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Builders, The Heart of Chapter 35

One Great Afternoon

By Norris Warner

It was my privilege to spend an afternoon with **Bruce King** Recently. Bruce is well known in our chapter for his beautiful "Hummel Bird," which he has flown to both Sun 'N Fun and Oshkosh.

Now Bruce is nearly finished with his original design, based loosely on the Hummel Bird. This new and very exciting all-metal single place speedster incorporates a tapered wing, and is substantially larger than his first plane. Bigger cockpit, increased fuel supply, softer landing gear (tail dragger, of course!), and a well thought out VW engine and Hegy wood propeller combination. Then engine compartment and cowling show how careful planning can lead to improved serviceability. And while I'm ticking off the attributes of Bruce's work, let me add that the parts count is extremely low, which leads to quicker construction, lower costs, and increased durability.

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Saturday Morning with Joe

By Jim Feighny

I met Joe Ramatowski a little over two years ago when I was scouting the local area for a Stinson. I learned from another Chapter 35 member, that Joe had a Stinson project in the works and might consider parting with it. Joe and chatted and I went over to Cannon Field to meet him, I got there a little early and met a couple of the locals, and looked at their projects, completed and not so complete. That will be another story.

When Joe opened his hanger, it was quite an eyeful.... I didn't realize until later, how crowded a hanger can get (check mine) with other than aircraft stuff and how much room, a partially assembled aircraft requires. As he took me over his project, the measure of the craftsman became apparent. The work was very good and the completed units were factory fresh. I thought about it, but decided I wanted to fly, then build, and would look for a "flying" project. In retrospect, I probably should have gone with Joe's project, because I found that I really enjoy the restoration and building process, and his was an excellent "90% complete" Stinson.

A year or so ago, a new hanger started up at Zuehl, and when asked who's.."Joe R", was the

reply. "Building a 9 over there" was the scuttlebutt. I visited Joe recently at his hanger, and looked at his project, trying not to eat up too much time from his weekly escape.

Joe is building a RV-9A using the "slow build" kit. He has the tail pieces done, one wing open, one ready for a completed fuel tank and bottom skin. The parts and assembly are simply first class. He will order the fuselage when we commits to the type canopy...slider or tipper. The salient points about a 9, Vs the other models is that with the 9, Van designed a higher aspect wing for better cruise speeds with lower HP. The fuselage is the same dimension as other side by side RVs. This kit features (as do all new kits) matched hole drilling on all parts.

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Last flight of the Concord

Just after sunset on Thursday, 23 October, 2003, along with hundreds of others, I stood in London and watched the last Concorde lift off from Heathrow airport bound for New York. It was one of the most beautiful sights I've ever witnessed.

Terry Winnett, a friend from EAA Chapter 35, and I drove to Epping Station and caught the tube (subway, or underground train) to Heathrow Airport. Terry had planned the trip when he discovered the SST's last flight would be Friday, October 24, 2003 and that hundreds of thousands were expected to turn out to see it fly for the last time. On the tube, a man told us the BP station at Harrington was the best place to see it lift off from runway 09. We arrived at 1745 and, within a few minutes were at the BP station where a crowd was already gathering.

Since the take-off wasn't until 1830, we got to meet some of the crowd. Rarely do you see so many people who do not know each other become so close in such a short time. I have never felt as warm a welcome as I have everywhere I go in England. Despite the cold and wind, many stopped, dressed only in clothes they would wear at the office, to see this historic flight. It was a long wait, too, since the SST didn't leave until almost 1920. But, when it did, it was worth the wait.

The sun had already set, so no one would get a decent picture, although many photographers with step-ladders and big lenses were in the crowd and on the roof-tops.

While it was no longer daylight the sky was that deep blue before the dark sets in and made a fantastic back-drop for the take-off.

