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The Monthly Newsletter of the Sherman, TX EAA Chapter 323

May 2017

Monthly Meeting—Thursday May 18th

This Thursday's meeting will be about drones. FAASafetyTeam members will be in Sherman given a lecture about unmanned aerial vehicles and related. Come on out and visit with the club and bring a friend! With drones "being the thing" right now, young adults and kids may be interested as well. See you 7pm this Thursday May 18th at the Sherman Municipal Airport Terminal.

Charts N Legends Practical Test

The Weather was as predicted--beautiful. Expectations for a great flight were high and we were spot on for that as the day went on.

Now, there was the usual weather briefing as you may see in some of the pictures; winds were light to calm even up to 6000' which nobody dared climb to with money on the line.

The route was shared, in reference to the presentation a few weeks ago it was all about check points and knowing exactly where you were. The plan was: SWI to Bennington, Ok, to Coleman, Ok, to Kingston, Ok, land at Cedar Mills, 3T0, take on additional weight, depart for the final stop at SWI. The calculations done and course, distance, and times planned out, our group of mathematically weary Aviators plopped down the 5's and declared a fuel burn. The pot was \$35, there was a lot of pride on the line also. The possibility of a three-peat loomed when we received an estimate for John Horn and he wasn't even there. The declarations made, engines started: Paul and his son Jonathan, led us off in 007, followed several minutes later by John Halterman in his 172, then Waadee Hudson in his Skywagon with Gary Hill calling the courses, followed lastly by me and Mike McClendon in my Cherokee 235. Everybody flew the route, we think...

The landing area around the hanger at Cedar mills was the gathering spot. There was some discussion as to what was prominent at the various turn points and some in the group had blank looks when others described what they saw. Waadee offered a taxi ride to Pelicans in his pickup. We over-indulged in scrumptious lunch fare and sleepily rode back to resume our final leg. Using the same take off sequence and we were on our way.

The fuel line at SWI was busy with our crew for a while as we all topped off. There were some problems viewing the pump gallons display as various persons stood in the way of the pilot refueling. Once he said "I'm done" the pump was shutoff and his receipt gave him the news. We gathered in the Terminal building to display our figures and discuss the results.

Unfortunately place and show did not receive anything but second and third place nods as the money went to the winner, Jonathan who nailed the 7-gallon burn 007 made the trip with. It was mysteriously reported that last years (and the year before that) winner had underestimated his burn exhausted his fuel by .1 gallons and was therefore a crash and DQ. Too bad for John Horn. I believe there may be a picture of the final figures if the white board pics made it.

Thanks to everyone who participated, wish more had been able to so the pot would be bigger. In any case we had a great time, great day of flying and fellowship, challenging ourselves with pilotage, dead reckoning and keeping old skills up should the magenta line vanish from our screens.

See you on the Ramp,

Rick Simmons

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Departure - 130° @ 7KT - TAF
0° @ 0 - METAR

WINDS

3000 - 0° @ 0
6000 - 350° @ 18KT
9000 - 340° @ 29KT

SWI
BENNIGTON OK
Coleman OK
Kingston

John Horn <small>Worshiper</small>	7.2	7.3
John <small>75</small>	10.5	8.8
WADEE <small>27X</small>	14.0	10.0
GARY <small>27X</small>	14.5	10.0
MIKE <small>27W</small>	17.5	16.6
PAUL <small>007</small>	7.5	7.0
Jonathan <small>007</small>	7.0	7.0

3TØ - LAND-LUNCH Rick - 19.4 16.6
29W

SWI

Regulatory Minute

Basic Med is now the rule. I have attached a website link to the FAA on reference to basic med for more information. You can use this in lieu of a 3rd class medical with an AME for private pilot operations (and other limitations as specified in the rule---see link).

https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/basic_med/

Upcoming Chapter Events

- Thursday May 18 Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
Subject: Drones
- Saturday June 3 First Saturday event: Gyroplane!
- Thursday June 15 Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
Subject: Lighter than Air—Airships
- Saturday July 1 First Saturday event—No July Event
- Thursday July 20 Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
Subject: High Altitude Balloons

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