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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>

January 19th Program

Conditional Inspections for Homebuilders & Annual Inspections for Owners

Bring a friend

President's Message



It's a New Year... and most of us will spend a little personal time reflecting back at the old year... and make some resolutions for the coming year.

Anybody looking back at 2011 for EAA Chapter #323 has to be pleased with where we've been. Rick and the rest of the officers have done an excellent job and deserve our thanks for their hard work. We've never had more airplane projects under construction as we have now, and have added many new faces at the meetings.

New resolutions for 2012:

First we want to continue to build on our past successes and the positive momentum we've generated. "If it's not broke...don't fix it."

Our next goal should be to continue to try to expand our membership and the participation level of our members. The declining US pilot base makes attracting and retaining members a high priority for any aviation group.

We hope to accomplish this by establishing regular Saturday morning chapter meetings and significantly more events at North Texas Regional airport so we appeal to a larger number of prospective members. The day meetings offer the potential benefit of more "hands on" participation and can eliminate some of the night driving of older members.

Some of us are not getting our flying airplanes out and putting enough hours on them. Our airplanes and piloting skills deteriorate and lose value without regular flying. A Saturday meeting, typically at an airport will allow more opportunities to fly, and maybe give some right seat time to some of our members currently not flying.

One of the things I've enjoyed over 25 years of flying has been hangar flying. We've had a little shortage of that recently, and I miss the fun and camaraderie. Hopefully getting back to the airport will help on that.

Good flying and tailwinds.
Leldon

Chapter Valentines Party

The annual chapter Valentine's Party will take place once again at **The Lodge** at Cedar Mills Marina on February 11th starting at 6:30PM. This has always been a fun event for members and spouses. So come on out and enjoy. George Scott will provide a pork roast, so bring your favorite side dish and drink to share with the group.

Semi-annual Chapter Planning Session

The semi-annual planning meeting will take place at Clint Murphy's. Take Highway.11 east of Sherman through Tom Bean out about 2.5 miles, then left on Travis Rd, follow to the right to the top of hill, left into Bella Vista Ranch (544 Travis, Whitewright, TX. 214-578-3859). Officers and Board members are required, other chapter members are more than welcomed to attend. It is your ideas that help form the programs and events for the coming months. The meeting will start at 9:00AM, Saturday January 21

Chapter's BoD meeting and Saturday get together.

The board meetings will now take place the first Saturday of each month at a location of aviation interest. The board meetings will be held from 9:00AM to 10:00AM then a gathering of all chapter members for a monthly get together at different locations. Our first meeting was at Rick Simmons hangar with a good turn out of members and guests. Rick showed us his progress on his Zenith project. He is coming along nicely. Rick would not commit to a completion date when pressed. More like "it will be done, when it is done". Afterwards we traveled to The Landing at Cedar Mills for lunch. Lunch somewhere will generally end the Saturday event.



Hope to see as many of you as can make it. Members are welcomed to come early and participate in the directors meetings if they wish. Since these meetings are held before the newsletter is published notification will be sent via email. So be sure your email is correct. You can verify by logging in to www.eaa323.org and go to members section and follow the directions. Also verify that the rest of your information is correct. It is this email address that the chapter emails are generated. The next meeting is planned for the Terminal Building at North Texas Regional Airport at 9:00AM, with details to come.

Board Member Elections

Each March at the membership meeting the three Board of Directors are elected. The two current members are George Scott and Joe Nelsen. They have agreed to serve another term if elected. There is one open slot with the passing of Rich Worstell last year. A nominating committee is being formed and will present their selections at the February meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

FAA Safety Team | An Accident that did not happen

from FAASafety.gov

Here we have an excellent example of an accident that did not happen!

While an alert IA (or mechanic) discovered the discrepancy, it appears multiple mechanics and IAs missed "seeing" the incorrect installation. Initially, someone made the incorrect installation, and an Inspector missed it! This example can serve as a reminder that mechanics and Inspectors need to be diligent in performing their work.

