



Newsletter for June 2012

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"Once you have tasted flight,
you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward,
for there you have been,
and there you will always long to return."

[Leonardo da Vinci](#)

Getting Paid to Eat!

By Don Schwanke

(EAA Chapter 595 President):

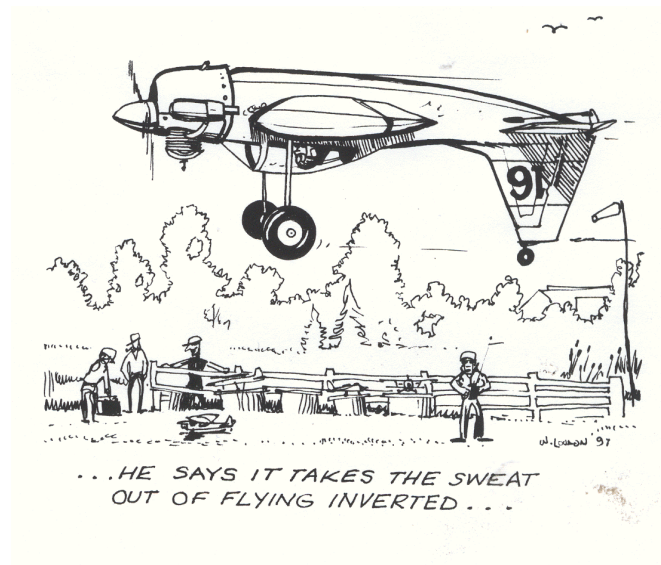
Yep, we can actually get paid to eat! Currently Chili's has a program whereby with very little preparation, we can get money for the chapter each time we eat there, and paid for others eating there too!

It works this way, when we decide to eat at Chili's, we inform them and they give us vouchers for a certain day. We present the vouchers when we pay our bills, and at the end of the day the Chapter gets a check for 10% of the total bills!

We can and should hand out these vouchers to everyone we can get to eat there that day; they don't need to be in our group, only have to present the voucher to support the chapter.

Surely we can talk some of our friends into eating at Chili's on that day to help the chapter. As I told Byron, we just might have to change our once a month eat out to several times a week – just to support the chapter (kidding of course).

As we become a 501 c 3 organization, there are other eating places that will contribute even more since it is a tax write-off for them, some range from 20% to the entire group check! Sounds yummy to me!



QUESTION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 20TH MEETING AT CHILIS!
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AIRPLANE, AND WHY???

1. One that is finished and paid for! Bellanca 14-19-3. By Betty A. Engle.
2. Anything that flies safely. By Byron Engle.
3. Stinson because you can fly hands off pretty much. By Norma Wheelock.
4. 1964 Beech V-tail Because easy to fly when you learn how. Had a skeg put on for less squiggle for back passengers. By Evelyn Urban.
5. Stinson 108, owned for 44+ years; a Mooney M20C, owned for 22+ years. Stinson is the most stable airplane ever built and carries a big load. Mooney is economical on fuel, fast, and low maintenance. By Larry Wheelock.
6. RV 12 Airforce 1. Because I own one! Anonymous.
7. Cessna Push-Pull. My dad bought it wrecked, and our family's best friend rebuilt it and test flew it. We flew that plane from Oregon to Mexico and to Canada. And it's a neat looking plane! By Teresa Markle.

VISIT OUR OWN WEBSITE!

<http://www.595.eaachapter.org>

Rio Grande Valley EAA Chapter #595

Welcome to our website, the Experimental Aircraft Association of the Rio Grande Valley. We are a group of aviation enthusiasts located in South Texas. Look around and feel free to come by our meetings or events.

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Don's RV 12

You must admit, the Viking (Honda Fit Engine) is a beauty. Go to the webpage and CLICK on the image above to see my building log and check on my progress in building AIR FORCE 1!

Engine has arrived and is mounted.

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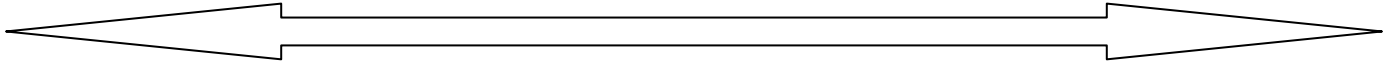
Special thanks to the Peter Burgher Chapter Fund for supporting the development of this website.