Finally, after watching so many other planes take off, we saw the SST rise from the runway, like a giant Manta Ray, making an unbelievable thundering roar, so intense everything shook. The four huge exhausts were lit up orange, almost white, and the underbelly was a soft glow of white against the dark blue sky. The cabin lights made a long chain of light along the side of the fuselage as she lifted her nose to the stars and passed overhead, not more than 300 feet above us, but looking a lot closer. As it passed, it rose so sharply the top of the wings became visible, white becoming light blue against the dark blue night, four huge orange exhausts glowing brightly, that roar so loud our shouts completely unheard.

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The Red Knight of San Antonio

By Hal Stanford

The Red Knight of San Antonio

Way back in about 1963 or 1964, my Father, Bud Stanford, had formed a close friendship with a fellow flying enthusiast, Ron Conrad. He would often stop by our house to visit and talk about all sorts of airplane "stuff". They would sit in my Dads' workshop talking, drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes.

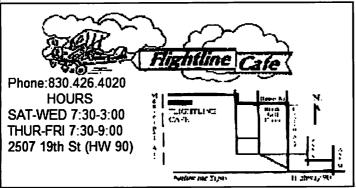
Ron was a larger than life figure in my eyes simply because he flew a three quarter scale Fokker DRI Tri-plane, just like another heroic pilot I had read about named Baron Manfred Von Richtofen. He was the Red Knight of Germany!

One day there was a lot of activity springing up around our house. I learned that several Chapter 35 members had gotten together and planned to show some of their planes at Wonderland Mall. The public was invited to stroll through the mall and get an up close look at both the plane and pilot.

Ron Conrad decided that he would land his plane in the parking lot just outside Montgomery Ward! I'm sure Ron was a good pilot but this seemed like an almost impossible feat, even to a nine-year-old kid! Sure enough, Ron called my Dad to tell him that he needed some help. He had landed so rough that he busted the suspension on his plane.

Bud went into action calling a couple of Chapter Members looking for someone to haul away the crippled Forrer. Luke Lindsey was another "Chapter 35er" who owned an auto paint and body shop, "Car Craft". Somehow Luke managed to have Ron's plane carted down to the shop. There the mechanics and body men got busy making the necessary repairs. Ron decided that as long as his plane was at the shop he'd get a new bright red paint job!

When all the work was finished Luke delivered the Triplane to Twin Oaks Airpark. Twin Oaks was a little strip tucked smack in the middle of a rapidly growing North Central San Antonio neighborhood. I heard several pilots say that land-





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ing at Twin Oaks was a pretty unnerving experience, dropping in over the tree line and setting down on the short rough dirt strip, parallel to a barb wire fence that held back a small herd of urban cattle!

My Father and I went out to Twin Oaks early one morning to watch Ron being interviewed and filmed by Channel 5 News. The reporter wanted to get some exciting shots of Ron and his plane. After a brief discussion Ron climbed into the little open cockpit and strapped on his gold helmet. He revved

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up the 65 H.P. engine then sped down the dirt strip and leaped into the air where he joined up with friends' J3 Cub. The superior performance of the replica WWI fighter was evident as Ron flew circles around the piper; as a fly would toy with a parakeet! The Channel 5 cameraman was ecstatic at the chance to film such a scene as Ron was providing him.

Early the following year, Ron stopped to drop off a large sack of grapefruit from Florida. He had been flying for an air freight service out of Florida, hauling fruit. As part of his job, Ron underwent a complete physical exam. During the exam doctors discovered that Ron had cancer.

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From the President's Desk

By Steve Carlson

Members, please sound-off...all of us need to be heard

We have been discussing our chapter's direction for some time now. This discussion has resulted in a plan of action



that I am satisfied will set us on a path that we can all be proud of. If you missed the announcement at the meeting, let me lay out our plan of action for the future of our chapter. From now until November, you are all invited to weigh in with your opinions and views on our chapter building. Please submit your writings to Jim Feighny. His address is on the masthead. After these writings have been reviewed and discussed by the members, and after we have talked openly among ourselves, we will vote at the November meeting which will provide guidance to our board. The board will meet in January to decide or direction.