As pilots and owners, we need to encourage mechanics not to shortcut any inspections! Our very lives may depend upon it!

You can review this December Maintenance Alert here:

https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2012/Jan/2011_12_Alert_BonanzaCableCutterbrief.pdf

You can see pictures here: https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2012/Jan/V35A_Pictures.pdf

While the Editor's comment in the GA Alert seems to praise the IA who discovered this one, the photos clearly demonstrate a failure to have the cable installed properly in the first place. It is possible there were many repeated inspections on this V35A over a number of years without anyone noticing the slow sawing action through the primary control tube. (Investigation revealed this particular airplane did not fly very often.) We need to ask ourselves what we are relying on as the basis for the GA Quality Assurance program, as it relates to qualifications, training, recurrency, following directions, and performing proper inspections. This is a systemic challenge for maintenance facilities and individual mechanics alike. If you are aware of other examples we can share, please forward the details to Airmen@FAASafety.gov; we would be especially interested in any photographs you may have.

Aviation attorney says general aviation eases commuting

Provided by Evans Gauthier

Greg Winton, a pilot and aviation attorney, flies to business meetings at least twice a month in his Piper Lance aircraft. "This way, I am in the air within five to seven minutes from starting my engine," Winton said. **"I never have to take off my shoes and belt."** Winton flies out of Frederick Municipal Airport in Maryland.

"Eagle Flight" Launches in January

-from avweb.com

EAA will roll out its new Young Eagles-style familiarization program for adults in January. In a [year-end interview](#), EAA President Rod Hightower said the program, named Eagle Flight, will fly its first adult pilot wannabe in March. The name was presumably chosen from submissions by EAA members after the program was announced during EAA AirVenture last year. Hightower said that about a third of the 15,000 newly licensed pilots in 2010 were older than 34 and Eagle Flight aims to tap into the latent desires of many potential new pilots.

He said many people dream of flight from a young age and aren't able to pursue it in their youth. As they get older and get more time and money they start thinking about acting on those dreams. The new program is designed to make the first step of getting into the left seat of an airplane easier. Hightower said there is already strong support for the program. More than 200 EAA members have expressed willingness to use their aircraft for Eagle Flights.

Chapter Member Inputs

The following space is for you to submit aviation-interesting articles – places you have flown, status of your homebuilding project, places you visited, etc. Please send to rprichardson@verizon.net

2012 Calendar of Programs and Events

Always subject to change

| Month | Programs | Events |
|------------|---|--|
| Jan | 19 – Conditional Inspections for Homebuilders & Annual Inspections for Owners | 21 – Chapter Planning @ Clint Murphy's |
| Feb | 16 – How to perform a W&B | 11 - Chapter Annual Valentines Party @ Cedar Mills Lodge |
| Mar | 15 – Jimmy Doolittle Stinson | XX – Young Eagles @ KSWI |
| Apr | 19 – Flying clubs, partnerships for aircraft ownership | XX – Operation Raincheck/Ft Worth Center |
| May | 17 – Aerobatic Flying | XX – Tour of AA operations and flight center. |
| Jun | 21 – Latest in Avionics | XX – Perrin Field Museum |
| Jul | 19 – Open discussion on building and maintaining your own runway | |
| Aug | 16 - TBD | |
| Sep | 20 – Formation Flying | 1/2 – T14, Taylor Field fly-in 22 – Pancake breakfast fly-in a |
| Oct | 18 – TBD Officer Elections | 6 - Brushy Creek Fly-in 19 / 21 – Seaplane Splash In at 3T0 27 – Reklaw fly-in |
| Nov | 15 - TBD | XX – Young Eagles @ KSWI |
| Dec | 20 - Christmas Party @ Richardson's | |

XX means date to be determined

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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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. Make check to **EAA 323**.
- § 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. All members are welcome to attend.

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