Mike Baker, CFI, at Teresa Markle's Discovery Flight on May 25th.



Teresa getting a photo of SPI in May, flying in Byron Engle's Cherokee.



BYRD BIPLANE – POSSIBLE DONATION TO OUR EAA CHAPTER 595!

The Jenkins: Merle, Shirlene, and Bissy the friendly dog, met us at their home near the Norman & White Airport in Edinburg. They shared information about the possible biplane donation to our 595, which is locked in a hanger there. My mother Evelyn and my little Yorkie doggy Baby Doll were along for support and company.

Roy Williams is the man who built the biplane. He saw one in the Washington DC Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, and took many photos of it to work off of. He had already built several airplanes; some have ended up in museums. Mr. Williams passed away about a year ago, and left his estate to his caretaker, who is considering donating the plane to our EAA 595 Chapter.

He built it at his home in a Mission RV park, then disassembled it to transport it to Burch's Perch private grass airport.

The airport is 3500 feet long and 150 feet wide;

it is just recently being used by a local flying school to practice grass landings and takeoffs.

It was reassembled at the airport, and they tried several times to get it in the air, but the tail wouldn't get off the ground.

At that time Roy was in his 80s, after spending about ten years building it.

He ended up passing away before further work could be done with the plane.

We walked from the Jenkin's home, past cutter ant trails and birds such as Great Kiskadees, Red Cardinals and Grackles at their bird bath, then hiked around fig and grapefruit trees to get to the hanger.

Unfortunately, someone stored his new Piper in the hanger and put a lock on it.

We peeked in empty rivet holes, and saw some of the plane.

It's a beautiful red biplane with a white stripe down the side, simply gorgeous! It has an open cockpit, Is a side-by-side two-seater, and grab handles built into the upper wing for getting in and out with ease.

No N-numbers on it.

Guess it's similar to the one Byrd flew to the North Pole, though I can't find any similar photos of it on the internet.

Merle shared an interesting story that Mr. Williams told him:

Mr. W. saw a cow in Wisconsin eating on an old fabric plane in a field. His offer to purchase this plane was accepted.

Come to find out, Lindberg actually owned the plane at one time!

The photo of the planes looks similar to the one in the hanger, and the other photo is of Merle, Evelyn and Bissy at one end of the landing strip.



CALENDAR

Meetings at Rebel Field, 1400 hrs Sunday July 1st, 2012

Sunday, June 17th is Father's Day.

Sunday, June 24th, Meet and Eat at Arturo's Bar & Grill, 702 South Texas Blvd., Weslaco TX.

Meet: 1330, Eat: 1400 hrs. They'll be offering us the \$7.95 daily special if we want it.

Our meeting room will be in the right back corner. 956 351 5772.

Thursdays on PBS at 1930 hours.

The Aviators, an aviation newsmagazine which includes reports on the industry and people in it, airplane technology, and interesting flight destinations, as well as safety tips for private pilots.

July 23-29, 2012, the Oshkosh AirVenture 2012.



As an air show enthusiast, you need to be at EAA AirVenture 2012 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to experience why the world's best aerobatic performers make it a priority to be at "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration."

Daily from July 23-29, you'll marvel at the **mesmerizing performances** from acts like:

- Oshkosh debuts of **Team RV**, the world's largest air show team featuring most popular amateur-built aircraft, the **Canadian SkyHawks** parachute team, and **Esquadilha da Fumaca**, Brazil's famed "Smoke Squadron"
- **Chuck Aaron's Red Bull** aerobatic helicopter
- **AeroShell Aerobatic Team**
- **Bob Carlton** and the **Jet Sailplane**
- **Sean D. Tucker** and his **Oracle Challenger III**
- **Matt Younkin** and his **Twin Beech**
- Plus much more, including the Oshkosh debut of the **Tora! Tora! Tora!** re-entactment show along with the **warbirds spectaculars** on Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28!

And don't forget to spend the evening of Saturday, July 28 captivated by the **Night Air Show and Fireworks** lighting up the sky over Oshkosh.

NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Flying is long hours of boredom interspersed with moments of sheer terror.

Have YOU had any moments of sheer terror during a flight? What happened?

Please email your response to newsletter editor.

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