There are two good choices to consider. They both have considerable merit. One choice is to expand our current chapter house toward the runway. The other choice is to build a hangar adjacent to our current building.

Expanding our current chapter house is what we had been talking about for the past year or so. It would make more room for the overflow meetings we sometimes have and would certainly make the Christmas party roomier. It would provide a large, clean, air conditioned and heated area for meetings.

Building a new hangar would be a fundamental shift, I think, in Chapter 35. It would be a shift away from a meeting centered chapter towards an activity-centered chapter. The hangar would house our recently authorized tool crib. It would also house some number of projects in some stage of completion that we would have to define and manage. It would be a place for hands-on learning activities. As I understand it, some chapters have built hangars with stalls all around the perimeter and they have their meetings in the middle, surrounded by airplanes under construction. These chapters are able to charge enough rent to more than pay off the hangar. The administrative energy required for this plan is not small. Rules must be developed and enforced. Money must be generated and collected. Just keeping it clean would require the full attention of Team 35.

Your input is emphatically required. Do not let the squeaky wheels run the chapter in a direction that you do not want to go. This debate will set us on the proper course.

Thanks, Steve

Bryce King Continued

Anyway, the reason for my visit was to assist Bruce and his son, David, with the weighing of his new beauty. Bruce was hoping for an empty weight of 400 pounds, and believe it or not, it came in at 401 pounds, according to our Coop's certified electronic scales! The actual Center of Gravity (CG) we did not compute while I was there, but Bruce has a couple of small batteries that he can move around to place his CG where it needs to be. The icing on this cake, however, is Bruce's plan to build a second edition of this new airplane, with CAD drawings completed as he constructs the next one. That means that in a year or so, we might be able to buy a very complete set of plans of a beautiful, low cost, single seat, cross-country airplane. We all wish Bruce King well!

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Saturday with Joe-Continued

When I looked at the parts he had in work, I was very impressed with the "raw" materials furnished by VAN.

As Joe took me through the work he had completed, be showed me a handful of "practice" units, and only a few small sheets of "practice" aluminum. And, the major lesson he passed on, was 1. Do make some practice units.... You will not get stuff done correctly the first time, and 2. The builder support teams available on the internet are a great source of information on how to do many of the tasks that plans drawers "assume" you know how to do, but don't. Someone has figured out a different way the skin that cat, and will share the info with you.

During our chat, I learned that Joe has been a student of the restoration process for some time, having worked not only on his 108, but also been a "partner" on a couple of other (Taylorcraft) projects also. He has learned a lot along the way by way of fabric and metal working techniques. His layout of plans table, work area, completing areas and completed unit storage areas reflected that experience. Joe has kept his tailwheel endorsement current in a Taylorcraft and also flies a Cessna 150. He also completed his instrument training in a Cessna 182 (See For Sale items). Although he does not use the instrument rating for business travel, he found that the precision required during training translated into overall improved piloting skills.

I want to thank Joe for sharing "his" Saturday morning with me, and hope that if any of you are considering a 9, you will find this article and pictures to be useful information.

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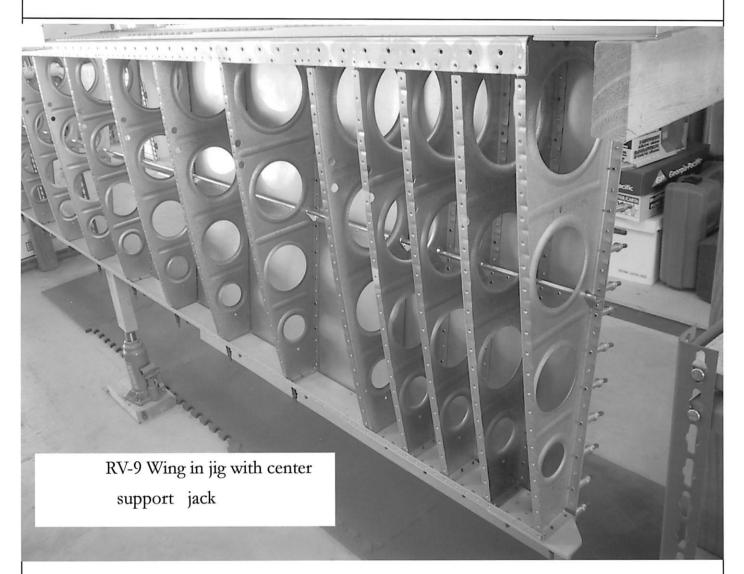


