



EAA 1475

APRIL 2019

APRIL ACTIVITY

WHAT: Young Eagles Flight Rally with EAA Chapter 1094
WHEN: Saturday, April 27
WHERE: Sulphur Springs Municipal Airport

- Start time approximately 9:00 a.m.
- Watch your email for more information and as we may gather for breakfast at Red Barn prior ~
- Here is what (additional) help is needed, as of March 31:
 - We need 7 additional pilots
 - Additional "Ramp Rats" to guide aircraft
 - Pilot Paperwork Completion
 - Registration



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dr. John Wisdom

We just lost one of our founding chapter members, Wayne Collins. Wayne fought in the Navy during WWII and got his private pilot license on the GI bill as soon as he returned home. In the 1940's Wayne learned to fly in a brand new Aeronca Champ. That's right Brand New! In the 40's Mineola Wisener Airport was an Aeronca dealer and of course they would have a brand new Champ as the rental plane. On a little research, that same plane is still flying in New York as of last year, so cool!

After a little fun flying, the family and business took priority except for a few rental flights for many years. Except for one Stinson 108 that flew into 3F9 and almost caused a divorce. One day not long after Wayne was married to his beautiful bride a nearly new Stinson 108 flew into Wisener field while Wayne was there flying. Well this Stinson happened to be for sale and it was under the amount of money they had saved to build the new house they had planned (\$3000). Well Wayne pitched this amazing plane with beautiful green paint, brown leather seats and wood trim everywhere to his new wife and all the fun trips they could have. It didn't go well! Let's just say, Wayne lived in that first house they built all of his married life, No Stinson. But that same amazing lady was sitting at her makeup table in the late sixties and Wayne walked by her and said, "I'm going to buy an airplane." And she just said ok. Then later he ask if she wanted to come out to the airport to see his (new to him) Debonair. She said, "WHAT!"

The marriage did survive the airplane this time; I bet the store was doing well to cushion this aircraft request. Wayne started flying to New York several times a year to buy for the store and was really utilizing his IFR platform. But I bet many of you modern IFR pilots would feel very nervous flying low IFR with the panel of that time; it was all just CDI needles for position awareness. Unfortunately it was a low IFR night that got Wayne and almost ended it all. He was returning from a long flight and missed the circling VOR approach into Wisener at night. He went on to Tyler and made it in for a little bit to let the weather improve. It did improve enough to let him depart on a special VFR departure. He went out and shot the approach again and found the airport but on the circle to land he lost the airport and then saw the lights of highway 37 and mistook those for the airport. Just as he realized his mistake the plane hit the ground and then the wing struck a tree, spinning him into the road. Wayne survived with a spinal injury and a very damaged face with a broken jaw from hitting the panel.

This might have taken many out of flying but Wayne realized there were mistakes made that could be learned from and things that could be done to make the situation safer to stop future accidents. So this is what he did: Never fly again without shoulder harnesses, always had a radar altimeter on board and running in low approaches (very important in third world counties, more on that later) and looked to develop a larger airport with clear approaches for Wood County (now named Collins Field in his honor). Well now he needed a new airplane.

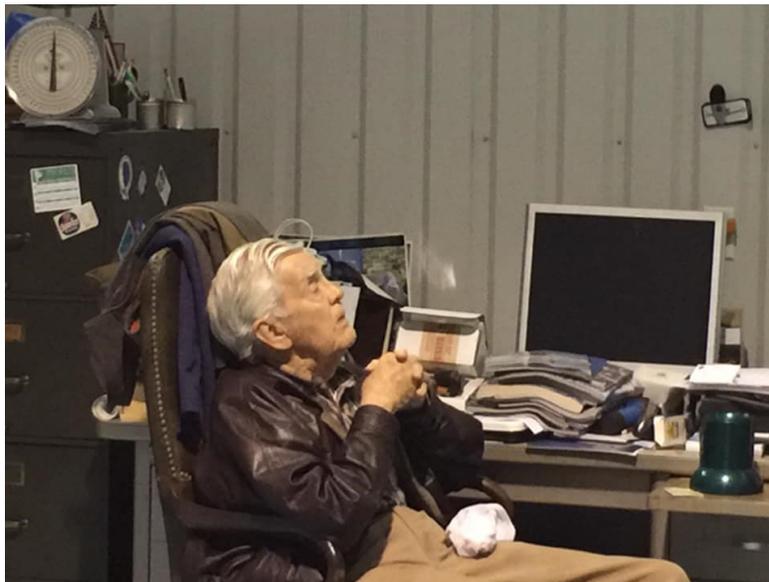
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He had already been enjoying his Beechcraft Debonair, so he knew the Beechcraft benefits. (But there was this Texas aircraft company that was building the newest bonanza killer, the Mooney M22 Mustang. This new Mustang was all the talk after appearing at the 67' Paris airshow; it flew there direct from New York to Paris in 13 hours and 10 minutes. Sounds really good, right? Well it did and a barely used model was in Wayne's price point. He looked hard at this new plane and even test flew this turbo beast. He also looked hard at a used Baron with its two engines to add safety with speed. Then Wayne saw N850T for sale at the Tyler airport Beechcraft dealer while looking at a used Baron. This V35B was gorgeous with its sleek V tail, white, blue and gold paint scheme. It was also brand new! It was also the same price as the used Mooney Mustang and used Beech Baron. Wayne was sold and so was N850T. Now that started a new life of adventure for Wayne. Around the world TWICE, Set two world records and much more. That part of the story will be next month's message. Don't miss it!

