



EAA 1475

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ACTIVITY

EAA Chapter 1475



Presented by

John Wisdom & Jimmy Chadwick

Join us as we walk through the steps & discuss procedures involved in use of this water-borne fabric covering process.

TOPICS COVERED:

Attaching fabric to the structure
Making fabric-to-fabric glue joints
Gluing the finishing tapes down

Scaling the weave of the fabric before trimming or cutting to prevent frays

Saturday August 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Wood County Airport (KJDD) at Hangar



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WHAT HAS OUR PREZ BEEN FLYING?



Can one have TOO much fun??? Chapter president John Wisdom and Chapter web-master/membership chairman Jimmy Chadwick spent an early August day flying a MOAC ("Mother Of All Cubs")



AIRVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

A lovely tribute to the late
Wayne Collins and Robert Mark
from the B2Osh group ~



Jim Ivy (left) and Lupita
Wisener (below)



MEMBER HAPPENINGS

Check out the July 18, 2019 issues of *General Aviation News* for a great article on Kevin Purtee and his Pietenpol "Whole Lotta Rosie" (online article at <https://generalaviationnews.com/2019/07/22/pilot-perspectives-piloting-a-pietenpol/>)

Photo: Brodhead Airport-EAA Chapter 431 Facebook post

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Pilot Perspectives: Piloting a Pietenpol

By WILLIAM E. DUBOIS

"I love low and slow," says Kevin Purtee. "I love open cockpit. And I love wood."

So the Pietenpol AirCamper was just the ticket for this pilot, who says he designed his life around being able to fly after getting a ride in GA airplane as "a little kid."

Purtee served in the Army as a helicopter pilot and later in the Texas Army National Guard, recently retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 5. These days, he flies an EMS chopper as his day job.

But for Purtee, nothing beats a sunrise takeoff in his handmade airplane on a calm, cool morning at the historic Wisener Field in Minnetonka, Texas (3F9), about 100 miles east of Dallas/Fort Worth.

Purtee holds a helicopter ATP certificate with CFI and CFII ratings, a commercial ASEL and AMEL ticket with instrument ratings, and — although he doesn't readily admit to it — he is also a genuine war hero.

One who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for landing his AH-64 Apache attack helicopter in the middle of a firefight in Ramadi, Iraq, in June 2007, to evacuate a critically wounded soldier. Purtee then flew to a medical base with the wounded soldier in the front seat, and his copilot/gunner (CPG) sitting

outside on the helicopter's stubby wing, safety-strapped to the fuselage. After delivering the wounded soldier, Purtee and his CPG returned to the battle.

Yeah, it's an exploit that more closely matches something expected of his World War I-looking Pietenpol than one involving a modern attack helicopter.

But back to that Pietenpol, Purtee's first and only airplane. It took him 17 years to build it. Not, Purtee says, that the work was challenging, but simply finding the time to do the work was challenging.

The only real challenge, beyond time, according to Purtee, was the fabric covering process, which he was "freaked out" about until he actually started the work, then finding it to be "eminently doable."

He also says the building process turned him into a decent welder while working on the engine mount and landing gear.

In addition to his sunrise around-the-patch flights, he's made six "ambitious" 1,000-mile flights to AirVenture in his AirCamper — at 60 miles per hour — and now 500 of the 6,500 hours in his logbook are in his little Pietenpol, which he named Rosie.

Why Rosie? Purtee says the plane is, "bright freakin' red and fat, so I named her after the AC/DC song, Whole Lotta Rosie."

"I love this machine as much as I can



Photo by Kevin Purtee

The panel in Kevin Purtee's Pietenpol AirCamper.

love an inanimate object," he says.

The only downside of the AirCamper, according to Purtee, is that, "When it's cold, it's freakin' cold." Even wearing seven layers of clothing in the open cockpit, Purtee compares flying the Pietenpol in cold weather to "driving an old Indian

motorcycle across the country in the winter."

Beyond aviation, does he have any other passions? Purtee says that flying EMS choppers, his beloved Rosie, and studying for his A&P "pretty much takes care of it."

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

3rd Annual East Texas Pietenpol Gathering!

September 28-29, 2019
at historic Mineola-Wisener
Field,
Mineola, Texas (3F9)

We'll start at 9 am Saturday.

All aircraft and enthusiasts are welcome.

Lunch and dinner on Saturday. Breakfast on Sunday.

Primitive camping available.

For more information see our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/ETXPietenpol/>

MORE FUN STUFF...

Our October chapter meeting will be Saturday, October 19, during the Cedar Mills [3T0] Fly-In/Splash In ~ More details (specific location, time, etc.) to follow ~



The annual fly-in is ON!

44th annual FLYING M RANCH FLY-IN & CAMPOUT
& 3rd annual STINSON GATHERING
REKLAW, TX October 25 - 26 - 27, 2019
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CALENDAR

August 24	Fabric Covering Workshop	Wood County (KJDD)
	(Jimmy Chadwick & John Wisdom)	
Sept 20-21	EAA Chapter 1094 Fly-In/Splash-In/Camp-Out	Camp under your wing!
		Sulphur Springs (KSLR)
Sept 28-29	3rd Annual East Texas Pietenpol Fly-In	Camp under your wing!
	FMI: facebook.com/ETXPietenpol/	Mineola-Wisener (3F9)
September 28	EAA Chapter 972 Runway Gumbo	Aero-Estates (T25)
	Robinett Lot #2 under the shade tree @ 11:00 a.m.	
October 5	EAA Chapter 972 Young Eagles	Rusk County (KRFI)
October 19	Cedar Mills Fly/Splash-In	Cedar Mills (3T0)
October 25-27	Reklaw Fly-In	Flying M Ranch (7TA7)
	(EAA Chapter 972 serving pancake breakfast)	
November 9	EAA Chapter 1078 Fly-In	Thompson Field (1TA7)
November 23	ADS-B Presentation	Wood County (KJDD)
	(Patti Burch)	
December 5	Christmas Party	Lindale
	Brisket Love Barbeque & Icehouse, 15338 FM 849	
	FMI: www.brisketlovetx.com	
December 7	EAA Chapter 972 Young Eagles	Holly Lake

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