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Presidents Corner...

We had about 45 members and guests in attendance at the Vintage Flight Museum last month. It's always fun to see the work being done on all the vintage WWII aircraft.

Our Guest speaker was Fisk Handley who had just turned 100 years young. His stories of the bombing of Japan are always interesting. My thanks to Chuckie for letting us return for our meeting.

The board of directors (WOW does that sound official....) met after the last meeting and discussed a proposal to start a scholarship fund for young pilots and aircraft mechanics.

We will discuss and vote on that at our next meeting. Joel will present the procedures for discussion. This proposal will require the approval of the membership.

NOTE: the location for the February meeting has changed to North West Regional Airport at Jim and Betty Austin's Hangar. As usual noon pot luck and door prizes are appreciated. Signs will be placed to direct drivers and flyers to Jims hangar. Look for Directions in this issue.

See ya'll there
Terry







Get Ready to Vote Y'all...



Joel and Kathy Meanor's 16-month-old grandson, Elijah Flores. This future aviator sitting in the cockpit of their 1975 Cessna 182P.



There have been discussions in the past and your Board of Directors has agreed it is time for the Texas Chapter, Antique Airplane Association to offer scholarships for students in the aviation industry!

Aligned with our Chapter's long-standing mission of dedication to aviation, beginning in 2020, we would like to award two (2) scholarships for students pursuing careers as pilots or aviation maintenance technicians.

The goals of our scholarship will be to provide interested youth with the opportunity to achieve educational and career goals, contribute to the health and future of aviation by supporting young people in their quest for aviation careers, as well as keeping our Chapter relevant.

We propose two (2) types of scholarship awards: A Fight Scholarship and a Maintenance Scholarship. The Board agreed upon the amount of \$500 each category, one (1) Maintenance and one (1) Pilot award. For a total

of \$1,000 total per year. Scholarship funds may be drawn from the treasury, and / or received from Chapter member donation.

We'll explain more details of the scholarship at our February meeting and hold an official, show of hands vote and final approval.

In the meantime, please think of a name for our scholarship. Each Chapter member, in good standing, is encouraged to SUBMIT IDEAS FOR NAMES for the Chapter Scholarship to any Board member. From the ideas submitted, the Board will select the Chapter Scholarship name before our March 2020 meeting.

And finally, we are seeking three (3) Chapter volunteers to be on the Scholarship Award Selection committee! If you're interested, please let Joel Meanor know asap. You can call or text Joel at 817-832-5064 or email him at joelmeanor@gmail.com.



62nd Annual CACTUS FLY-IN

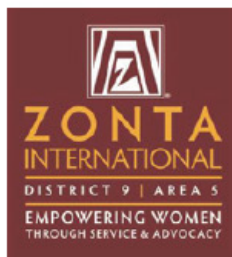


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Cactus Fly-In Info...

Please join the Classic Airplane Association of Arizona for the 62nd Annual Cactus Fly-In at Casa Grande Municipal Airport March 6-7 2020. This year's event will once again be open to the public after being open only to CAAA and AAA members in 2019. No donation is expected for folks arriving by aircraft—thanks for bringing your plane for display to the Public! However, free registration for a Peoples' Choice Award is available to all airplanes manufactured prior to 1958. This registration will be available at the "Concierge Table" in the KCGZ terminal building. We encourage all aircraft owners to pre-register providing information covering;

- ***Aircraft make and model.***
- ***Manufacture date.***
- ***Owner name,***
- ***Owner address,***
- ***Owner email,***
- ***Owner cell phone,***
- ***AAA membership #,***
- ***CAAA membership #,***
- ***A digital photo of your plane***

Preregistration can be accomplished by sending an email to "yours truly" fborns@cox.net. If you include a digital photo we will do our best to put a picture of your plane on the website www.cactusflyin.org. Membership in AAA nor CAAA is not a requirement for aircraft registration—however, logically, CAAA would very much enjoy receiving new (2020) memberships (\$20.00 for two people) if fly-in participants are inclined to "join the cause". 2020 CAAA memberships can be purchased the "Concierge Table" in the KCGZ terminal building and at another table located in the TCB hangar. Also guests will have an opportunity to join the National AAA organization at a sign up table in the TCB hangar.

