

# TEXAS AAA



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## Presidents Corner...

*Hello All,*

*Thanks to Jim Austin for hosting our August meeting. We had about 30 members and guests and the meeting started at 10AM due to the summer Texas heat. Food was pot luck brunch with pancakes and bacon, Yum.*

*Bruce Putney, our fly in chairman, is busy planning this year's Fall Festival of Flight on October 13th and 14th. We need volunteers to help run the show so Please contact Bruce to volunteer at, [bruce0739@att.net](mailto:bruce0739@att.net) or call him at 817-673-1418. Our members make the event a success so please volunteer.*

*Our next meeting will be on September 16th – at the Vintage Flight Museum at Meacham airport. Noon pot luck as usual.*

**Fly Safe,  
Terry**





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# TXAAA Historians Month by G R Dennis Price.

I am sorry that I missed the August meeting, unfortunately there were too many things around the house that needed my attention; plus, my cameras were in the shop for repair/cleaning. Trustfully, I will be able to take better photos on the upcoming trip to Blakesburg, Galesburg, and Brodhead, where I hope to see more than a few TXAAA members.

I am starting with a few photos from the August meeting at the Hayden's hangar at Fairview (the rest of this page) and will then have a few photos from Oshkosh (from the approximate 700 photos edited so far, with about another 3,000 to do).



**N50HA, Cub Crafters CCK-2000, msn CCK-2000-0021, the latest off the Hayden production line. At the previous meeting it was still in parts under construction.**



**N82RV, Vans RV-8 (Pratt, Jay R), msn 80308, ff 1999.**



**N558TX, Vans RV-8 (Schad, Tom), msn 81353, ff 2005.**



**N795DC, MA-5 Charger (Eldredge, Stephen D), msn 001, ff 2020.**



**NN7406C, North American SNJ-4, msn 88-1432, ff 1943; ex USN 51654, CF-LQQ.**



**NC9406K, Stinson 108, msn 108-2406, ff 1947.**

*On to Oshkosh photos...*



C-FPHZ, Thruxton Jackaroo, ex RAF DH.82A Tiger Moth, msn 82168, serial N6924, built in 1939; converted to 4-place, canopied Thruxton Jackaroo, by Jackaroo Aircraft Ltd. at Thruxton Aerodrome in 1957 with new msn #9 (of a total of 19 conversions) and registered as G-APHZ. To Canada in 1970 and registered as CF-QOT. Restored in 1983, and registered as C-FHPZ, it won Champion Customized Aircraft award at 1983 EAA Oshkosh. Re-registered in 2004 with new "msn" N6924, the old RAF serial (Aerialvisuals.ca and Wikipedia).

I actually remember visiting Thruxton while Jackaroo production was on-going in 1958/59. In addition to the Jackaroos and a few other light civil aircraft, I remember a pair of abandoned DH.98 Mosquito fuselages, that had been impounded before they could get to Israel, many years previously. The aerodrome was (and still is) also used for motorcycle racing.



N20XT, Mooney M20T Predator, msn 28-0001, ff 1991. The tail is clearly a Mooney tail, but a sliding cockpit canopy? The aircraft was created to compete for the Air Force's Primary Trainer contract in 1989-1990, but lost out to the Slingsby T-3. The aircraft was left at the back of the Mooney hangar from 1991 to 1996, when it was restored by Tom Bowen. As with most military "off-the-shelf"

purchases, the M20T was constructed of parts of different Mooney models, as well as completely new items. The fuselage is a shortened M20C/M20E body, the tail is from the pressurized M22, with a standard 201 wing. And the engine is a Continental IO-550. The sliding canopy was new and regular controls were replaced with sticks. ("Mad About Mooneys", by Carl Marbach and Liz Swaine, published Feb 22, 1999 and updated June 14, 2019. Avweb.com checked August 21, 2023).



N2109P, Seguin Geronimo Apache. ff 1956 as Piper PA-23-150, msn 23-699. Modified (conversion date unknown by me, need help) with "180 h.p Lycoming O-360-A1D engines, streamlined engine cowls, extended nose cone, fully enclosed gear doors, new wing tips, square-tipped fin and rudder, one-piece windshield" (Peperell, Roger W. 1966:136. Piper Aircraft The development and history of Piper designs. ISBN 0 85130 253 X).

Well that does it for this month. Hope to see lots of you at Blakesburg, and some at Galesburg (for the Stearman fly-in) and/or at Brodhead (for the Grassroots fly-in and the wonderful collection of antique aircraft there). If not at these three fly-ins (a must on my calendar) see you at the next monthly meeting and Gainesville (on October 13-14th).

