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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Reference May 16, 2015 meeting

We had 43 people at our May 16, 2015 meeting. We had to move the meeting from Don Pellegrino's hanger at Fairfield Airfield to Jim Austin's hangar due to very wet conditions at Fairfield. Thanks for hosting us at such short notice, Jim.

We sang happy birthday to Ken Robbins (#39 he says). Ken and Linda had several family members as guests at the meeting.

We were honored to have Jay Miller talk with about aviation photography. Jay has been a renowned aviation author and photographer since 1957, shooting war birds all over the world. A very interesting and informative talk and photos. We look forward to having Jay back very soon. Thanks for keeping the history of aviation alive and well, Jay.

Jack Weiland will receive an award for 50 years of continuous safe flying from the FAA at our June meeting. Congratulations Jack! Jack and Sharon will also host our June 13 meeting at 0900 in their hangar on Kezer Airfield, Springtown, TX.

Hope to see everyone at Jim's hangar for brunch June 13 at 0900.

God bless America! Look for blue skies and keep 'em fly'n.

Lee Truitt







TO OUR FRIENDS AT TEXAS AAA,

This is a long overdue note to say thank you for bestowing the Texas Chapter Choice Award on our Swift! We try to get there every year and have always enjoyed the camaraderie that this event affords us all. We have our annual ritual of visiting friends in nearby Chandler then dropping in to Casa Grande from there (all of 12 minutes flight time ;-). A special thanks to Don and Ann Pellegrino as I believe he carried the heavy responsibility of making the choice amongst a large selection of fine aircraft with proud owners ready to tell their stories of restorations and life with their plane.

My wife Donna and I are big fans of wrapping short vacations around flying events so we enjoy a combination of static displays at airshows with local area wining, dining and sightseeing. We have found that airshow organizers, both large and small, like to have visiting antique aircraft join their static displays and this has opened many a door and created many excuses to fly somewhere distant for a 4 or 5 day weekend.

The attached pics are us on final at Casa Grand in March and a watercolorization of the Swift at Creve Coeur, St. Louis a few years back (found that pic on the internet and after noting a few similarities between our aircraft and the one in the picture, I realized I was looking at our Swift!)

Thanks again!!
Karl Johanson
Swift N78103
AAA Member



JOHN (JACK) WEILAND

On our June 13th Antique Airplane Association Luncheon, at the Kezer Airport, Mister Joseph Murphy of the FAA will be here to present the Master Pilots Award to John [Jack] Weiland for over 50 yrs. of accident free flying. Hope the rain has stopped by that time.

I was born on 9-27-1936 in Earling, Iowa. Married on 7-9-1957. Started taking flying lessons in May 1958. After that this took place:

First Solo Flight----- **May 6, 1958**
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Private Cert.----- **Aug 2**
1958 Omaha Ne
Commercial Cert.-----**May 14 1960**
Omaha, Ne
Flight Inst. Cert.-----**July 20 1961**
Lincoln, Ne
Instrument Cert.-----**March 30**
1962 Des Moines, Iowa
Multi-Engine Cert.-----**April 18 1962**
Des Moines, Iowa
Flight Engineer Cert.-----**Jan 18 1964**
Atlanta, Ga.
Airline Transport Cert.-----**July 12 1968**
Atlanta, Ga.

I worked part time in the early days for McCandless Aircraft Service. in Council Bluffs Iowa, then moved to Des Moines Iowa and worked for the Des Moines Flying Service First month

I worked there my pay was \$75.00. Nobody ate to good for a while. Later I went to work for the State of Iowa and flew Gov. Harold Hughes until I was hired by Delta Airlines. Flew for them for 32 yrs. and retired at 60 with approx. 26,125 hrs of flight time and nine type ratings. Also have an A/P & I/A rating.

Jack



On their farm in Iowa.

