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TEXAS CHAPTER • ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION • NEWSLETTER • MARCH 2014

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February's meeting was at the Vintage Flight Museum at the Meachum Airport, and the weather could not have been better. We had forty members and guests for the pot luck lunch and to listen to a very special guest speaker, Fiske Hanley II. Mr. Hanley was a flight engineer on a B-29 during World War II and was shot down while dropping mines in the Shimonoseki Straits off the coast of Japan. Out of a crew of ten, only Mr. Hanley and the copilot survived bailing out of the plane. Mr. Hanley and the copilot were not considered prisoners of war but as war criminals and treated with starvation and brutality. If you missed the meeting, you missed an opportunity of a lifetime to hear history from a person who lived and survived that part of history. Thank you Mr. Hanley for sharing that time of your life with us.

Our next meeting will be March 15th at Al Hilton's hangar at Clark field and will be a pot luck lunch, so bring your favorite food. It is always a treat to sample all the great foods that show up at our luncheons. If you know anyone who has an interesting story to tell, let one of the officers know so we can get them on the schedule. We really enjoy listening to guest speakers that bring new perspectives to our past. Start planning now to be at our next meeting, see you then.

Gary





CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

MARCH MEETING: March 15th, 2014 on Clark Airport TX (3T6) just north of Justin, TX.

We are invited to Al Hiltons' hanger for our Meeting and Lunch at Noon. The lunch will be pot luck. Members are asked to bring a Main Dish and a Salad or Dessert to share. Got spare junk in your hangar, bring it as a door prize.

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 1/2mile west to the Airport. Turn South (left) on Clark Airfield Road and follow it to the (second hangar) on left. Just past Jerry Pockrus's hanger.

Remaining Monthly Meetings: 2014:

April 19th, Noon: Texas Regional Airport in Sherman. Hangar TBA

May 17th, Noon: Fairview Airfield, Rhome, TX. Don and Ann Pellegreno's hangar.

June 14th, 10:00 AM brunch: Kezer Airfield, Springtown, TX. Jack and Sharon Weiland's hangar. (This meeting is the second week rather the 3rd because of Father's day on the 21st).

July 19th, Noon: Cedar Mills Airstrip, Lake Texoma, Ok. Pelican's Landing Restaurant.

August 16th, 9:00 AM: Brunch: Northwest Regional Airport, Roanoke, TX. Jim and Betty Austin's hangar. Terry Wallace hosting and flipping pancakes and sausage.

September 20th, Noon: Bowie Municipal Airport, Bowie, TX. Mark & Megan's Hangar.

October 10th and 11th, Noon: AAA annual fly-in: Gainesville municipal airport. Gainesville, TX. (tentative location).

November 15th, Noon: Propwash Airfield, Justin, TX. Maybeth and Randy's hangar.

December 20th, Noon: Location TBA

Fly-Ins of Interest 2014:

August 27-August 31: National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA.

October 10-11: "Fall Festival of Flight" TXAAA Annual Fly-In, Gainesville, TX.

October 24-26: Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX.



GONE WEST

My dad Jim Calcote past away March 21, 2013. Dad loved coming to the TXAAA annual fly-in, and was awarded the oldest pilot in 2008. His Stinson 108 A won an award several years ago. I got to take Dad once in the 1957 182 Cessna, and again met him there when he flew his ERCOUCPE . He loved restoring Antique Aircraft. He had restored a 1943 L-2, 1947 Stinson 108 A , 1946 ERCOUCPE , and 1957 Cessna 182. At his memorial, one of the most interesting things said about Dad, was when asked if he had this type of part or tool, Dad would say no, but let's build one! Miss him as my A&P, Mentor, Best Friend and Dad.

Love your son jc. □

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2013 GAINESVILLE FLY IN YOUNGEST PILOT AWARD YOUNGEST PILOT :

BRANDON AYERS, FLYING A 1942 PT-17 STEARMAN, N63707

Brandon Ayers may have been the Youngest Pilot registered at the Fly In, but he comes from a long line of aviators. Aviation is in the Ayers bloodline starting with Great Uncle Jim whom flew Air Mail across the United States in the 1920's and 1930's to Brandon and his brother, Captain Robert Ayers, who is currently an Instructor Pilot in the United States Air Force.



Brandon started his journey in 1986 from Buffalo Springs, Texas. His next stop was the Midway High School which launched him to Midwestern State University where he graduated with a degree in General Business. The third leg of his trip brought him to Gainesville, Texas, where he received his flight instructor, FI, and flight instrument instructor, FII certifications. He was ready to propel flight students into the love of flying above the clouds.