Plans for this year's fly-in are similar to the event held in March 2019 as follows:

Friday Afternoon—aircraft arrivals and registration for Peoples' Choice Award

Friday 12:00-6:00—airfield open to the public with CAAA requesting a \$5.00/person donation which is good for both Friday Saturday.

Saturday—airfield open to the public. Public balloting for Peoples' Choice Award from 8:00am – 3:00pm

Saturday 1:00pm-3:00pm—Steve Hartwell Blue Grass Band performance in the TCB hangar

Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm—prepicnic "happy-hour" while buffet lines are set up

Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm—a picnic buffet will be provided in the TCB hangar for CAAA members, AAA members, and owners of preregistered Antique/Classic aircraft displayed on the KCGZ airfield.

Saturday 5:00-6:00pm—CAAA is pleased to present a wonderful guest speaker who has written (3) novels relating to her research on Clair Chennault and the "Flying Tigers". Please plan to attend this 45 minute presentation by Iris Yang <https://www.irisyang-author.com>. Ms. Yang is becoming quite well-known for her knowledge of this part of WWII history having been invited to several prestigious speaking engagements.

Saturday 6:00pm-7:00pm—after dinner happy hour with open mic for typical CAAA "story-telling" (5 minute limit to stories being queued-up!)

Sunday 8:00am-9:30am—farewell coffee and pastries in the TCB hangar for folks departing KCGZ

We look forward to your arrival at KCGZ on the weekend of March 6 2020!



Book Review from Sailplane & Gliding December 2019/Jan 2020...

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20,000 Leagues in the Sea of Air,

by Hellmuth Hirth

(ISBN 978-3-00-060431-7)

This book provides a fascinating window onto the early days of powered flight in Germany from 1909 to 1914. Published originally in German in 1915, the book has finally been translated into English by Shirley Girard.

Hellmuth Hirth was the elder brother of the famous gliding pioneer and designer of the 1930s, Wolf Hirth. Born in 1886, Hirth begins his book by describing a childhood obsessed with motors and motorized transport. Fast becoming an experienced engineer, he soon became obsessed with aviation as a young adult.

Hirth's own early attempts to learn to fly by himself were not very encouraging. So at 23 he decided to join the factory of Etrich in Austria making the famous Tauber monoplane, and obtain a proper pilot training.

After his first two flights with an instructor in the two-seater Tauber lasting a total of 14 minutes, Hirth was sent off on his first solo hop. After three more solo flights his instructor announced that he could now fly cross-country!

Having learned to fly – it was not long before Hirth became a flying instructor, and it is this extensive and detailed account of his experiences in teaching others to fly, combining practical ideas of the time with words of wisdom, that will most appeal to glider pilots.

The remainder of the book comprises riveting descriptions of flying in various Rallies conducted to promote flying to the general public of that time. Flying sometimes in impossible conditions, with strong winds, torrential rain, clouds, fog and often at night, unsurprisingly lead to many prangs and occasionally serious crashes. Open cockpits, fragile airframes, underpowered engines, lack of navigational aids or blind flying instruments and near impossible landings make for vivid stories of unbelievable daring.

In summary, this book provides a wonderful first-hand insight into the world of pioneer aviation before the First World War. Containing hundreds of black & white photographic vignettes interspersed within the text, it is a gem that will appeal to anyone with an interest in detailed adventures of early flight.

Nick Newton



Minutes of the Meeting

February 2020

Secretaries Report

Date : 1/18/2020

Location: Vintage Flight Museum - Fort Worth

Time: 12:04pm

- Called to Order
- **12:38pm** - Terry asked for visitors - several Visitors and returning members in attendance.
- Birthdays - Mary Davidson, Fisk Handley, Terry Doyle, Mike McCormick.
- Treasurers report was read by Laurie Mitchell - need 2 volunteers to audit last years books.
- Terry Wallace has filed taxes for last year. Cost is \$5 annual.
- Board Meeting will immediately follow the regular meeting.
- Roster is being updated - there are still 7-10 people who still get the newsletter by snail mail.
- Joel Meanor is discussing next years fly-in. Will be reaching out for volunteers in the future.
- Fossil Ridge students are working on a twin beach at the flight museum. They came in for the Fiske Handley talk.

