Board approval and vote by Chapter Members.

The change from paying dues in any month, to all dues being payable in October each year, may cause some confusion during the transition year. This chart may help you decide what is due for your current expiration month or anyone joining during the year. These payments will carry your membership thru Sep 30, 2013. Adding \$25.00 to any of these will carry you thru Sep 30 2014. If you are in doubt about your expiration month or amount of your dues, call Terry Wallace at 817-706-3173 before sending in your membership/ renewal form and check.

Month paid	Good till Sep30 2013	Good till Sep 30 2014
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Sep 2013	\$2.00	\$27.00
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## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Effective with the January 2013 Newsletter, Texas Chapter Newsletters will be sent to members as an email attachment. This will take the place of paper copies previously sent by US Mail. You may also obtain the Newsletter from our chapter website at [www.txaa.org](http://www.txaa.org). It is very important that if you change your email address, you must notify us of the change.

For those members who desire to continue to receive the Newsletter by US Mail, you must notify Terry Wallace at (817) 706-3173.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER MEETING 2013

The September Meeting will be September 21, 2013 The September Meeting will be held at Noon September 21, 2013 at Bowie Municipal Airport, Bowie, Texas (0F2). Mark and Sharon Breeding will be our hosts and the Noon Lunch meeting will be held in their hangar. Lunch will be potluck. Please bring a main dish, sides, and a salad or dessert.

### For Flyers:

FAA Identifier: 0F2  
Lat/Long: 33-36-06.0000N / 097-46-32.0000W  
33-36.100000N / 097-46.533333W  
33.6016667 / -97.7755556  
(estimated)  
Elevation: 1100.5 ft. / 335.4 m (surveyed)  
Variation: 07E (1990)  
From city: 4 miles NE of BOWIE, TX  
Dimensions: 3603 x 60 ft. / 1098 x 18 m  
Surface: asphalt, in good condition

### For Drivers:

Take US 81/287 North through Decatur to Bowie, TX and turn right (northeast) on US 59 to airport.

### Remaining Monthly Meetings: 2013:

**October 11 -13:** Gainesville Municipal, Gainesville, Texas. Annual Fly-In (GLE)

**November 16:** Propwash Airport, Justin, TX. (16X)

**December 21:** Gainesville Municipal, Gainesville, Texas. Annual Christmas Party (GLE)

### Fly-Ins of Interest 2013:

**September 21:** Tulsa Fly-In, Bartlesville, OK.

**October 11-13:** "Fall Festival of Flight" TXAAA Annual Fly-In, Gainesville, TX.

**October 25-27:** Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX. □

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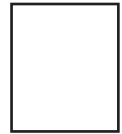
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## MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

**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](http://www.texasantiqueairplane.org) or [www.txaaa.org](http://www.txaaa.org) for details and a printable Application Form. New Members Dues are PRO RATED, contact an Officer for correct amount.

***NOTE: Membership expires on September 30 each year. Send dues and address changes to TXAAA Treasurer, 5209 Glen Canyon Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76137.***

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](http://www.antiqueairfield.com) or Email [antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com](mailto:antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com) or you may write:  
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