

# TEXASAAA



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## JANUARY 2015 MEETING

We had thirty-five people at our December meeting at the El Fenix Mexican restaurant in Grapevine. This was the first meeting with Lee Truitt as our new Chapter President. Gary Sublette did a great job for us for the last two years.

Terry Doyle was celebrating his birthday this month. Plus Lee and Ginny Truitt just had their 34th wedding anniversary.

Lee introduced his bride Ginny plus his sixteen year old granddaughter Lizzie. Lizzie wants to be a commercial pilot, and will begin getting her private single-engine land ticket as soon as she can. Jack and Sharon Weiland introduced Jack's brother and sister in-law. We always welcome guests.

Gary Sublette offered some Piper manuals for free. Ken Robins showed off and sold our new great looking shirts. Thanks for all your hard work Ken.

We are all looking forward to our next meeting on February 21 in the Vintage Flight Museum at Meachum Airport at 1200. Rob (Smokey) Ray will be our speaker. He will talk about building his RV. He is also a Southwest pilot.

Hope you have a great February. God bless America! Look for blue skies and keep 'em fly'n.

*Lee Truitt, President*



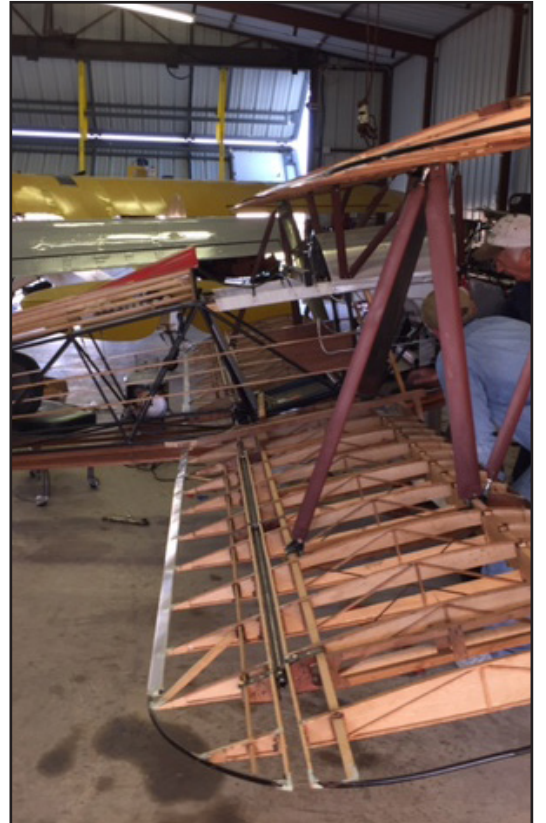


# DON PELEGRENO'S ROSE PARRAKEET

Here are a few pictures of Don Pelegreno's Rose Parrakeet. Don says this particular ship was used by the Cole Brothers. Gary and I flew out to see the Project.

The selfie is a pic of me and Gary, flying today, in his Cessna 170. We had a great, old school, leisurely flying day. The weather was perfect.

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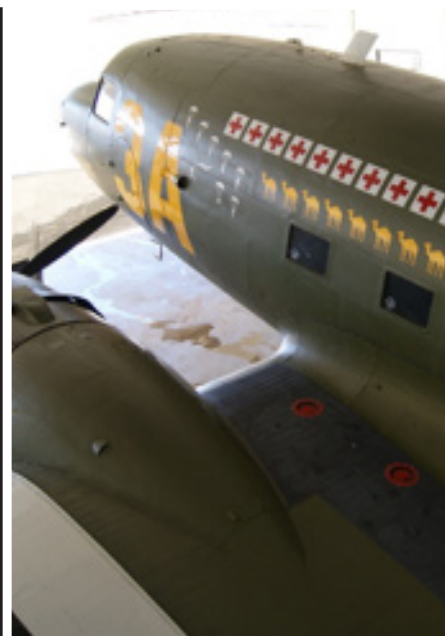
# MY TRIP TO THE MID AMERICA FLIGHT MUSEUM

It was the week before Thanksgiving and the weather was perfect for flying with warm temperatures, light winds, and clear skies. A friend of mine, Norm Koerner, was working on a Douglas A-26 for the Mid America Flight Museum in Mt. Pleasant, Texas and he invited me to fly over and spend the day helping him. Early Tuesday morning, I pulled the 170 out of the hangar and headed for the Mt. Pleasant airport. It took an hour and ten minutes to get to the airport, where I was met by the airport manager to fuel me and help me tie down my airplane. By the way the Mt. Pleasant Airport was named the Airport of the Year in 2005 by the Texas Department of Transportation because of its great service, and would be a good place to stop if you are in the area.