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(The Red Knight of San Antonio-continued)

Several weeks later Ron dropped by for a visit. Upon leaving, both my parents remarked how Ron's appearance was changing. It was true, this large Burt Lancaster look a like was becoming thin and gaunt. His normal smiling face was now drawn and ashen. Only a couple of months had passed when we got word that Ron had died. His cancer was frightfully swift. Maybe that was a blessing for Ron? His last wish was to donate his plane to the EAA Museum. His wish was carried out as well as I can remember.

I was so sorry to see Ron leave our lives and also I missed seeing his enchanting Tri-plane zipping around the countryside! My only negative memory of Ron has more to do with my Dad than with Mr. Conrad. My Dad had given me one of his prized war memorabilia, a beautiful WWI German flag. I tacked this onto my wall over the head of my bed. I thought it gave my room a special and unique appeal! One day I returned home

from school to find the flag missing. I confronted my Dad and he admitted that Ron had always wanted that flag so Dad made a trade for a big clunky, heavy duty, 24-inch bicycle. This was not something that I wanted! Every time I rode my big cumbersome bike I would think about how much I wanted that flag back! I finally realized that my Dad was just trying to do something nice for his Son and his friend. I hope the flag brought Ron some pleasure in this too short life!

P.S. the bike got me where I wanted to go just fine and its lack of cool kind of kept a cap on my pre-teen ego!

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

DAY/MONTH	PROGRAM	TIME
4 AUGUST	YOUNG EAGLES RALLY @PEZ (Pleasanton TX) FLYING THE U-2	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM DINNER 5:30 TO 6:00 PM PROGRAM 7:00 PM
5 SEPTEMBER	BRIAN HEYNE YOUNG EAGLES RALLY	9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
OCTOBER	CHAPTER FLY-IN AND PICNIC	
3 NOVEMBER	AIRCRAFT DESIGN-THEORY MARK BROWN	DINNER 5:30 TO 6:00 PM PROGRAM 7 :00 PM
1 DECEMBER	EAA 35 CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY	5:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM DINNER IS SERVED

(Last flight of the Concord)

As it disappeared into the night, we gradually realized we could hear everyone shouting and the traffic on the road beside us. Tomorrow there will be three take-offs, but this one was the best. No day-light flight can match this one. It will always hold a special place in our memories.

Oh, almost forgot the runner. Just as we got to the sidewalk across from the station we had to step aside for a runner. Not just any runner, this was one of the most beautiful women I have seen. It was cold and we were wearing leather jackets, but she was wearing only a very small pair of running briefs (not the boxer type most runners wear) and a very small halter-type top that was nicely filled out. And very beautiful. Did I mention that? A good runner, too, hitting an excellent pace at less than eight minutes a mile. She disappeared almost as fast as the SST and we were just as glad to be there when she passed.

A night I'll never forget.

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"Happenings around the patch"

Trip to Mustang Island:

I made a couple of trips, one to scout, and one to take my wife Janet, to Mustang Island. We had a good trip down and landed into a typical 8 knot headwind at the island strip. There are tiedowns in the paved area and in the grass. SS fuel is available as is an air conditioned pilots lounge. A free shuttle runs on the island with a pickup time of 46 past the hour on the road behind the runway. Across the street you will find Billy T's bar and grill., we had a snack and some tea while waiting for the bus. The island tour was pretty good: 10 stops with a good view and commentary on the local sights. The beach is within walking distance (1/2 mile) and a Circle K is at the half-way point.



