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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>

September 16th meeting

Interested in building a terrific Sonex and
want more than the usual information from the factory videos?

Bob Carsons will present and discuss the actually building of his award worthy aircraft.

On the following Saturday (9/21) he will have the plane at Grayson County Airport for us to drool over when we gather up for the ATC school tour.

Bring a friend

President's Message



Ok Its Hot, I'm bored cause it's to hot to fly, Its August, Oshkosh is over, wait that means ... Oh no! It's almost that time of year again... Fall is coming!!! "What's the big deal, Rick. Fall comes every year?" you might ask. Well my friends its Fly in season around here. There are many local events and some not so local that are still near 'nuff to make for a fly in rich environment. Look through this month's newsletter, there are three locals in October alone and they range from a small private strip event to a public welcome event in Gainesville. The first Saturday in Oct, (the 2nd) will be our 14th Brushy Creek fly in at my place (69XS). Then on the 9th is the Antique Fly in over at Gainesville (GLE) with lots to see and on the 15th through the 17th is the Seaplane Splash/fly in at Cedar Mills (3T0) with seminars, dinners,

breakfasts (our chapter activities) and even more to see, maybe even a ride. If you have never been in an aircraft on a water landing you have to go experience it. Finally down the Victor airway a bit, there is Reklaw's 26th annual event the 22nd through the 24th. And for the finale – go see a Really Big Show- the Alliance Air show Oct 30 -31.

"But what about September?" "You ask.

OK - After our L-3 tour of the Air traffic controller training facility at KGYI then there is Terrell (KTRL). With a "Salute to our Fathers Fly" in September 18th to honor WWII and the Brits who flew there during their training. Besides I'm gonna be busy getting ready for all these events, flight planning, finding the camera, my EAA cap, sun screen, that funny little folding chair I received a few Christmases ago and then there's the washing and cleaning up of the old bird, then there's the airplane,...so much to do so little time!

See you on the Ramp! *Rick*

Don't Wait

The title says it all, do not put off those things that you want to do, especially if it involves family. For the twelve years that I owned my Cessna Skyhawk, my uncle had wanted a flight over our hometown and the surrounding area. There was always the time, I thought. Well, time ran out when I sold my airplane, and I had not fulfilled his request. Checking the EAA website, I found a chapter in Hot Springs, AR. I contacted the president, who just happened to also own rental airplanes. She hooked me up with an instructor (so I could fly) and I finalized the flight that my uncle had always wanted. The weather that morning didn't look too promising on our drive to Hot Springs. But, it worked out and we completed the flight. We flew over the "town" that my father and his early siblings were born (just dirt cross roads now), over my uncle's current home, and several other places of interest. In all we stayed up just a little over an hour. My 87-year-old uncle, who gets along like he is 60, enjoyed the flight. As a side, my uncle has always enjoyed dancing. It just happens that the Hot Springs Chapter president and her husband are also dancers and have adopted my uncle on their dance outings. This couldn't have turned out better. Here is a photo of my uncle and me with the C-172 I rented.



August Thunderbird Presentation

John Lozanski, who was a crew chief for the Thunderbirds during the early seventies, presented our program: this was F-4 time. John provided details on what it took to become a crew chief, maintenance and logistics for the airshows, and some humorous times. Excellent presentation, and a big thanks to John for coming up and doing this.



ID Badges and Hats

Member, Danny Offill, is providing Chapter badges, free to members. If you do not have one contact Danny at the meeting or send him an email at doffill@admubenefits.com to order yours. Chapter hats are also available and contact Rick Simmons at rr52s@yahoo.com. The hats are \$15.00 each.

Tower Training School Tour at KGYI – September 18th

Evans Gauthier



Did you know there is an Air Traffic controller's school at KGYI? Over the next 10 years nearly 85% of the FAA's air traffic controller will be retiring, which means they'll be hiring over 17,000 new controllers. Now, most of them will come from Grayson County. Evans contacted Jim Christy at L-3 Communications (Link Simulators) and they have set up a tour for EAA Chapter 323 at 0900, 18 Sept. We will meet at the terminal on the field and then motorcade a few blocks to the school. I strongly request that we use this opportunity to invite some young people to join us on this tour. Depending on the number interested in attend, priority will be given to those accompanied by a potential student and new EAA Chapter member!

Annual Cedar Mills Splash in

The annual Splash in at 3T0 will be October 15th through the 17th. Remember, this is one of the Chapter activities we do each year in assisting with this event. There is plenty to do. So come on out and help and you might even get a float plane flight. If there is a FAA forum that you would like to attend, please do that also.



If you attended this event before you probably recognized this aircraft. The plane was owned by Ray Walker of Nocona, TX, and he kept it flying all during the day and giving many rides. It is sad to report that Ray died as a result of an accident in Oregon on August 15 while riding his motorcycle. His wife, Mary, is in serious condition. Please be praying for the family. Ray will be greatly missed.