The Museum also had an airplane that has always been my dream to own but was always out of my price range, a Staggerwing Beech. I did get to fulfill part of my dream, a chance to fly one. Late afternoon, I was given the chance to fly my dream airplane.

For more information on the Mid America Flight Museum and their airplanes, go to their website at [midamericaflightmuseum.org](http://midamericaflightmuseum.org).

Gary Sublette □



1943 C-47

After getting the 170 secured, I was given a golf cart to go to the museum's hangars, and met up with Norm. Norm was installing some new avionics in the A-26, and I was put to work cleaning up and running tools.

The Mid America Flight Museum was founded by Scott Glover and has airplanes in five hangars at the Mt. Pleasant Airport and has a hangar on his private airstrip northwest of the city. I was given free run of the hangars, and I took full advantage of the opportunity.

There were many rare airplanes there, but the two that impressed me the most was the 1943 C-47.

This C-47 had been in WWII and was in North Africa, Italy, and dropped Paratroopers on D-Day. The museum has a collection of log books and the Pilot's Diaries during the war. That information can be read on the Museum's website.

The other airplane that impressed me was the 1929 Ford 4AT Tri-motor.

*Douglas A-26 Invader*



*1944 Beechcraft D-17S.*

# A QUIET WINTER, SO FAR.

by G R Dennis Price

So Far it has been a very quiet winter for me. Absolutely no photos taken in the month of December, and the only photography in January was at DFW on the Friday afternoon before the TXAAA meeting at El Fenix in Grapevine. Founders Plaza at DFW is a great place from which to photograph arrivals during the afternoons when the wind is from the south. It would be nice if more airports offered such good opportunities. The lack of photography has enabled me to catch up on editing of all photos taken during 2014, and have also managed to catalog a large part (about 17,000 slides so far) of an acquired slide collection, some of which dates back to the early 1950's.

The last major fly-in of 2014 was that at Reklaw (October 24-26). Somehow I managed to take over 4,000 photos, but have edited them down to 1,812 photos on a DVD. I photographed 480 aircraft, but missed Jack Weiland's Cessna 180. Mostly I see fly-ins in small-scale through the camera viewfinder and it is only when editing and cataloging that I really get to see the aircraft. At the time it seemed that there were a large number of Cessna at Reklaw. This was in fact true, with 155 being present (1 C120, 14 C140, 12 C150, 1 C152, 17 C170, 47 C172, 1 C175, 5 C177, 15 C180, 25 C182, 10 C185, 1 C195, 1 C206, 3 C210, 1 C305, and 1 C310). Other aircraft in relatively large numbers were: 19 V-tailed Bonanzas, 9 Piper J-3, 10 Piper PA-18, 9 PA-22, 3 PA-23, 10 PA-24, 21 PA-28, 22 RV-6/6A, 11 RV-7/7A, 10 RV-8/8A. Among older aircraft were 3 Stearman A75/PT-17, 3 Swift, 1 Culver, 2 Er-

coupe, 2 Howard DGA-15, 2 North American T-6, 1 Stinson V-77, and 3 Fairchild 24.

The present year, as already noted, is starting slowly. The only fly-ins on my radar, and which I intend to attend, are the TXAAA meeting on Feb 21st. at Meacham Field, the Arizona Cactus Fly-in at Casa Grande on March 6-7, TXAAA meeting on March 21st. at Clark Field, and the STOL fly-in at Llano on April 10-11.

Photo's on page 5 by Dennis Price... Page 4



1921 Ford Tri-Motor.



Fairchild 22 Model C7.



Watching the sun set from the Staggerwing.