The moral of this is next time you are around an ageing aviator, ask for their best day flying and listen. Wayne isn't with us anymore to get those amazing stories of adventure. But, pilots like Bob McBride are and still a chapter member at 95. Please ask him about chasing Migs back into communist China during the Korean War to make sure they didn't cause any more trouble by shooting them down over the airbase to foul the runway.

So, before going on about how well you can fly on a sunny day with no one firing at you, listen to their adventures. You may just be surprised.

John



Wayne at January's chapter meeting;



Courtesy of Lupita Wisener

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 2019 1Q MEETINGS (Jan-Mar)

On Saturday, January 19, chapter member Kevin Purtee spoke about his time as an Apache helicopter pilot in Iraq. The chapter met in Wayne Collins' hangar at the Wood County Airport-Collins Field. Kevin's wife Shelley provided the technical assistance.

Meeting minutes available at eaa1475.org.



Courtesy of Lupita Wisener

On Saturday, February 23, the chapter met at the hangar of chapter president Dr. John Wisdom on Wood County Airport-Collins Field where he discussed the capabilities and uses of Foreflight versus Garmin Pilot.

Meeting minutes available at eaa1475.org



Courtesy of Lupita Wisener

On Saturday, March 23, the chapter met at the hangar of chapter president Dr. John Wisdom on Wood County Airport-Collins Field. Tom Rhines, FAA FFAST Representative, was our guest speaker. He spoke about "ADS-B Options For Your Plane" and "Proposed Piper Cherokee Wing AD".

Pictures & info in our next newsletter.

Meeting minutes from the business meeting available at eaa1475.org.

The next newsletter will also include pictures from our joint Young Eagles Rally with EAA Chapter 1094 in Sulphur Springs on April 27.

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PROJECTS

What are you building????

WE WANT TO KNOW!

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STUFF FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Piper Nose Bowl Assembly – PA-20, PA-22, PA-25 Univair #U13778-000

This is a USED Nose Bowl Assembly, repaired and primed. Asking \$850.
Call Jimmy at 903/292-7625.



FOR SALE: Piper Nose Bowl Assembly – PA-20, PA-22, PA-25 Univair #U13778-000

This is a NEW nose bowl, painted and ready to install. Asking \$1,250.
Call Jimmy at 903/292-7625.

FOR SALE: Piper Top Cowl Assembly – PA-20, PA-22 Univair #U131580-000

This is a NEW top Cowl assembly, never installed for a PA-20 or PA-22. It contains the top, left and right sides of the cowling. Asking \$825.
Call Jimmy at 903/292-7625.



CALENDAR

April 27	EAA Chapter 972 Runway Gumbo Robinett Lot #2 under the shade tree @ 11:00 a.m.	Aero-Estates (T25)
April 27	Young Eagles Flight Rally: Joint with EAA Chapter 1094 Sulphur Springs (KSLR)	
<i>Rain date May 4</i>		
May 11	Aero-Estates Fly-In 11:00 a.m.—2 p.m.	Aero-Estates (T25)
May 18	EAA Chapter 972 Gladewater Open House & Fly-in 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (07F)	
May 25	EAA Chapter 972 Runway Gumbo Robinett Lot #2 under the shade tree @ 11:00 a.m.	Aero-Estates (T25)
May 25	Prop Balancing (Jimmy Chadwick & John Wisdom)	Wood County (KJDD)
June 22	EAA Chapter 972 Runway Gumbo Robinett Lot #2 under the shade tree @ 11:00 a.m.	Aero-Estates (T25)
June 22	Pancake Breakfast	Mineola-Wisener (3F9)
July 22-28	AirVenture	OshKosh, WI (KOSH)
August 24	Fabric Covering Workshop (Jimmy Chadwick & John Wisdom)	Wood County (KJDD)
September 21	EAA Chapter 1094 Annual Fly-In	Sulphur Springs (KSLR)
September 28	Pietenpol Fly-In	Mineola-Wisener (3F9)
October 19	Cedar Mills Fly/Splash-In	Cedar Mills (3T0)
November 23	ADS-B Presentation (Patti Burch)	Wood County (KJDD)
December	Christmas Party	Wood County (KJDD)

*EAA chapter 1475 events are in **BOLD**