

TEXAS AAA

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Presidents Corner...

Hello All,

Well, our meeting at the vintage museum was a quiet one. We had about 15 members that braved the cold weather, but there was fried chicken and spaghetti with deserts that we enjoyed.

The next meeting will be pot luck lunch at noon at the Ayers Hanger in Gainesville. See calendar of events for directions. I hope to see all of you there.

Look for our members project column for pics of The Putney's Tigermoth project. Please send me info and pics of your projects for the newsletter.

For those of you that email the national AAA, they have a new email address: AntiqueAirfield@gmail.com. Also, to continue the improvements of the Air Power Museum, a go fund me account has been established. Please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/help-the-air-power-museum-grow>. To donate. If you have never been to the museum in Blakesburg, IA, I highly recommend you attend the annual fly-in over the Labor Day weekend.

We have set the schedule of meeting locations for this year, see the calendar of events in this issue.

I will have a copy of the roster and you can find out if you need to pay your dues. Everyone needed to pay their dues on November 1st, so please check with me and help the chapter to "Keep the Antiques Flying."

Stay safe and "keep em' flying
Terry □







Minutes of the General Meeting January 22nd at Vintage Flying Museum

The meeting at The Vintage Flight Museum at Meacham Airport was called to order by Terry Wallace, President.

A motion was made, seconded and the attending membership voted to pay \$200 to the Museum for use of the room for our meeting.

We welcomed Nathan, Dana and Jewel, new members who joined at the Gainesville Annual Fly-In.

Laurie Mitchell gave the Treasurer's Report which was accepted for future audit. Laurie thanked Doreen Wallace and Doug Green who had audited the 2021 financial reports.

The Annual Flagship Trophy was awarded to Laurie Mitchell by Terry Wallace, Congratulations, Laurie! Thank you for all that you do for the Chapter!

Our Appreciation was expressed to the retiring leadership:

- Phil and Margaret Cook, Activities Managers
- Ken and Linda Robbins, Chapter Store Managers
- Joel and Kathy Meanor, Fly-In Chairmen.

For those who were not able to attend the meeting, be sure to let them know your appreciation for all the years that they have volunteered! Thank you!

The leadership changes of the Chapter were announced:

- Doug Green and Terry Doyle - Activities Directors
- Brandi Hayden – Chapter Store Manager
- Bruce and Jim Putney – Fly-In Chairmen

Thank you for volunteering to lead our Chapter this year!

Bruce Putney was prepared with announcements for the 60th Year Fly-In for the Texas Antique Airplane Association October 7th – 8th at Ayers Aviation at Gainesville Airport. Former Fly-In Chairmen volunteered to be on the Steering Committee.

Darrell Irby was the Fly-In Chairman for the 50th Year

- Joel Meanor was last year's Chairman
- Reach out to other airplane clubs to boost attendance
- Talk with Civil Air Patrol to provide services similar to the fly-in at Grand Prairie

Darrell Irby announced that TCCC Aviation Program are recruiting A&P and Airframe instructors. Please contact Darrell if you are interested.

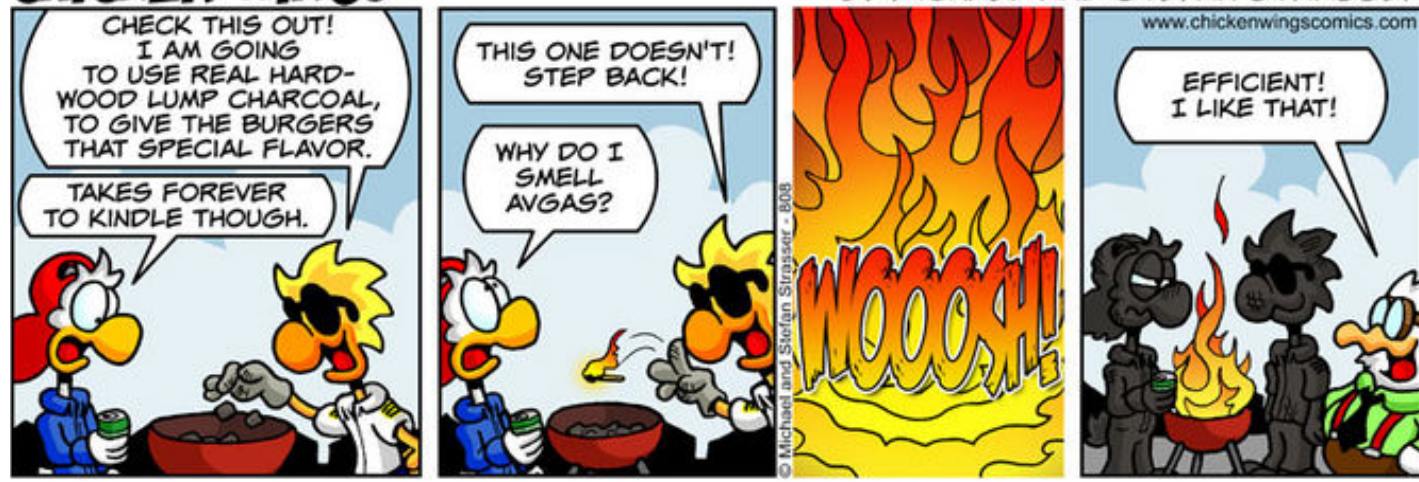
Terry Wallace reminded membership to submit articles / pictures of their airplanes and / or projects.