Time: 1:20pm

- Door prizes
- Motion to make a donation to the Vintage flight Museum -- passed for \$200.

Time: 1:28pm

- Adjourned by Terry Wallace

Submitted by Laurie Mitchell



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Next Meeting:

February 15th, Jim Austin's hangar, North West Regional AP - Noon Pot luck lunch

For Flyers: Northwest Regional (52F) is about 3 miles Northwest of Roanoke, Texas. 33-02-59.44 N /097-13-56.05 W. Runway 17/35 is 3500 X 40 ft Asphalt in new condition. Use 122.9 for advisories.

For Drivers: From IH 35W take Hwy 1171 exit and go East on 1171 to Cleveland- Gibbs Road. Turn South (right) on Cleveland- Gibbs Rd. The Austin's hangar is at 100 Stinson Way. As you come into the Airport on Cleveland-Gibbs Rd. take a right at the stop sign and go north to the dead end. Turn left and their hangar is the sixth one. Terry's cell phone # is 817-706-3173

Upcoming Meetings 2020:

- **March 21st** - Al Hilton's hangar Clark Airfield
- **April 18th** - Fairview Airport Bo and Cindy Case 's hangar
- **May 16th** - Jim Austin's hangar, Northwest West Regional Airport
- **June 13th** - Brunch - Bobby Jones hangar, Tail-wheel Acres Airport
- **July 18th** - Ayers Aviation, Gainesville Airport
- **August 15th** - Jim Austin's hangar, Northwest West Regional Airport
- **September 19th** - Ken Robbins (Linda) hangar, Fairview Airport
- **October 9th -10th** - Ayers Aviation / Annual fly-in, Gainesville Airport
- **November 21st** - Trey & Brandi Hayden hangar, Fairview Airport
- **December 19th** - Golden Coral Keller Texas

Fly-Ins of Interest 2020:

March 6th and 7th: 62nd Annual Cactus Fly-In, Casa Grande AZ

September 2nd - 6th: National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA.

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

October 25th - 26th: Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX



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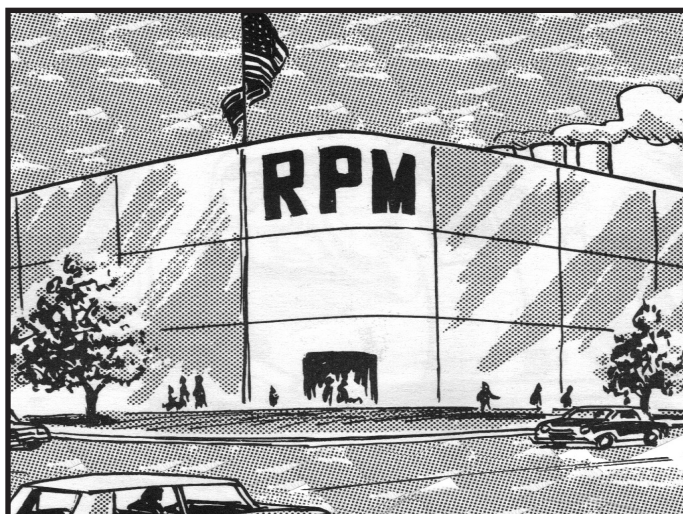
T-HANGER FOR RENT: At Clark Airport, Justin, TX. \$125.00 per month. Contact Al Hilton 972-741-4520 11/16

FOR SALE - N3595H - ERCOUE 415D - S/N 4220

Cont C-85-12F, TT 3920.2, TSMOH 403.5
Last annual 3-5-19, Aircraft restored in 2014
Painted in military colors June 2018
Located at Northwest Regional Airport (52F)
contact Jim Austin for more info at 817-999-7227

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Address: _____

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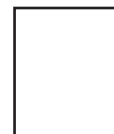
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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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, 4406 Timbercrest Lane, Waco, TX 76705

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and a printable Application Form. New Mem-
bers Dues are PRO RATED, contact an
Officer for correct amount.

**NOTE: Membership expires on Sep-
tember 30 each year. Send dues and
address changes to TXAAA Treasurer,
4406 Timbercrest Lane, Waco,
TX 76705**

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.antiqueair-
field.com](http://www.antiqueair-
field.com) or E-mail antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com
or you may write:

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