

TEXAS AAA



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had 63 people at our November 19, 2016 meeting. We were hosted by Jim and Betty Austin in their beautiful hanger at Northwest Regional airport. Thanks for hosting us once again, Jim and Betty. Always a pleasure.

Joel Meanor is our annual fly-in chairman. He and his crew did an incredible job planning and carrying out the fly-in at Gainesville. Joel is looking forward to start working on our next annual fly-in. The next Fall Festival of Flight Fly-in will be October 13 & 14, 2017.

With over 225 aircraft expected to fly in, and 15 or more exhibitors, it will be a great event. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Joel as soon as possible. Those interested in exhibiting their products or services, please contact me.

We will elect our new officers for 2017 at our next meeting, December 17 at our Christmas party at Golden Corral Restaurant, 1801 S. Main Street in Keller, Texas. Hope to see everyone there. Merry Christmas!

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

Lee Truitt, President

KEEP 'EM FLYING !





More from Gainesville...



Seven things that you may not know happened on the West Coast after the Pearl Harbor attacks.

In his new book, "Panic on the Pacific: How America Prepared for a West Coast Invasion," noted historian and author Bill Yenne returns to the dark and fearful early months of World War II to examine the reaction of the people, the politicians, and the military to what was genuinely perceived as an immediate threat of a full-scale Japanese invasion.

1. On December 7, the Japanese almost burned down their consulate in San Francisco.

At the Japanese Consulate on Jackson Street, Consul General Yoshio Muto and his secretary, Kazuyoshi Inagaki, were taken by surprise with the news that Pearl Harbor had been attacked— just like everyone else in the city.

Their reaction was to get rid of all their sensitive files. They became so consumed with shoveling paperwork into the big fireplace, that the flames got out of control and almost consumed the sprawling mansion. The fire department had to be called.

2. General John DeWitt, the West Coast Army commander, grew so paranoid that he cancelled the Rose Bowl.

Being deathly afraid of a Japanese attack on the West Coast at any moment, the commander of the US Army's Western Defense Command banned large gatherings. Among other things, DeWitt ordered that the Rose Bowl, which was always played in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day, be cancelled.

Duke University generously offered to host the game at its stadium in Durham, North Carolina. Favored by 14, the Duke Blue Devils lost a close 20-16 game to Oregon State. It was the Beavers' only Rose Bowl victory ever.

3. The U.S. military had to borrow machine guns from Hollywood.

On the afternoon of December 7, Fritz Dickie at Stembridge Gun Rentals in Hollywood received a phone call

from the U.S. Coast Guard. Stembridge operated what was known in the trade as the "Gun Room" on the Paramount Pictures lot. Founded in 1920 to supply firearms to the film industry, the facility was one of the biggest private arsenals anywhere. The Coast Guard needed guns — especially Thompson Submachine Guns. "We loaded them on trucks and, by night, the guns which had been used mostly in gangster pictures were ready for the feared Japanese invasion," Dickie recalled.



4. Japanese Navy submarines did prowl the West Coast.

Beginning shortly after Pearl Harbor, a flotilla of Japanese submarines attacked shipping up and down the West Coast in a reign of terror that lasted until Christmas Eve. In one instance, people on the Pacific Coast Highway in California watched the submarine I-21 attack and sink the Union

Oil Company tanker SS Montebello just a short distance offshore. "She upended like a giant telephone pole and slowly settled into the sea," wrote a newspaper editor who witnessed the attack.

5. The West Coast actually was bombed by Japanese aircraft.

The Japanese air attack feared and predicted by General DeWitt and others immediately after Pearl Harbor actually did materialize— though not for ten months. In September 1942, Warrant Officer Nobuo Fujita flew two bombing missions over southwestern Oregon in a seaplane that was carried in a water tight hangar on the deck of the submarine I-25. The object was to use incendiary bombs to start forest fires. It had been a damp summer that year and the fires did not spread

6. One Japanese Attack on the West Coast was a grudge match.

In addition to their attacks on merchant ships, the

Japanese submarines shelled the coast three times, including strikes against Estevan Point in British Columbia and Fort Stevens in Oregon.

The first attack came on the evening of February 23, 1942, when Commander Kozo Nishino brought the I-17 from beneath the waves and ordered his deck gunners to begin lobbing shells at the Ellwood oil fields north of Santa Barbara, California. For Nishino, this was no random target. Before the war, he had been the captain of an oil tanker that came to load crude oil here. As he was coming ashore, he slipped and fell into a cactus. Workers on a nearby oil rig laughed at the sight of him plucking cactus spines from his posterior. Nishino swore to get even.

7. The Battle of Los Angeles, called a false alarm at the time, still raises questions.

On the night of February 24, 1942, after weeks of rumors of Japanese aircraft operating with impunity over the West Coast, reports deemed credible led air defense officials to order an alert.

As searchlights stabbed the night sky over Southern California, hundreds of people reported seeing unidentified aircraft in the sky. Long Beach Police Chief Joseph McClelland watched nine. At the Inglewood City Hall, policemen saw over 150. Anti-aircraft guns responded with 1,440 large shells and countless .50-caliber rounds. Because of this, no American interceptors took off to join the fray.

There were dozens of reports of a large, round, slow-moving object in the sky. Some thought it to be a balloon, while others insisted it was definitely not.

Future UFO enthusiasts would, and still do, focus a great deal of attention on this aspect of the night's excitement.

