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- Annual Christmas Party
- 2012 Officers
- NTEAACO Highlights

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Annual Christmas Meeting

On December 14th, 2011 the Chapter met at Paredes Mexican Restaurant in Mineola to recap and celebrate 2011! It has been a great year in aviation and John Wisdom once again led the Chapter in a full year of fun activities. Jimmy Chadwick, incoming President, presented awards to Bob Sudderth, Suzanne Athey, and a special plaque and gift basket to John and Joanne Wisdom. John Wisdom presented an incredible video on how the fluid in the inner ear can be totally deceiving to the brain. December was a month of change for our Chapter because for the first time in it's 4 year history, we are seeing our electoral Officers change hands. EAA Chapter 1475's founder and inaugural President, John Wisdom, is leaving office along with Vice President Bob Sudderth. Together John and Bob have provided a host of programs and activities that have enlightened us, entertained us, and even fed us, all in the spirit of aviation. They've been able to draw us in, capture our attention and make us think about the thrills, excitement and passions we as pilots enjoy and, at the same time, reminded us of the seriousness and responsibility's that comes with

these privileges. They have given the Chapter a good solid foundation to build on and it is up to us, the membership, to strive to continue in that path. As the President Elect, along with Vice President Elect - Willie Czupryna, Suzanne Athey - Secretary/Treasurer Elect and newly appointed office positions Newsletter Editor - Cindy Renea and Co-Newsletter Editor - Hunter Haley, we will all work hard to provide good direction and guidance with relevant and informative content. Both John and Bob have agreed to act as the Program Directors to assist our efforts.



Chapters Banding Together Shows Potential

By Jeff Skiles, EAA 336120

EAA Vice President of Chapters and Youth Education

February 7, 2012 - In January, EAA President/CEO Rod Hightower and I traveled to Terrell, Texas, to participate in the Northeast Texas EAA Chapter Officers Conference (NTEAACOC). Other than possessing an unfortunately complex acronym, the NTEAACOC was an enlightening event, both for the participants and for Rod and me.

While I have been involved with the Young Eagles program for a while as chairman, chapters are new to me. My only experience with chapters has been my participation in the two chapters in which I am a member.

NTEAACOC was formed to allow chapters to band together, share newsletter information, plan common activities, have the horsepower to attract speakers (Rod and I flew down and back from Wisconsin for the day! A long day!), explore the possibility of a regional newsletter, and have a larger presence to interface with outside organizations.

The NTEAACOC concept strikes me as a fantastic way to energize chapters and interact with us here at EAA headquarters. There were 42 chapter leaders in attendance. What a perfect opportunity for an on-the-road Chapter Leadership Academy. At headquarters, we're lucky to get 25 to attend our planned chapter leadership opportunities in Oshkosh.

Rod and I came away with a strong appreciation for the challenges that chapter leaders face. We will use that information to shape the relationship between EAA and chapters over the coming months and years and to provide you the resources you need to create a vibrant chapter experience for your members.

Below is a link to the meeting minutes where you will find stats on attendance representation, links to participating Chapters and organizations, groups formed as a result of discussions and much more. At the bottom of the minutes you will have an opportunity to comment (inclusions, exclusions, additions, corrections, etc.) or just you're thoughts about the meeting in general. We would like to hear from you. These comments do become part of the minutes for everyone to view.

LINK to NTEAACO Conference Minutes <http://nteaaco.blogspot.com/>

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2012 Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Suzanne Athey

I will be celebrating 25 years in the real estate industry this year managing 350 single family properties and selling about 50 homes. This has provided me the opportunity to make a dream come true. With the help of Ray Burch I bought a Cessna 182 and learned to fly with Jeff

Coggins. I built a new hanger at KJDD and bought a hanger at KTKI. Today I am working on my IFR rating. My goal is to work with the Angel Flight organization.



2012 Chapter President, Jimmy Chadwick

My experiences in aviation are minimal but I've been around it as long as I can remember. My Dad was a builder/pilot and my earliest memories are of sitting at the dinning room table eating dinner between the ribs of the Stits Sky Coupe wing he was building. As a child I didn't think there was anything special about those days but now, as I reflect back, I am in awe of what he had accomplished and even more so with my Mom for allowing our single car garage and den to become a building site. As I recall, it took him three years to complete N5620 which sported a 125 hp VW engine. My Dad was always involved with the EAA and served officer positions in both the Mineral Wells and Coleman, TX Chapters. (See picture)

