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**The Monthly Newsletter of the Sherman, TX EAA Chapter 323**

**October 2015**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday meeting agenda—Oct 15, 7PM, Sherman, TX Municipal Airport

Special guest Col (Ret.) Rich Graham will share with us his stories and adventures as a SR-71 pilot. It is sure to be a very fascinating event. Be there this coming Thursday at 7PM. Rich will also bring some books and other items for souvenirs. Hope to see you there! A short blurb on the colonel is below:

*Colonel (ret.) Rich Graham, flew the world's fastest and highest flying aircraft, the SR-71 Blackbird, for 7 years during his 25 year Air Force career. He also flew 210 combat missions in Vietnam as an F-4 fighter pilot and Wild Weasel pilot. His many military awards include 3 Legion of Merit medals, 4 Distinguished Flying Cross medals and 19 Air Medals. Rich speaks with authority on the SR-71 having been the Squadron Commander and 9th Wing Commander of this Top Secret reconnaissance program. Rich is a respected authority with an incredible depth of knowledge on the Blackbird. His truly amazing stories enthrall aviators and non-aviators alike.*

*After 25 years in the Air Force, Col. Graham flew 13 years for American Airlines. He retired in August 2002 as a Captain on the MD-80 aircraft. He has accumulated over 14,000 flying hours. He now keeps busy as an author, speaker, aviation consultant and flight instructor. Col. Graham has written four books on the SR-71 which will be available to autograph and purchase after the presentation.*



## Oct 3 Flyout at Brushy Creek

A great Saturday morning and afternoon at Rick Simmons' place occurred as part of the Brushy Creek Fly-in. Several pilots, flew their planes in, including John Halterman, Guido Bevoni, John Horn, Clint Murphy, Paul Tanner. Rick—don't know if you count as a fly in to your own fly in? ;) In the morning, your board of directors had a planning session for the 2016 events. The tentative 2016 agenda is towards the end of this newsletter pass the officer listing for your perusal. One item on the table, to be reviewed at Thursday's monthly meeting, is interest in the club attending Oshkosh 2016. It's the last full week of July. Give it some thought.



## Alliance Air Show report

September 12, 2015 was a perfect day for an airshow. A cool front had come through and the summer heat wave was taking a break. The skies were clear and the winds were light. Five members of EAA 323 traveled to Alliance Airport for the big Airshow. Although temperatures were pleasant, shade was welcome. We were able to sit in the shadow of a turbo prop twin used for priority deliveries. We enjoyed the usual airshow acts, and enjoyed watching the rest of the crowds reactions to the jet powered truck. We saw some STOL aircraft showing what they could do. The highlight of the show of course was the Blue Angels. The only down side to the entire day was the traffic after the show, but it was worth it.

*Submitted by John Horn*

## The Regulatory Minute

Have you ever wondered why the airport beacon may rotating in the middle of the day? The airport beacon is normally on from sunset to sunrise, however, during the daylight hours, if the visibility and/or clouds are below basic VFR minimum (3 statute miles and/or less than 1000' ceilings), the beacon should be on. Keep in mind that it says should, but, it may answer a question that has been bugging you.

## Upcoming Chapter Events

- Thursday October 15                      Monthly Meeting, Sherman Airport Terminal, 7:00PM  
*Subject: SR-71 with Col. Rich Graham*
- Saturday November 14                      Flyout to Admore, OK for Pancakes
- Thursday November 19                      Monthly Meeting, Sherman Airport Terminal, 7:00PM  
*Subject: Light Sport Overview with Jim Patterson*
- Saturday December 5                      Flyout to Lancaster (KLNC) for the ASOD event  
*"Junk Yard" for aircraft parts and accessories....use at own risk!*
- Thursday December 17                      Annual Christmas Party**  
*The annual tradition continues with the Christmas Party at the Richardson's house.*

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## 2016 Planning Calendar (Tentative)

Month	Program Planned	Responsibility	Events/ Responsibility
Jan	15 Pattern Safety	John Halterman	Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Happy New year No Saturday event
Feb	18 High Altitude Balloons	Evans Gauither	6 <sup>th</sup> Steve Riffie RV 8 Proj visit / Joe Nelsen
Mar	17Mel Asberry Experimental Certification	John Horn	5 <sup>th</sup> Finney Field Hot Dogs /Clint Murphy Chapter Planning session
Apr	21Mountain Flying	John Halterman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Visit Mike Rogers @GYI / Steve Straus
May	19 Charts N Legends	Rick Simmons	7 <sup>th</sup> YE event CAP
Jun	16 Buying and Selling A/C	Clint Murphy	4 <sup>th</sup> Ded reckoning Flight/ Rick Simmons
Jul	21 Lumps and Bumps	Evans Gauither	9th SW airline maintenance tour / Jim Patterson  Oshkosh Chapter trip.
Aug	18 Guido, I was there when the prop turned over	Guido Bevoni	1st
Sep	15		10 <sup>th</sup> Hicks Field Brkfst Avery Field / Mike McLendon
Oct	20		1 <sup>st</sup> Brushy Creek Fly in, BOD planning session
Nov	17		
Dec	15 – Christmas Party (All)	Same	