

# TEXAS AAA

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## Presidents Corner...

Hello All,

We had around 40 members at our meeting at Ayers aviation in Gainesville last month. As always there was plenty of food and hangar talk to enjoy. Ona B. was there and we celebrated her 97th birthday.

Our March meeting will be held at Al Hinton's hanger at Clark Airport at noon on March 19. Look for calendar of events in this issue.

Charlie Davis updated us on Lynn's recovery from surgery and she is improving every day. We are planning to have our July meeting at their airport just north of Gainesville. Watch for info in June for the location.

Kelly Mahon and his mother Mary flew in with a Lockheed Vega, it was good to see them both again.

James Ayers told us about one of the students at the school, her father was a Navy seal and in 2011 was killed on a mission. They have set up a fund for donations so give if you can to Brandon at Ayers aviation.

Look for our members project column for pics of James Ayers 172 project. Please send me info and pics of your project for the newsletter.

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

I will be sending out reminder notices soon so please reply as we want to keep you as a member.

Also, I will have a copy of the roster at the march meeting and you can find out if you need to pay your dues. Everyone needed to pay their dues on November 1st, 2021 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 February 19th at Ayers Aviation in Gainsville, TX

Terry Wallace, President, called the meeting together.

We welcomed Mary Mahon, guest of Kelly Mahon! We hold our November Chili Cook Offs in the Mahon's Memory/Honor. Mary and Bert Mahon always hosted the November meeting with different recipes of chili. Thank you, Mary, for all the meetings you hosted at your Denton hanger!

We sang Happy "97" Birthday to Ona B. Reed!

The secretary minutes were published in the newsletter and approved by the Chapter members.

The treasurer's report was delayed to the next month due to technical challenges.

Terry announced that the 501(c) non-profit organization taxes were paid.

Bruce Putney, Fly In Chairman, announced that the Fly In Steering Committee meeting is March 12, Saturday, at 10 am at Joel Meanor's Office at Northwest Regional Airport to start planning the "60th" Fly In for the Texas Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association. The Fly In will be hosted by Ayers Aviation, Gainesville, in October. One focus will be resourcing food vendors.

Kelly Mahon, Mount Pleasant, Texas, shared about the Lockheed Vega aircraft that he was flying. The plane

was 450 hp and weighed 3500 lbs. The fuselage was aluminum. Kelly and his mom, Mary, flew cross-country in a Vega that was low wing aircraft, 130 knots per hour with 7 hours of fuel.

Jim Ayers, our host, announced that Brandon, his son and partner, was contacted by a 25-year-old woman wants to learn to fly. Her life-time goal is to become an airplane pilot. Her father was a Navy Seal who was killed in 2011. Her father was flying a Chinook with 31 Seals when they crashed and all were killed. Brandon is trying to raise \$3000 toward flight training scholarship. He is also discounting his instruction costs. She still needs to still cover the cost of aircraft rental and fuel. Send monies to Ayers Aviation toward her flight training scholarship.

Door prizes were provided and given to selected members.

We thanked Ayers Aviation for hosting our February meeting!

We appreciate all the hangers hosting our Chapter meetings!

Charlie and Lynn Davis offered their hanger for the July 16th monthly meeting.

Our next month's meeting will be held at Al Hinton's hanger at Clark Airport at noon on March 19. See you there!

The meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting Minutes Submitted by Joetta Reetz, Secretary / Treasurer** □

## CHICKEN WINGS

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



# MEMBER PROJECTS

James Ayers 1966 172G

I bought this aircraft from a friend at Archer City Airport. It was flipped on its back during a thunder storm. I acquired parts off of a plane near Bridgeport. I started the project about 2 years ago, I stripped all the paint which was a

hard job because it was painted with lacquer paint that is only removed with sanding which took many hours. I'm working with the Flying Colors Shop here at Gainesville, they are very helpful as preparation work makes for a great paint job. My goal is to fly it to Oshkosh, not sure what year yet!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

**Next Meeting:** February 19th, 2022 on Clark Field TX (3T6) just north of Justin, TX.

We are invited to Al Hiltons' hanger for our Meeting and Lunch at Noon. The lunch will be pot luck. Members are asked to bring a Main Dish and a Salad or Dessert to share. Got spare junk in your hangar, bring it as a door prize. For Fliers: (3T6) is on Sectional and Terminal Area charts about 3 miles north of Justin, Texas. Elev. 705ft, runway 17-35 is 1800x22 ft asphalt. Use 122.9 to announce. For Drivers: Halfway between Ponder and Justin on FM156 turn West on Eakin Cemetery Road and go 1/2mile west to the Airport. Turn South (left) on Clark Airfield Road and follow it to the (second hangar) on left.

## Upcoming Meetings 2022:

- April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Trey & Brandi Hayden hangar, Fairview Airport
- May 21<sup>th</sup>** - Jim Austin's hangar, Northwest West Regional Airport
- June 18<sup>th</sup>** - Bobby Jones hangar, Tailwheel Acres Airport
- July 16th - Charlie and Lynn Davis' Airport north of Gainesville
- August 20<sup>th</sup>** - Jim Austin's hangar, Northwest West Regional Airport
- September 17<sup>th</sup>** - Mathew and Theresa Hood, Propwash Airport
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** - Ayers Aviation / Annual fly-in, Gainesville Airport
- November 21<sup>st</sup>** - Trey & Brandi Hayden hangar, Fairview Airport
- December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Christena's Mexican Restaurant, Flower Mound

## Fly-Ins of Interest 2022:

- July 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>:** EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, WI (OSH)
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>:** National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA.
- October 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:** "Fall Festival of Flight" TXAAA Annual Fly- In, Gainesville, TX.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX

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# TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION Membership Application - Renewal Form

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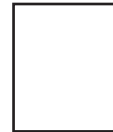
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Aircraft Type: \_\_\_\_\_ National AAA No. \_\_\_\_\_

(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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**NOTE: Membership expires on September 30 each year. Send dues and address changes to TXAAA Treasurer,**  
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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](http://www.antiqueairfield.com) or E-mail [antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com](mailto:antiqueairfield@sirisonline.com) or you may write:  
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