He has been flying for 10 years and has accumulated over 1,400 hours flying single-engine; high performance, complex aircraft; twin engine aircraft; tail draggers; and biplanes. He is not only a ground instructor (advanced and instrument) and flight instructor (single engine and instrument). Brandon also holds commercial pilot ratings (single- and multi-engine and instrument airplanes).

Life is defined by the moments which take your breath away! Flying was a challenge to Brandon. His most memorable flying moments include flying with his brother and watching a student becoming enthralled with take offs and landings. He shares with students the adrenaline rush of breaking the bindings that holds us on earth and feeling the peace of being one with the sky. An interesting assignment was flying Monty Cook on 820 AM from 6 am to 9 am for traffic and news reports.

Since January 2011, Brandon is the Chief Flight Instructor at Ayers Aviation based at Gainesville Municipal Airport. More about Brandon and Ayers Aviation can be found at website: ayersaviation.com. You can catch sight of Brandon flying around Gainesville in a Stearman PT-17.

Blue Skies Ahead!
Joetta.



TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Meeting held: Feb 15, 2014

The General Meeting was held at Meacham Airport in the Vintage Flying Museum and was called to order at 12Noon by President Gary Sublette. There were 42 members in attendance. Our hostess, Chuckie Hospers thanked us for coming and expressed her desire that we come again.

The attendance list is in the Chapter Records.

AGENDA:

Announcements: It was announced that the next meeting would be held at Al Hilton's hangar on Clark Airport, Justin, TX (3T6) on March 15th at Noon.

Treasurer's Report: The Jan Treasurer's Reports was presented by Terry Wallace and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were not published in the February 2014 Newsletter and as such they were not presented or voted on at this meeting. Members may request a copy of those minutes by email to Terry Wallace, sorry for the oversight.

Old Business: There was no "Old Business"

New Business: There was no "New Business"

Program: Presented by Fiske Hanley who was shot down in a B-29 over Japan and was held as an American war criminal until the war ended.

Door Prizes were drawn.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting ended at 2:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Wallace
Secretary
Texas Chapter AAA.

FOR ANY PILOT TYPES

Stearman's are symbols of a time when things were different in America . They remind us of a time when Americans believed in hard work, personal responsibility, and honor. A time when Americans were self-reliant, paid their debts, and were embarrassed to accept welfare or file bankruptcy. A time when Americans believed that hard work and education, not government handouts, were how you achieved the American Dream.

After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, millions of Americans answered the country's call. They came from big cities, small towns and farms. Some were in college; others hadn't finished high school. Some were from old families; others were recent immigrants. They had many differences, but all understood they were Americans and that being an American was special.

The Stearman model 75 is the most recognized biplane ever built. It was designed by the legendary Lloyd Stearman and manufactured at Boeing's plant in Wichita , Kansas . During World War II, it was the primary trainer for thousands of Navy and Army Air Corps pilots. Between 1937 and 1945, Boeing manufactured more than 8,500 Stearman's plus sufficient spare parts to build another 2,000.

Capable of withstanding 12 positive and 6 negative "G's," Stearman's were wonderful training airplanes. They easily withstood the spins, loops, and botched landings of flight training. The steel tube fuselage protected many cadets from serious injury during crashes that occurred daily.

Navy Stearman's were nicknamed "Yellow Peril" because of their yellow paint and the challenging landing characteristics that prepared student aviators for the SNJ advanced trainer and powerful fighters like the Hellcat and the gull-wing Corsair. During World War II more than 61,000 naval aviators began flight training in Stearman's.

After the war Stearman's were sold as surplus. Virtually all were converted to "crop dusters." Although many crop dusters were destroyed in crashes, the sale of Stearman's to the civilian market saved thousands from the scrap yard.

Modern aerial application aircraft had replaced most Stearman crop dusters by the late 1960's. Worn out Stearman's gathered dust in barns and hangars until the 1980's saw a resurgence of interest as aviation enthusiasts recognized their historic importance, reasonable operating costs, and how much fun they are to fly. Thanks to their simple construction and an abundant supply of spare parts, many have been restored to "better than new" condition.

Stearman owners understand they are custodians of historic artifacts and have a responsibility to help fellow Americans understand the role Stearman's played during World War II. Flying a Stearman is fun, but the greatest enjoyment is putting a World War II pilot back in the cockpit. Many of these veterans have not touched an airplane's controls since 1945, but quickly demonstrate they have not lost the skills that helped them survive the war. Unfortunately, most are now in their late 80's or early 90's and will soon all be gone.