Next month's meeting will be February 19th at Ayers Aviation, Gainesville Airport.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Joetta Reetz, Secretary / Treasurer □

CHICKEN WINGS



64TH ANNUAL
CACTUS FLY-IN
& HOT ROD SHOW



MARCH 5, 2022

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MEMBER PROJECTS

Putney Family Project

I've read articles in other publications that ask; "how did you find that aircraft?" The answer is usually: "It finds you!" That is certainly the case with the Tiger Moth known as N6970. It began its life as deHavilland Moth DH-82C, S/N: DHC1608, and RCAF #3947, serving as a WW2 trainer of Canada beginning in April 15, 1942. Finishing the war, she was transferred to the Canadian civilian registry as CF-CIT, where she flew as flying club aircraft and in 1946 with Leavens Bros Air Services, Toronto. The aircraft traded hands 8 times until slightly damaged in 1965. Then came the new life in US, when in 1967 Frank Tallman purchased the airplane for the movie industry and moved her to California. Finished out in the open cockpit version she was placed in "Movie Land of the Air Museum" better known as the "TallMantz" collection on display in 1974. It flew as a support ship and it is noted Tiger Moths were used as extras in the 1975 movie "The Great Waldo Pepper". Registered with the FAA as N6970, there are entries in the log book to have been available during the filming of the made for TV Movie "Amelia Earhart" of 1975. Finally, after Frank's death in 1978, action was taken in 1984 by the surviving Tallman and Pine families to liquidate the collection and sell the company. Most of the museum collection was sold to Kermit Weeks of Florida. Kermit took the aircraft and kept it in storage until 2001 when the "Tiger Boys" of Guelph, Ontario, Canada traded him a private lot of DH.98 Mosquito parts for the Tiger Moth inventory

that he owned: 2 to 3 airframes, and miscellaneous parts. Tom Dietrich and Bob Revell began the restoration for a customer in Canada, who later sold his interest to Bud Molloy of Lancaster airport, Texas in 2007. Then by chance, my father (Jim Putney) and I were flying in to KLNC for breakfast and noted the Molloy hangar open and took a look. There she was in 5 big pieces plus crates, waiting for a new owner! Bud's health and interest had declined, and he was ready to sell. Dad said, "I need to have this airplane!" and the rest is history. You have heard the stories of guys buying WW2 surplus aircraft for \$500.00 in the 1950's or so... "I would have, I could have, I should have..." Well, no mater what the cost this time... I did have! (See picture insert 6). The aircraft now resides in the "Putney Collection" hangar at Midlothian airport T56 in Texas undergoing final restoration. We hope to have it flying soon and will update you when more progress photos are available. Bruce Putney



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

The February Meeting will be on the 19th of the month at the Ayers Hanger in Gainesville. It will be our normal noon lunch so bring pot luck, also bring door prizes if you can.

For Flyers:

Gainesville Municipal Airport (GLE) is located on the north side of Hwy 82, two miles west of Interstate Highway 35. Runways: 17/35, 12/30 with a grass runway, 17R/35L at mid-field. Gainesville is a non-towered airport. Monitor 118.375 for wind and information.

For Drivers:

Take 135 North to Gainesville, TX and turn west on US 82 approx. 3 miles to airport on right.

Upcoming Meetings 2022:

- **March 19th** - Al Hilton's hangar Clark Airfield
- **April 23rd** - Trey & Brandi Hayden hangar, Fairview Airport
- **May 21th** - Jim Austin's hangar, Northwest West Regional Airport
- **June 18th** - Bobby Jones hangar, Tailwheel Acres Airport
- **July 16th** - Ayers Aviation, Gainesville Airport
- **August 20th** - Jim Austin's hangar, Northwest West Regional Airport
- **September 17th** - Mathew and Theresa Hood, Propwash Airport
- **October 7th -8th** - Ayers Aviation / Annual fly-in, Gainesville Airport
- **November 19th** - Trey & Brandi Hayden hangar, Fairview Airport
- **December 17th** - Christena's Mexican Restaurant, Flower Mound TX.

Fly-Ins of Interest 2022:

- **March 5:** Arizona Chapter AAA Annual Fly-In and car show, Casa Grande, AZ
- **July 24 - 30:** EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, WI
- **September 2-5:** National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA
- **October 7-8:** "Fall Festival of Flight" TXAAA Annual Fly-In, Gainesville, TX.
- **October 21 - 22:** - Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX (7TA7)

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TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION Membership Application - Renewal Form

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

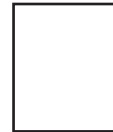
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

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2417 Stonegate Dr. N.
Bedford, TX 76021



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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.
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 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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