The next day in Washington, Secretary of War Henry Stimson confirmed that there "probably" were enemy aircraft. U.S. Army Chief of Staff General George Marshall said that "as many as 15 planes may have been involved." However, Navy Secretary Frank Knox announced that it was all a "false alarm." Because these conflicting initial assessments were never resolved, many people assumed that deliberate government obfuscation was in play.

To this day, the Battle of Los Angeles "cover-up" still draws its own cadre of true believers whenever conspiracy theorists congregate.



Long time member of the Texas Antique Airplane Association, Jack Gordon Parker, age 82, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

Born on September 12, 1934 in Big Spring, TX, he met his wife, Marielle Dianne in Mohahans, TX and wed in 1957. Mr. Parker served in the military and later graduated from UT at El Paso with a BSEE in 1966. He worked for the FAA for 35 years as an electrical engineer. Jack and Dianne have resided in Grapevine, TX for 43 years while raising a family and being heavily involved with the community. He enjoyed flying general aviation aircraft, radio controlled model planes, working on projects in his workshop, hunting, fishing, and riding his motorcycles. We will miss him at our meetings. God speed Jack.



Our old guy is Lewis Mitchell. Mitch became 95 on 11/14/16.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Officer Nominees...

At the December meeting a motion for the 2017 TXAAA officer nominees will be brought to the members in attendance. As chairman of the nominating committee, per the chapter bylaws, the following individuals are listed below. If there are no other nominations from the floor a confirmation vote will be taken.

Nominees for TXAAA Officers 2017

President: Terry Wallace
Vice President: Jim Austin
Secretary: Mathew Hood
Treasurer: Joetta Reetz
Activities Coordinators: Terry Doyle,
Phil and Margaret Cook

Nominees for Other Board members 2017

Newsletter Editor: Barry Wallace
Historian: G.R. Dennis Price

Appointed board members 2017

Past President: Lee Truitt
Fly-In Chairman: Joel Meanor
Web site Coordinator: Marianna Sokolich



Minutes of the General Meeting November, 2016

The November 19th meeting was called to order at 12:41 by President Lee Truitt

There were 63 member/guests in attendance

Agenda: Lee announced that the next meeting will be December 17th at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Keller.

The annual Bert Mahon chili cook-off was held and first place winner this year was Lindsay Bruns. Thanks to the judges Jim Austin and Doug Green.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for October was presented by Joetta Reetz and was approved as read. Joetta reported we had 72 paid members and 22 new members at our October fly in. Many more attended but did not pay the registration fee.

Previous Meeting Minutes: There was no official meeting at the October fly in, thus, there was no secretary report in the November issue of the newsletter.

Old Business: None

New Business: Everyone was reminded that we will be voting on next year's officers at the December meeting. See a list of nominees elsewhere in this issue.

Door prizes were awarded.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The meeting ended at 1:30

*Respectfully submitted by
Terry Wallace, Secretary
Texas Chapter AAA* □



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

Next Meeting: December 17th, Christmas party at Golden Corral Restaurant, 1801 S. Main St., Keller TX. Bring unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army toy drive.

For Drivers: Drive south from Roanoke on US 377 PAST Golden Triangle/Keller Parkway. Golden Corral is approx. 1.5 miles on the left side of street.

Upcoming Meetings 2017:

January 21st.... Vintage Flight Museum, Meachum Airport

February 18th.... Clark Airfield, Al Hilton's Hangar.

March 18th.... Tailwheel Acres Airfield, Valley View, TX. Bobby and Kathy Jones' Hangar.

April 15th.... Jim and Betty Austin's Hangar, Northwest Regional Airport.

May 20th.... Kezer Airfield, Springtown, TX, Jack and Sharon Weiland's Hangar.

June 17th.... Propwash Airport, Justin, Tx., Lanny Parcell's Hangar.

July 15th.... Open

August 19th.... Northwest Regional Airport, Jim Austin's Hangar hosted by Terry Wallace.

(Pancake Breakfast starting at 9:00 AM)

September 16th.... Bowie Municipal Airport, Mark and Megan Breeding's Hangar. (not confirmed)

October 13th and 14th.... Annual AAA Fly In, Gainesville Municipal Airport, (not confirmed)

November 18th.... Open

December 16th.... Christmas party, Golden Coral, 1801 S. Main St. Keller. Bring an unwrapped toy for Salvation Army's Angel Tree Toy Drive. (not confirmed)

Fly-Ins of Interest 2017

March 3-4: Arizona Chapter AAA Annual Fly-In, Casa Grande, AZ

May 28: Breckenridge Air Show (Warbirds!), Breckenridge, TX, KBKD

August 30 - 3: National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA.

October 13- 14: "Fall Festival of Flight" TXAAA Annual Fly-In, Gainesville, TX.

October 26 - 29: Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX □

PLEASE NOTE:

Our 2017 monthly meeting places are already booked except July 15th and November 18th.

Please contact jpcookie1@verizon.net or 972-989-3234 if you can host a meeting.

*Thanks,
Phil Cook* □



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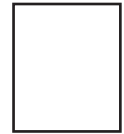
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(Ownership of an aircraft is not required)

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, 5416 Catlow Valley Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76137

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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 Web site 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, 5416 Catlow Valley Rd. Fort 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 Web site at www.antiqueairfield.com or E-mail antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com or you may write:

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