Brushy Creek Fly – In

Chapter member and President, Rick Simmons, is holding his annual Brushy Creek flyin at this private airport October 2nd. All members are invited and it begins around 11:00AM with lunch around 12:30PM

FOR YOU AVIATORS..2800X100 GRASS (CAUTION, 40' TREES@ EACH END) 18-36, WIND SOCK ON West Side OF RWY. LAT 96/49 LONG 33/45. PARKING WEST SIDE, MIDFIELD TAXIWAY, IN FRONT OF THE HANGER. CTAF 122.75 (URH / 114.0 / 237° / 24.7 and ADM / 116.7 / 142° / 32.2).

<http://skyvector.com/airport/69XS/Brushy-Creek-Airport>

IF YOU ARE DRIVING IN IT IS 5.6 MILES NORTH OF US 82 ON TX 902 TO ARKANSAS ROAD (JUST PAST THE ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION). TURN RIGHT AND GO TO HIS HOUSE. LOOK FOR THE SIGN "SIMMONS FRWY"

Christmas Party

With temperatures in the 100 plus degrees it is hard to be thinking of Christmas parties. But, mark your calendars for December 16th for the annual Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of Ross and Paula Richardson. There will be more information in upcoming newsletters. It would be great if all chapter members and family can make it. Guests are welcomed also.

Young Eagle Coordinator

The Chapter is looking to fill this position. No experience is necessary. We have past members that did this function and will gladly provide all necessary training. All you have to have is a desire to see smiling faces on the kids that are receiving their first airplane ride. If you are interested, please contact or see one of the Chapter officers during the meeting or call them. Please do not be bashful.

Young Eagle Flights

The Chapter is hosting a Young Eagle event at the Cedar Mills Airport November 13th starting at 9:00AM. Volunteer briefing will begin at 8:30AM. More details in the October newsletter. Volunteer pilots are greatly needed. After the event the volunteers will be treated to lunch.

First Announcement of Restarting EAA Chapter 323

Provided by Jerry Sparks

17 FEBRUARY 1992

TO: ALL INTERESTED PILOTS AND FLYING ENTHUSIASTS

SUBJECT: FORMATION OF LOCAL EAA CHAPTER

DAY/DATE: MON/FEB 24, 1992

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: SHERMAN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN WITH US ON THE FORMATION OF OUR OWN LOCAL EAA CHAPTER. WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND SUPPORT. BRING AN INTERESTED FRIEND OR SPOUSE. SEE YOU THERE!

THANKS,

JERRY SPARKS

FOR INFO PHONE 903-868-7089, 903-892-8555, 903-415-7233.

TEXAS CHAPTER ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION



47th Annual Fly-In

October 8th & 9th, 2010

Gainesville Municipal Airport

Gainesville, Texas

The Texas Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association has announced its annual Fly-In which is held every year at the Gainesville Municipal airport. The theme this year is the "Fall Festival of Flight" and will be held October 8th & 9th, 2010. Mark it on your calendar.

Aircraft Weight and Balance Handbook (FAA-H-8083-1A)

FAA-H-8083-1A, Aircraft Weight and Balance Handbook, has been prepared in recognition of the importance of weight and balance technology in conducting safe and efficient flight. The objective of this handbook is twofold: to provide the Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic (A&P) with the method of determining the empty weight and empty-weight center of gravity (EWCG) of an aircraft, and to furnish the flightcrew with information on loading and operating the aircraft to ensure its weight is within the allowable limit and the center of gravity (CG) is within the allowable range.

www.faa.gov/library/manuals/aircraft/media/faa-h-8083-1a.pdf

2010 Calendar of Programs and Events

Month	Programs	Events
Sep	16 – Bob Carsons / Building a Sonex	18 - Tour L3 Tower Controller school at KGYI / 0900 / NTRA Terminal Building
Oct	21 – Aviation Program by Leldon Locke	2 – Brushy Creek Flyin 15 / 17 – 3T0 Seaplane Splash/Fly in
Nov	18 – Current Member’s Aircraft Projects	13 – Young Eagle flights and volunteer lunch at 3T0 starting at 9:00AM 18 – Bring your plans and photos
Dec	16 - Christmas Party @ Richardson’s	

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

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Other events

2nd Annual Flying Musicians Spinks Fly-In Musicfest. November 13-14, 2010 at the Ft. Worth Spinks Airport (KFWS). For info about last year's success and how to get musicians to your venue go to: <http://flyingmusicians.org/>

Did you know...?

- § that your membership **expiration** date is printed on the mailing label. If your membership has expired please see Ross Richardson during the meetings to renew or go to the Chapter Web site and print the form and mail to Ross Richardson. Dues are a cheap \$20.00 per year.
- § 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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