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Ed Goodfellow Passes Away

EAA Chapter 35 lost a good member and a legitimate war hero when Ed Goodfellow passed away on July 23rd at the age of 85. Ed had weathered a number of skin cancers, and recently moved to Wisconsin to be with his physician daughter when the cancer got out of hand.

Many of us recall Ed braving all sorts of weather to ride one of his "hot rod" Buell motorcycles to chapter events—right up to his recent illness. Quite remarkable, as Ed was in his mid-80's!

Ed was interviewed for our newsletter by Miriam Talley about three years ago. In that interview we learned of Ed's wartime experiences in North Africa, where he was shot down while flying a B-25 Mitchell bomber. Although wounded, he recovered and was restored to flying duty. Later on Ed flew combat missions in Korea, and eventually retired in 1961.

Ed Goodfellow was a colorful and engaging charter who in his years with us was always trying to figure out which Ultralite to buy. At age 85, he held onto his dreams of flying, once again.

God speed, Goodfellow!

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Bill's Aviation Safety Column-Part I

"Aviation Safety - Accident Layer Cake"

Summer is the period when most pilots do their flying and visit places that aren't too familiar. If you measure the ratio of flight hours to accidents/incidents you will realize that the risk factor is raised a notch or two. So, I thought I would touch on a few items that might heighten your flight awareness and bring your risk factors down.

You have heard the adage before that: "an accident is really not an accident". You also may have read in NTSB reports the term, "Probable Cause". Why is an accident really NO accident? The reason is that there normally is no one factor that is certain except that the aircraft hit the ground. Accidents and incidents are like a layer cake, one miscue, distraction, lack of a critical step during preflight (usually the last opportunity), or decision making, proficiency, recognizing/coping with weather conditions, etc. These factors all compound the risk factors leading up to one or the other.

The FAA top ten list of actions that lead to accidents and incidents are:

- Inadequate preflight preparations
- Failure to obtain or maintain flying speed (stall/spin)
- Failure to maintain directional control
- Improper level off (both under and over altitude assignments)
- Failure to see and avoid objects or obstructions (controlled flight into terrain – CFIT)
- Inadequate fuel management
- Inadequate in-flight planning and decision making
- · Failure to properly judge distance and speed
- Landing on unsuitable terrain
- Improper operation of flight controls (loss of control)

Next month some other considerations for safe flying.

Bill Czervinske

Aviation Safety Counselor

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New Chapter Members

Ed White, lives on an airpark (Kestrel) with his better half, Connie. Ed is an active duty Air Force officer serving at the headquarters of the Air Intelligence Agency, Lackland AFB. Ed **flys a Cessna 140**, and has volunteered to boost our Young Eagle effort. Ed is also active in the radio control model airplane world.



Robert Affeldt joined our chapter at the July meeting. A long time EAA member and now retired, he is **building a CGS Hawk.** More than 3000 Hawks have been built so it seems a smart choice. Welcome!

Clif Lowry joined Chapter 35 by downloading our data base sheet off our website. Clif has just **started work on a Affordaplane**, and is an accomplished woodworker. Clif is a retired Air Force officer, and among other accomplishments, has flown the F-106 over 2000 hours. That HAS to be some kind of a record!

Welcome aboard and we look forward to hearing about your project progress, interests and meeting you at chapter functions!!

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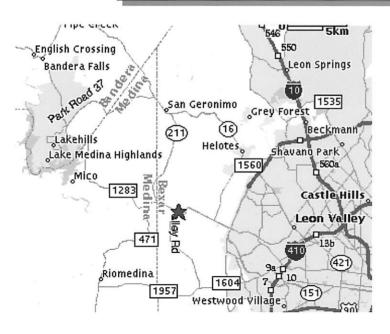
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Second Saturday of the Month

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Program - 7:00

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9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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