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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 323

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We meet at the Sherman (TX) Municipal Airport, the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Visit us at: <http://www.eaa323.org>

July 15th Meeting

John Proctor will bring us a program on the International Aerobatic Club (IAC) and the competitions at the North TX Regional Airport each year. John has been active in the judging aspect of the competition for several years.

Bring a friend

President's Message



Let's Aviate

Well it's officially Hot ! Tonight the weatherman said we were on pace to equal the summer of 1980 for 100 degree days and June is just over. But that doesn't mean we can't Aviate. You know the old saw- aviate navigate and communicate.. Well last month some did all that and more. We held the 4th annual Pilotage experience and it seemed to go off rather well, there were 5 planes involved and I think 12 persons participated in the flying and several more in the dining experience at Pelicans Landing at Cedar Mills. There is an article about the event elsewhere in this newsletter giving more details.

There are several Fly-Ins coming up, it's that season you know but there are other ways to keep that aviation bug going. Some of our members are building, some are rebuilding and others are planning to build and some are selling aircraft so they can get in on the action. Find one of them at the next chapter meeting and visit, or better yet offer to meet for lunch and talk flying!

In my personal quest to learn more about aviating I have been looking over the EAA site there are several good videos at the Hints for Home builder's page. So even on a Hot (or occasional wet afternoon) we can find a way to keep the aviation bug fed. Your chapter leadership is meeting to plan the fall action on July 10th, check the website out for details, email or call any of us with your suggestions.

Com'on summers here lets Aviate!

See You on the Ramp! Rick

New Chapter Sign

-Rick Simmons

What an afternoon. Temperatures near 100 and cool refreshments! Good food, fun and a little work for EAA 323. Thanks to Evans, Guido and John Hooker for helping get the signs hung on both sides of the large maintenance hanger, to Rich for the Black Angus burgers, to Danny for use of the grill and accessories and to the dozen or so intrepid members who braved the heat to come out and enjoy some airport time. Also, to Guido, who brought an excellent watermelon! Ask him about the B300 and his RV. Just a hint for planning next time, let's try this a earlier when its cooler.



June 19th Fly about

Twelve Chapter members showed up and five planes participated in the "Pilotage" cross-country flying. This was the practical to Rick Simmons' presentation on pilotage. Joe Nelsen had Evans Gauthier, Bud Smith had Gary Hill, Paul Tanner soloed, Bobby Brown had Steve and Conner Luckett, and Rick Simmons had Ross Richardson and Clint Murphy. Rick gave the briefing and the current forecast. This year Rick ran it a little



differently and had a set of envelopes and within the envelopes were more envelopes with the specific waypoints. A list of waypoints were provided, just not the order, beforehand. A few members had to check the chart to find these locations.



Upon departure the "navigator" opened the envelope and then opened the envelope marked #1. That gave the first waypoint. For Rick's flight it was the bridge at Platter, OK. At the Platter waypoint then the #2 envelop was opened, and so on until we reached the final way point of the Willis



Bridge near Cedar Mills airport. Then all the planes landed at Cedar Mills for a good lunch and afterwards a return to Sherman Municipal Airport.. It should be known that Rick's navigator allowed Rick to hit all waypoints as required and we have pictures to prove it. It was a fun day for this annual event. Let's try to get more members out next year when we do this again.



New Member

Please welcome our newest member George Scott and his wife, Dolores. George has a PPSEL and is an EAA Technical Counselor. George and his wife live in Pottsboro.

EAA Chapter Planning at the Cedar Mill's Hangar, July 10th starting at 9:00AM. This is open to all members who wish to participate in the planning of programs and events. All Board members are requested to attend.

FCC PROPOSES BAN ON 121.5 ELTS (UPDATED)

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(Editor's note – there is a lot of information coming out on this issue from EAA and AOPA. The material in the newsletter may be dated as new information becomes available or issues change.)

The Federal Communications Commission took the general aviation world by surprise when it said in a recent report it will prohibit the sale or use of 121.5 MHz emergency locator transmitters and require the use of 406 MHz units, a rule that could take effect as soon as August. Most of the 220,000 or so GA aircraft in the U.S. still use the 121.5 ELTs, which are allowed by the FAA. The FCC rule doesn't take effect until 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register, and AOPA says they hope to work things out with the FCC before that publication takes place. Nonetheless, AOPA's Rob Hackman said, "At this time, we caution anyone against purchasing a new ELT until this issue is resolved. There's a lot of misunderstanding at this time as to the status of this rule." On Wednesday, the Aircraft Electronics Association said the FCC has clarified that the rule is targeting legacy TSO C91a ELTs, which operate primarily on 121.5 MHz, not the general use of frequency 121.5 MHz as the rule implies. "Current TSO C126 ELTs are not affected by this ruling," the AEA said.

