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TEXAS CHAPTER • ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION • NEWSLETTER • JANUARY 2020

Presidents Corner! Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New year. The Christmas Party at the Golden Coral was attended by 48 members. Thanks to all for bringing gifts for the boys and girls of our military veterans.

Thanks to Phil and Margaret Cook for planning the activities and to the staff at the coral who treat us great.

Every year at the December meeting the Chapter Appreciation Award is passed on from the previous winners. This year the silver platter and bowl was given to Bo and Cindy Case for their support of our chapter.

The election for the 2020 officers was held and all the previous officers were re-elected for the new year. Thanks to the officers for their work last year and for agreeing to continue in office for 2020.

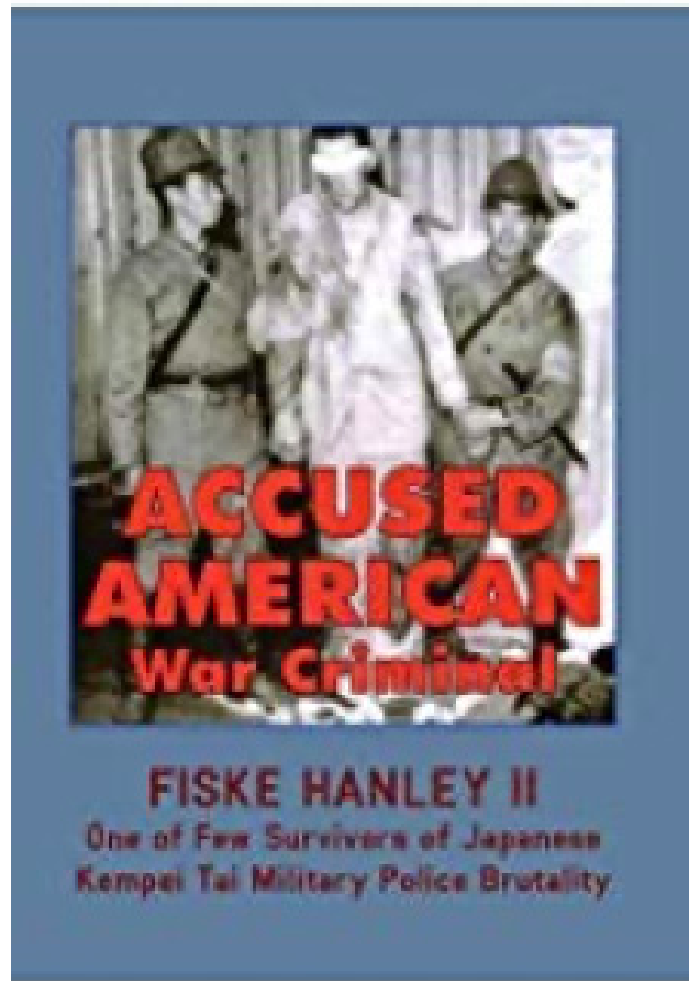
The next meeting will be noon on January 18th at the Vintage flight museum at Meacham airport. We will be honored to have Fiske Handley as *our guest speaker*.

**A prosperous new year to all,
Terry**









Shot down and survived!

100 year old Fiske Handley will be our speaker at the January 18th meeting. Fisk was shot down in a B-29 over Tokyo and captured and beaten before being put in a concentration camp. Fiske has spoken at our meetings before but will tell some new stories of his life. He is very sharp and lives alone in a museum like apartment in Ft. Worth, He has written a book titled Accused American War Criminal. He will probably bring a few copies for sale.

Please come and bring a covered dish or dessert.

The Vintage Flying Museum where we will meet is full of projects that you can enjoy. (free admission for us Antiquers)

www.vintageflyingmuseum.com or facebook for more info on projects.





This story is confirmed in Elmer Bendiner's book,

"The Fall of Fortresses!"

Sometimes, it's not really just luck.

Elmer Bendiner was a navigator in a B-17 during WW II. He tells this story of a World War II bombing run over Kassel, Germany, and the unexpected result of a direct hit on their gas tanks. "Our B-17, the Tondelayo, was barraged by flak from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was not unusual, but on this particular occasion our gas tanks were hit. Later, as I reflected on the miracle of a 20 millimeter shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion, our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was not quite that simple. "On the morning following the raid, Bohn had gone down to ask our crew chief for that shell as a souvenir of unbelievable luck. The crew chief told Bohn that not just one shell but 11 had been found in the gas tanks. 11 unexploded shells where only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky. It was as if the sea had been parted for us. A near-miracle, I thought. Even after 35 years, so awesome an event leaves me shaken, especially after I heard the rest of the story from Bohn. "He was told that the shells had been sent to the armorers to be defused. The armorers told him that Intelligence had picked them up. They could not say why at the time, but Bohn eventually sought out the answer. "Apparently when the armorers opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were as clean as a whistle and just as harmless. Empty? Not all of them! One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was a scrawl in Czech. The Intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually they found one to decipher the note. It set us marveling. Translated, the note read:

****"This is all we can do for you now..."****

"Using Jewish slave labor is never a good idea."

