



# Der Flügtag

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On November 29 one of the Navy's two bat-shaped, tail-less X-47B demonstration aircraft catapulted into the air and the history books at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland. Also known as the Unmanned Combat Air System demonstrator (UCAS-D), the craft was the first unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to be launched by the same kind of steam-powered catapult currently used on Navy carriers. Vice Admiral David Dunaway, head of Naval Air Systems Command, said the launch and 10-minute flight will "leave a mark in history."

**Next Chapter Meeting**  
Terminal Building  
New Braunfels Airport  
February 16 ,2013, 10:00 am

**Special Presentation by John Larrison onFlying the A1-E Skyraider during the Vietnam Conflict**

## From The Editor

Welcome to the February issue of Der Flugtag. Thanks to Barry Ganaske for the article on the Bomber Gas Station and to John Larrison who will be briefing us on his experiences as an A1-E Skyraider pilot during the Vietnam conflict. John had 225 missions in his Skyraider. The majority of his missions were day and night close air support of ground troops engaged with enemy forces. This promises to be a riveting presentation. John currently flies an RV-8 out of Heritage Airpark in New Berlin, TX.

A reminder to all that its time for membership renewal. A printable copy of the membership form is available on the website. Please make sure we have all your current information, aircraft info, pilot certificates ,etc.

Also I would like to place a call for info and pictures of current projects and aircraft owned by members. I'm sure there are some great stories behind many of them. (r.h.ross@verizon.net)

## WANTED

### Aircraft Building Workspace

Chapter 958 member Jack Wright is losing his aircraft workspace and is looking for a new one. He is looking for an inexpensive open or enclosed 60' X 40' workspace. He is currently building an amphibious plane of his own design called the "Salamander". Contact Jack at: [planeguy3@hotmail.com](mailto:planeguy3@hotmail.com) or ph [210-381-8290](tel:210-381-8290)

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### 2013 Aviation Happenings in Texas (250 mi. radius)

Apr 13, 2013	<a href="#">Chapter 1219 Cook's choice Fly-In</a>	Lufkin, TX, USA	221 miles	May
<a href="http://www.eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=13684">http://www.eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=13684</a>				
24-25, 2013	<a href="#">Ranger Fly-In &amp; Airshow No.6</a>	Ranger, TX	193 miles	Jun 8,
<a href="http://www.eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=14327">http://www.eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=14327</a>				
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## B-17 Gas Station



Shortly after WWII a guy named Art Lacey went to Kansas to buy a surplus B-17. His idea was to fly it back to Oregon, jack it up in the air and make a gas station out of it. He paid \$15,000 for it.

He asked which one was his and they said take whichever you want because there were miles of them.

He didn't know how to fly a 4-engine airplane so he read the manual while he taxied around by himself.

They said he couldn't take off alone so he put a mannequin in the co-pilot's seat and off he went.

He flew around a bit to get the feel of it and when he went to land he realized he needed a co-pilot to lower the landing gear.

He crashed and totaled his plane and another on the ground. They wrote them both off as "wind damaged" and told him to pick out another. He talked a friend into being his co-pilot and off they went.



They flew to Palm Springs where Lacey wrote a hot check for gas. Then they headed for Oregon.

They hit a snow storm and couldn't find their way, so they went down below 1,000 feet and followed the railroad tracks.

His partner sat in the nose section and would yell "TUNNEL" when he saw one and Lacey would climb over the mountain.



They landed safely, he made good the hot check he wrote, and they started getting permits to move a B-17 on the state highway.

The highway department repeatedly denied his permit and fought him tooth and nail for a long time, so late one Saturday night, he just moved it himself.

He got a \$10 ticket from the police for having too wide a load.

*This just reinforces the age old adage that **'it's better to ask for forgiveness rather than ask for permission'**.*

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**Coming Next Month  
"Shop Tips"**