THE COMING SOLAR STORMS AND YOUR GPS

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Space scientists say that solar storms are on the rise and do cause problems for satellite-dependent systems like GPS and ADS-B. So, if you're wondering if there's anything to worry about, the short answer is, "yes," but there are caveats. Scientists at NASA's heliophysics division and NOAA's space weather prediction center told AVweb the storms can -- and have -- temporarily shut down certain GPS capability and are likely to (read: will) do it again. While that's not likely to happen very often, the challenge of predicting or identifying those moments (which can last days) and effectively communicating the threat to end-users (pilots) is not easily met. With more pilots relying on satellite-based systems during demanding modes of flight, the stakes are high. Joe Kunches is a space scientist at NOAA who works with industry stakeholders to define and understand their space weather needs. AVweb's Glenn Pew spoke with Kunches Friday to determine the nature of the threat, our current defenses, and what the average pilot can do about it. (Hint: Don't throw out inertial navigation, VOR, or DME just yet.)

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (June 8, 2010)

More elements to the huge DC-3 75th anniversary celebration at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010, which will be held July 26-August 1, have been added, creating more opportunities to enjoy a unique gathering of these aircraft at "Aviation's Family Reunion."

The latest addition is a DC-3 and C-47 "Max-Effort Day" on Tuesday, July 27, that will include formation flights and aerial displays from all DC-3 aircraft that wish to be flown that day. That includes groups of the aircraft type in airline and military configurations, plus others.

"This event will celebrate the legacy and people of an aircraft that played a massive part in the development of both civil and military aviation," said Adam Smith, EAA vice president of membership.

"Merging both ground and air operations into a single spectacle is sure to leave those in attendance with memories they'll be able to share and recall for years."

Among other highlights of the weeklong DC-3 celebration:

- A very special DC-3/C-47 reunion evening at Theater in the Woods, hosted by David Hartman and including special guest Jim Douglas, grandson of DC-3 designer Donald Douglas;
- "Salute to Veterans" activities in cooperation with Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to include re-enactor displays and personal appearances by WWII veterans of "Easy Company" (known from the HBO series "Band of Brothers");
- Air Show programs throughout the week to include a parade of classic airliners, a unique heritage flight that pairs the C-47 with the modern C-17 Globemaster;
- An appearance by the aircraft and stars of hit Canadian reality TV series "Ice Pilots", still operating the DC-3 in daily passenger service;
- DC-3 movie screenings, including the John Wayne classic "Island in the Sky" at the outdoor Fly-In Movie Theater;
- Numerous public forums related to the people, history and operations of the DC-3;
- A major week-long effort by the EAA Timeless Voices of Aviation team to capture and preserve the video oral histories of all people connected with the DC-3.
- An exclusive DC-3 community cookout hosted by Basler Turbo Conversions of Oshkosh, which refurbishes DC-3s from its base at Wittman Regional Airport for continued use at locations around the world;
- A luncheon on Wednesday, July 28, in the EAA AirVenture Museum Founders' Wing for anyone who has even been connected with the DC-3, including pilots, mechanics, flight crew, veterans, etc. (Registration details will be forthcoming)

In addition, a rare DC-2 aircraft will be joining the assembly at Oshkosh, as well as a beautifully refurbished DC-7B aircraft.

EAA already has commitments from a large number of DC-3/C-47 operators who intend to arrive at Oshkosh. Other DC-3 and C-47 operators who wish to participate should contact EAA at dc3@eaa.org, and will be sent specific details on arrival procedures, aircraft parking, accommodations, and other important logistics.

EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH is The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration and EAA's yearly membership convention. Additional EAA AirVenture information, including advance ticket and camping purchase, is available online at www.airventure.org. EAA members receive lowest prices on admission rates. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 1-800-JOIN-EAA (1-800-564-6322) or visit www.eaa.org. Immediate news is available at <http://twitter.com/EAAupdate>.

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2010 Calendar of Programs and Events

Month	Programs	Events
Jul	15 – John’s Program	10 – BoD Meeting Planning update @ 3T0
Aug	19 – U.S. Thunderbird’s Crew Chief presentation and discussion	
Sep	16 – Summer Fly-in Reports	
Oct	21 – Leldon’s Program	2 – Brushy Creek Fly in 15 / 17 – 3T0 Splash in
Nov	18 – Danny’s Project Construction	
Dec	16 – Annual Christmas Party @ Richardson’s	

Looking for newsletter contributions. Places you have flown, flying experiences, where to eat, anything –send it in! Send to rrichardson@verizon.net.

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- § that you must also be a member of the National EAA to belong to a local Chapter. This protects the Chapter for insurance. If you are not a National Member please join now and let Ross know your EAA # for the records.
- § Board of Director minutes are published on the chapter website.

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