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Ya Might Be A Texas Pilot If:

1. Your stall warning plays DIXIE.
2. Your cross-country flight plan uses flea markets as checkpoints.
3. You think sectionals should show trailer parks.
4. You've ever used moonshine as AV-Gas.
5. Your toothpick keeps poking your mike.
6. You've ever taxied around the airport just drinking beer.
7. You wouldn't be caught dead in a Grumman Yankee.
8. You use an old sweet mix sack as a windsock.
9. You constantly confuse "Beechcraft" with "Beechnut."
10. You've never flown a nose-wheel airplane.
11. You refer to formation flying as "We got us a convoy."
12. Your matched set of lightweight flying luggage is 3 grocery bags from Piggly Wiggly.
13. You have a gun rack in the rear window.
14. You have more than one roll of duct tape holding your cowling on.
15. You figure mud and manure in your weight and balance calculations.
16. You siphon gas from your tractor to go flying.
17. You've never landed at an actual airport even though you've been flying for over 20-years.
18. You've ever ground looped to avoid hitting a cow.
19. You consider anything over 500-ft AGL as High Altitude Flying.
20. There are parts on your aircraft labeled "John Deere."
21. You don't own a current sectional, but have all the Texaco road maps for your area.

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DECEMBER 2020 Meeting Minutes

The party lunch started at 11AM and ended at 12:47PM

Agenda:

- Thanks to Phil and Margaret for the planning of party activities. The guess for the correct number of peanuts in the jar was made by Mary Sockwell.
- Congratulations to Bo and Cindy Case for receiving the Chapter Appreciation award this year.
- Members were awarded Christmas items from the names picked from the attendance sheet.
- Happy birthday to Cindy Case and any members celebrating anniversaries in December.
- Members were asked to make Christmas trees from green paper, there were a number of winners and they all received a Christmas gift.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The November minutes were printed in the December issue and accepted as written.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

New board members / officers were named at this meeting.

- *Thanks to all members that donated toys for charity.*
- *The next meeting will be on January 18th at the Vintage flight museum at Meacham airport*
- *A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting ended at 12:47*

*Respectfully submitted by
Doug Green, Secretary
Texas Chapter AAA* □

*A good simulator
ride is like
successful surgery
on a cadaver!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

The January Meeting: Noon January 18th at the Vintage flight Museum at Meacham airport. As usual bring pot luck lunch items.

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.

Upcoming Meetings 2020:

- **February 15th** - Nebrig & Associates, Denton Enterprise Airport.
- **March 21st** - Al Hilton's hangar Clark Airfield
- **April 18th** - Fairview Airport Bo and Cindy Case 's hangar.
- **May 16** - 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:

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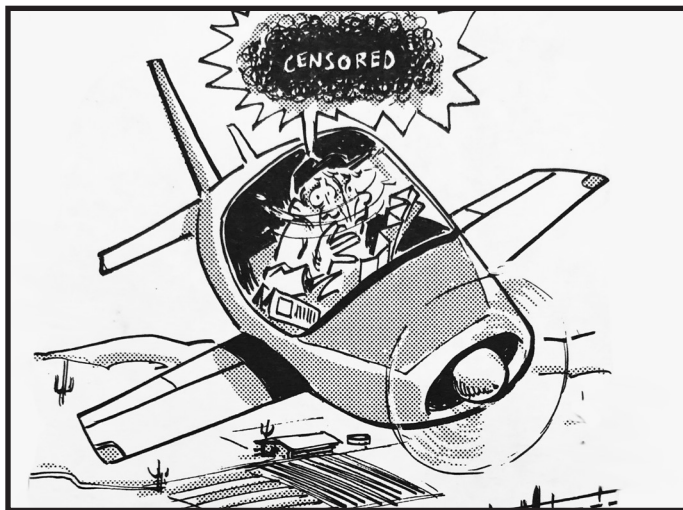
T-HANGER FOR RENT: At Clark Airport, Justin, TX. \$125.00 per month. Contact Al Hilton 972-741-4520 11/16

FOR SALE - N3595H - ERCOUBE 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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Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

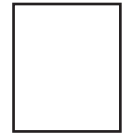
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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, 4406 Timbercrest Lane, Waco, TX 76705

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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 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, 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.antiqueairfield.com or E-mail antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com or you may write:

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**See a color newsletter on
our web site at www.txaaa.org**



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