**N80404** Beech 35 Bonanza, cn: D-0004, built in 1947, with wooden prop.



**NC28685** Fairchild 24W-40, cn: W40-168, built in 1940.



**NC727ST** Howard DGA-15P, cn: 1010, built in 1944.



**NC57829** Beech E17B, cn: 198, built in ?



**NC5605** Howard DGA-15P, cn: 547. Built in 1941.



**NC70057** Stinson V-77, cn: 77-127 Built in 1943.



**NC20629** Fairchild 24K, cn: 3311, built 1938.



**NC81361** Fairchild 24R-46, cn R46-261, built in 1946.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

## FEBURARY CHAPTER MEETING 2015

February 21st, Noon: Vintage Flight Museum at Meacham Airport. Rob (Smoky) Ray will be the speaker and will be talking about building his RV. Meeting will be pot-luck.

**For Fliers:** Ft. Worth Meacham is located just north of Downtown Ft. Worth, Texas and all necessary information can be found on the DFW Sectional or Terminal Area Charts. The Tower Controllers will assist us in any way needed. If you do not have a Transponder, advise them on first contact. Non-radio equipped can be accommodated as a flight of two with a radio equipped plane. After landing advise Ground Control you wish to taxi to the Vintage Flight Museum parking area off taxiway M.

**For Drivers:** From Interstate Loop 820 West of IH35W go South on Hwy 287, also called North Main Street, to NW 38th Street. Go West on NW 38th Street until the Dead End at the Airport Fence, then turn left. The VFM hanger is the last Large Hanger on your left.

**March 21st.** - Clark Airfield, Al Hilton's hangar, Dish TX. 12:00pm.

**April 18th.** - Texas Regional Airport, Sherman, TX. Airport office. 12:00pm.

**May 16th.** - Fairview Airport, Rhome, TX. Pellegrino's hangar. 12:00pm.

**June 13th. \*** - Kezer Airfield, Springtown, TX. Weiland's hangar. 9:00 am. brunch.

**July 18th.** - Pelican's Landing, Cedar Mills TX. Airport, Lake Texoma, TX. 12:00pm.

**August 15th.** - Northwest Regional Airport, Roanoke, TX. Jim Austin's hangar. 9:00am. pancake breakfast.

**September 19th.** - Bowie Municipal Airport, Bowie, TX. Mark and Megan Breeding's hangar. 12:00pm.

**October 9th. and 10th.** - AAA 52nd Annual Fly In, Gainesville Municipal Airport, Gainesville, TX.

**November 21st.** - Fairview Airport, Rhome, TX. Ken & Linda Robbins hangar. 12:00pm. Bert Mahon Annual Chili Cook Off

**December 19th.** TBA

All meetings are covered dish except January, July, October.

\* June meeting is one week early due to Fathers Day on the week end 20, 21.

### FLY-INS OF INTEREST:

**March 6 -7:** Arizona Chapter AAA Annual Fly-In, Casa Grande, AZ

**September 3 - 7:** National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA.

**October 9 - 10:** "Fall Festival of Flight" TXAAA Annual Fly-In, Gainesville, TX.

**October 21 - 24:** Flying M. Ranch, Reklaw, TX

## MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/17/15

Lunch at the Grapevine El Fenix with 37 members and guests present. The meeting was called to order by President Lee Truitt at 12:30pm. Lee introduced his wife Ginny and his granddaughter Lizzie. There were a total of 6 guests present for the meeting, including two from the EAA chapter 34. Joetta Reetz was not present until the end of the meeting, so the treasurer report was postponed until the next meeting. Gary Sublette proposed a motion be made to accept the last month's minutes as published in the last newsletter. The motion was made by Don Pellegrino and seconded by Doug Sockwell. The motion was voted on and approved. New business was the new shirts were in and can be purchased from Ken Robbins. Gary Sublette gave away a set of Piper manuals to Darrell Irby to be used at his school. The next meeting was announced to be at the Vintage Flight Museum, Meachum Airport at 12:00pm. on February 21. Rob (Smoky) Ray will be the speaker and will be talking about building his RV. He is also a Southwest Pilot. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Dick Ramsey and seconded by Doug Sockwell. The motion was voted on and approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

Submitted by Gary Sublette



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## SEND PICTURES....

I know there are members out there that are proud of their airplane projects and would like to show them off in the news letter. Every issue we are looking for interesting articles so please send pictures and a history of your pride and joy. If you don't have an airplane baby pictures are great too!

Terry



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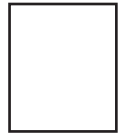
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**NOTE: Membership expires on September 30 each year. Send dues and address changes to TXAAA Treasurer, 5209 Glen Canyon Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76137.**

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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