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE BEECHCRAFT C18S UNVEILING

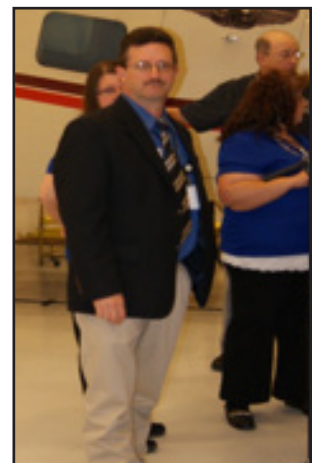
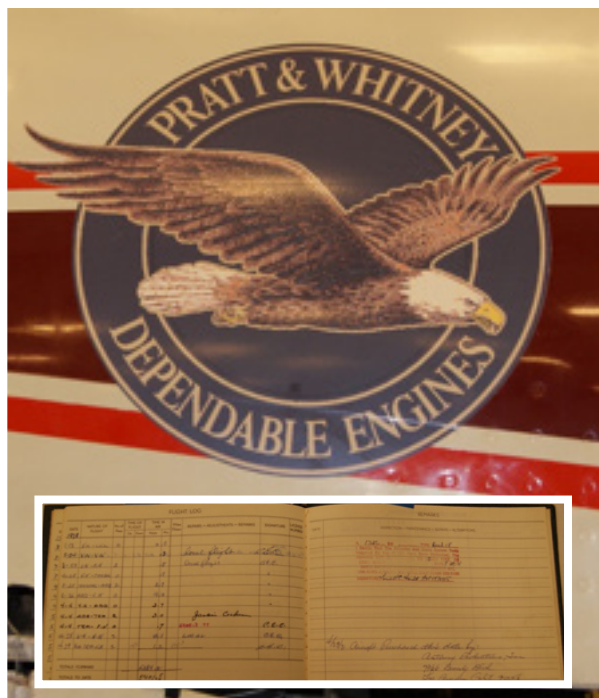
Memorial weekend, Friday May 22 was the unveiling of Jackie Cochran's Beechcraft 18 and a reunion of five of the WASPS from WWII at the Tarrant County College Center of Excellence for Aviation, Transportation and Logistics, located at the old Bell Helicopter Hangar at Alliance Airport. Jackie Cochran was the founder and leader of the Wasps, Women's Air Force Service Pilot program during WWII. Her aviation career started in the 1930's and continued into the jet age. Jackie was the first woman to fly faster than the speed of sound in an F-86 Sabre. She owned many airplanes, including this Beech 18, which may be the last airplane she flew as pilot in command.



At the unveiling were five of the women who flew in the WASP program, Florence "Shutsy" Reynolds, Shirley Chase Kruse, Bee Haydu, Kay Hilbrandt, and Marty Martin Wyall.



I met Marty Wyall at lunch and learned we both lived in the same town in Indiana. I had an instructor at Purdue University, Jill McCormick, who was also in the Wasp program. Marty knew my instructor and we had a great time talking about her and growing up in Indiana.



Darrell Irby was one of the speakers and gave a presentation on the history of the Beech 18.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

JUNE MEETING: June 13th, 9:00 AM brunch: Kezer Airfield, Springtown, TX. Jack and Sharon Weiland's hangar. **This meeting is one week early due to father's day on June 21st.**

FOR FLYERS: Kezer Air Ranch (61TE) is about 3 miles NE of Springtown, Texas. (N32-59.2 and W097-37.2.) Runway 16/34 is 2400 by 20 Asphalt. Planes may be parked on either side of the South end of runway.

FOR DRIVERS: From Boyd, TX go South on FM 730 about 8 miles to Hwy 2257(Knob Hill Rd) Turn right and go West about 4 miles, then continue straight over the hill and the Airport will be on your right. Halfway between Springtown and Azle on Highway 199, turn North on FM 2257(Jay Bird Lane) and follow it North about 4 miles to Knob Hill Rd. Turn left (West) on Knob Hill Rd. and go over the hill. The Airport will be on your right.

July 18th. - Due to the rain and high water damage at Pelican's Landing Restaurant the July meeting will be at Noon on Clark Airfield, Justin, TX. Al Hilton's hangar. Pot luck.

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



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

MAY 2015...

Due to the extreme wet conditions at Fairview airport the meeting on Saturday 16 May was moved to Jim Austin's hangar at Northwest Regional Airport. Thanks to Jim and Betty for graciously opening their hangar for us.

The meeting was called to order at 12:24 by president Lee Truitt. Our speaker was Jay Miller, a well known photographer and his presentation was excellent. There were 38 members and guests in attendance. The attendance list is in the Chapter Records. Lee introduced guests, birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Agenda: It was announced that the next meeting will be at Kezer Airfield, Springtown, TX. In Jack and Sharon Weiland's hangar. 9:00 AM brunch.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for March and April were presented by Joetta and were approved as read.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were published in the May issue of the Newsletter and were approved as written by the members.

Old Business: None

New Business: A discussion was introduced by Terry Wallace on the subject of a donation of \$500 to the National AAA/ APM for airfield repairs after the rain out of last year's annual fly in. The motion was made and seconded to donate the money and was approved by the members. Joetta will send the check.

The dates for our October 2015 fly in have been confirmed. It will be October 9th and 10th at Gainesville, TX.

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

Respectfully submitted
Terry Wallace, Secretary
Texas Chapter AAA



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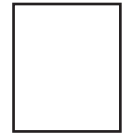
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NOTE: Membership expires on September 30 each year. Send dues and address changes to TXAAA Treasurer, 5209 Glen Canyon Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76137.

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

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