Dennis



# "FALL FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT"

OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL



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Antique Airplane Association [www.txaaa.org](http://www.txaaa.org)

**GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, TX (KGLE)**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

**September 16th** - at the Vintage Flight Museum at Meacham airport. Noon pot luck as usual.

**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.

**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 Texas Chapter Events For 2023

**October 13th -14th** - Ayers Aviation / Annual fly-in, Gainesville Airport

**November 18th** - Trey & Brandi Hayden hangar, Fairview Airport

**December 16th** – Christena’s Mexican Restaurant, Flower Mound

### Fly-Ins of Interest 2023:

Aug 29-Sep-3: National AAA Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA.

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

October 27 – 28: Flying M Ranch, Reklaw, TX (7TA7)

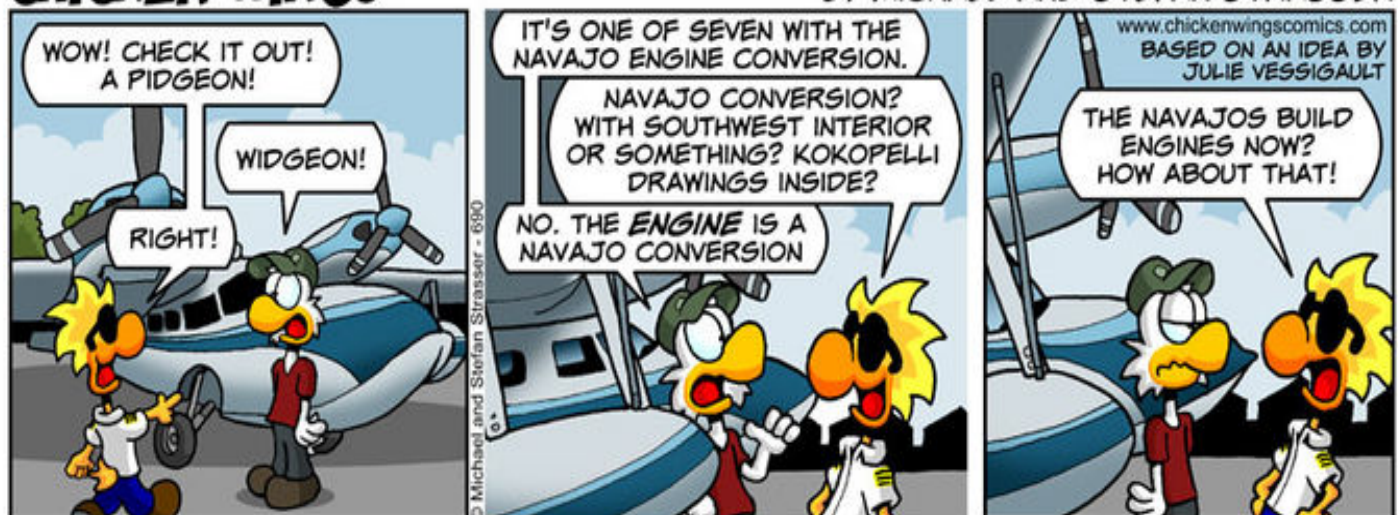


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## CHICKEN WINGS

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



# Texas Chapter Antique Airplane Association August 19, 2023

## Minutes of the Chapter Meeting:

The Chapter Meeting was held at 1XA6 Tailwheel Acres Airport, Valley View, TX.

09:30 – 10:45 AM Social Time

10:10 – Lunch

10:45 Meeting called to order by Chapter President Terry Wallace.

Recognize Visitors

Recognize Birthdays and Anniversaries

Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report

Motion Passed

**Next Meeting** September 16, 2023 12 PM at Vintage Flying Museum Fort Worth Meacham Airport <https://vintageflyingmuseum.org/>

11:00 AM Fly-In Chair: Bruce Putney

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

Ayers Aviation <https://www.ayersaviation.com/> Posters/Post Cards – request to distribute to home airports/ or airports you visit. Fly-In T-Shirt design will be last year's grand champion.

**Darrell Irby** – Discussion Aviation 101

11:10 AM Terry Wallace – Door Prizes

11:20 AM Terry Wallace - Adjourn.

11:20 – 12:00 PM Clean up, stow tables and chairs.




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(Ownership of an aircraft is not required)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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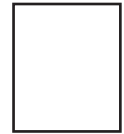
National AAA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Please circle: New, Renewal, Lifetime

Please submit the above information with your \$25 payment (\$250 lifetime) to Texas Antique Airplane Association, 5416 Catlow Valley Rd., Ft Worth TX 76137 If paying by check, please make payable to: Texas Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association.

Paid: Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.texasantiqueairplane.org) or [www.txaaa.org](http://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.  
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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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