This video and most of the still photographs were recorded over the white sands of beautiful Pensacola Beach , Florida . Long known as the "Cradle of Naval Aviation" and home of the Navy's legendary flight demonstration team, The Blue Angels, Naval Air Station Pensacola is also the home of the National Naval Aviation Museum, which many believe is the world's finest military aviation museum.

The three Stearman's are based in Pensacola . Army Air Corps airplane, number 42, is owned and flown by Phil Webb, an active duty Navy Lieutenant Commander assigned to Schools Command at NAS Pensacola. Navy airplane, number 358, is owned and flown by former Naval Aviator Jerry Hedrick, a pilot for UPS. Navy airplane, number 708, is owned and flown by Pensacola attorney Roy Kinsey.

<http://vimeo.com/84327779>



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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER NOTICE

TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION

All memberships expire at the end of September each year.

Complete the Membership Application – Renewal Form below and mail it along with your dues to the address on the form. Please be legible. Future delivery of Newsletters, Emergency Calls and/or Important Chapter Email Notices is determined by our ability to maintain our Roster accurately.

We do not want to lose you as a member, so please renew promptly.



CLASSIFIED

FOR RENT: T-HANGARS available at Bird Dog Airfield (TE58). One left. Water, electricity and fully enclosed. Contact Scott Sackett (940) 367-1992 sackett@pobox.com 1/13

FOR SALE: 1 Jacobs R-755-9 245 Hp 165 Hr smoh, 1 Stearman 220 Cont. motor mount, 1 Leise Nevill 50 amp gen,1946 Cessna 120 airframe. Contact at (940) 367-4480 Bob Landrum 1/13

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. Also low time Warner and Ranger engines with some accessories. Contact Tom at (817) 790-3190 1/13

FOR LEASE: 3 miles from Bird's Nest Airport/ Austin Executive Airport off FM 973: Large workshop, 25' x 65', double doors, abundant windows for a good cross-breeze. Two separate rooms at one end for office/storage, Ideal for restoration projects, wing building, hobbies, etc. Contact Bill and Shirley Girard at Shirley@mudflap-aviation.com 1/13

FOR SALE: Aeronca L-3B - 1942 Model 058B Serial 058B1782 N52169 total time airframe: 2319.31 Continental C-85 total time: 1622.31 SMOH 674.44 McCauley Prop Part No. 1B90/cm7143 Serial No. 34415 A/C logs from 1943 \$12,000.00 Lee Montgomery leemontgomery14@yahoo.com 1/13

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. To preview the book and purchase

TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION Membership Application - Renewal Form

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Aircraft Type: _____ National AAA No. _____

(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

a copy of Aviation's Enduring Classics go to 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

FOR SALE: Unique bi-plane. 1992 Rose Parakeet replica (experimental). Single place, tail dragger. TTSN: 290 hours. Continental O-200, 100 HP. SMOH: 80 hours. New cylinders from ECI. Starter & alternator. Mechanically a 9 or 10. Original Ceconite. Appearance a 7. Asking \$23,500. This is a gentle small bi-plane, but requires an experienced tailwheel pilot. Buyer to sign a release of liability. Call Don at 830-832-3031. Please--no tire kickers or lowballers.

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

FOR RENT: 45x50 hangar at Hicks Airfield (T67). Sold my 180 and have space to rent. \$350 month. West Sanders AAA life....wrsanders_98@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: Twenty seven acres of flat land, 420 ft. wide, 2800 ft. long. Located between White-wright & Randolph on state Highway 11, TX. Call C.E., (Chuck) Jackson owner (817) 478-1658, Price \$85,000.

FOR SALE: Hello tail draggers. I am selling my beautifully maintained 1946 Aeronca Chief 11AC (65HP) hangared in San Antonio, Texas. It is light-sport aircraft designated. Steal it for \$18500 OBO. N9245E, serial # 11AC-879. Tach 087.1 CONTINENTAL A65-8F S/N 4109168, TSO: 1522, TTIS: 1692; TSOH 190.47.

• Contact Stephen T. Manion, • Telephone: 210 429 4764 aeronca@sanantx.com □

A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

As a reminder and according to the TXAAA bylaws all members dues expired on September 31, 2013. If you have not paid your 2013-2014 dues, Please send \$25.00 to the treasurer with a completed renewal application which you will find in this issue of the newsletter. If you have questions about your dues please contact any board member as they all have updated rosters.

Thank you,
Terry Wallace, TXAAA Secretary □

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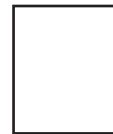
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“KEEP THE ANTIQUES FLYING”

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 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 or Email antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com or you may write:

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