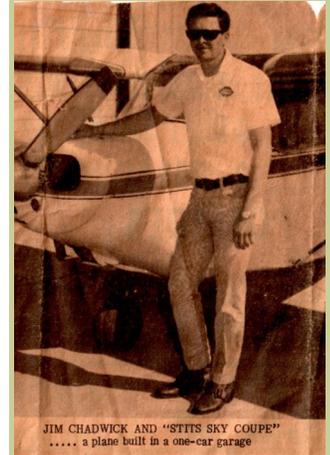
I however, didn't really get seriously involved with aviation until my late 20's. I got my private certificate in 1984 and earned my A & P certificates from Tarrant County Junior College in 1996. My first project plane was an

L2B Taylorcraft. It had been in storage for over fifteen years and was in pretty bad shape. The wings were made of wood. Rot and glue failure on the rib gussets required complete replacement and reconstruction. N53771 is back flying today with the Commemorative Air Force in San Marcos. My second project, another Taylorcraft, was a BC12-D. This plane's structure was in good shape but had been dismantled and needed recovering. I completed N43093 and flew her for 15 years. (See Picture) The new owner of N43093 lives in Bay City and enjoys flying her on the frozen lakes. N6255U was my third project, a geared up 1962 M20C Mooney. New belly skins and a rebuild of the prop and engine got it flying again. I only logged about 30 hours in N6255U before Garnet McClure of Longview's Chapter 972 took her off my hands. N6255U got Outstanding in Type at Oshkosh 2010. This brings me to my latest project, an M5-210C Maule, N51563. This aircraft had landed long on a short

field, running through a fence ripping the tail feathers off with minor damage elsewhere. After repairs were made and recovering the fuselage I put about 60 hours on it. John Wisdom and I flew it to Oshkosh in 2010, it was a great trip, thanks John. I recently sold N51563 to a gentleman in North Carolina.

Over the years I had also started an RV-4 and an RV-6 project, but sold both before getting to far along on them. I am now looking at the RV series again for my next project. My wife has always said that I like working on planes more than flying them. To some degree she may be right because I have spent countless hours in the shop and hanger but have only managed to log just under 400 hours of flight time.

I'm looking forward to see what 2012 has in store for me and excited to be a part of Chapter 1475.



JIM CHADWICK AND "STITTS SKY COUPE"
..... a plane built in a one-car garage

N5620

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N43093 — The new owner of N43093 lives in Bay City and enjoys flying her on the frozen lakes.

Safety *FAAST Blast* — *Biweekly FAA Safety Briefing News Update*

Cessna Launches New Safety Initiative

Cessna Aircraft Company launched a new safety initiative this month to educate owners about new inspection procedures designed to help safeguard against corrosion and fatigue. The initiative affects 145,000 airplanes of the 100- and 200-series built between 1946 and 1986. The program stresses visual inspections for both corrosion and cracks caused by metal fatigue.

The revised inspection program will be

published in the airplane service manual in December 2011 for the 200-series, and in April 2012 for the 100-series. According to a Cessna engineer, the program is primarily a “visual process aimed at supporting the continued airworthiness of aging airframes.” The criteria for inspections will vary by model and aircraft age or hours of operation.

Cessna’s website contains more details on the program along with links to a video and interactive presentation:

[www.cessna.com/
NewReleases/](http://www.cessna.com/NewReleases/)

[FeaturedNews/
NewRelease
Number-
1192361531220.html](http://FeaturedNews/NewRelease/Number-1192361531220.html).

To learn more about aging GA aircraft, be sure to also read the article “Too Old to Fly” on page 25 of the Sep/Oct 2011 FAA Safety Briefing.

[www.faa.gov/news/
safety_briefing/2011/
media/](http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2011/media/)

SepOct2011TooOld.pdf



EAA Multimedia Journalist Brady Lane and his friend Caleb are scratch-building a plane and keeping a video blog of their journey. Every Tuesday they stream live video as they work and invite you to watch, interact, ask questions, and offer ad-

vice. Neither have built anything remotely close to a plane before, but are taking this project one step at a time to show you don't have to be a rocket scientist or wealthy to build your very own flying machine. They're using only basic

tools and learning as they go. [Check in on the project](#) and see what they're learning this week.

EAA Young Eagles Air Academy Candidate—Hunter Haley

Air Academy Basic Camp
Ages 14 – 15

Session I: June 18 – 23,
2012

Fee: \$920

Introduction

The EAA Basic Air Academy is the next exciting step through the world of aviation. Each "hands-on" activity is developed for the intermediate 14- and 15-year-old during a classroom and media presentation, specialized laboratory activities and aviation-related demonstrations.

Activities

Activities at the EAA Basic Air Academy are designed to interest and challenge 14 and 15 year olds and include such activities as:

Balloons

- Learn how balloons fly
- Accomplish a simple hot-air balloon demonstration
- Design, build and fly a colorful hot-air balloon model

Aeromodeling

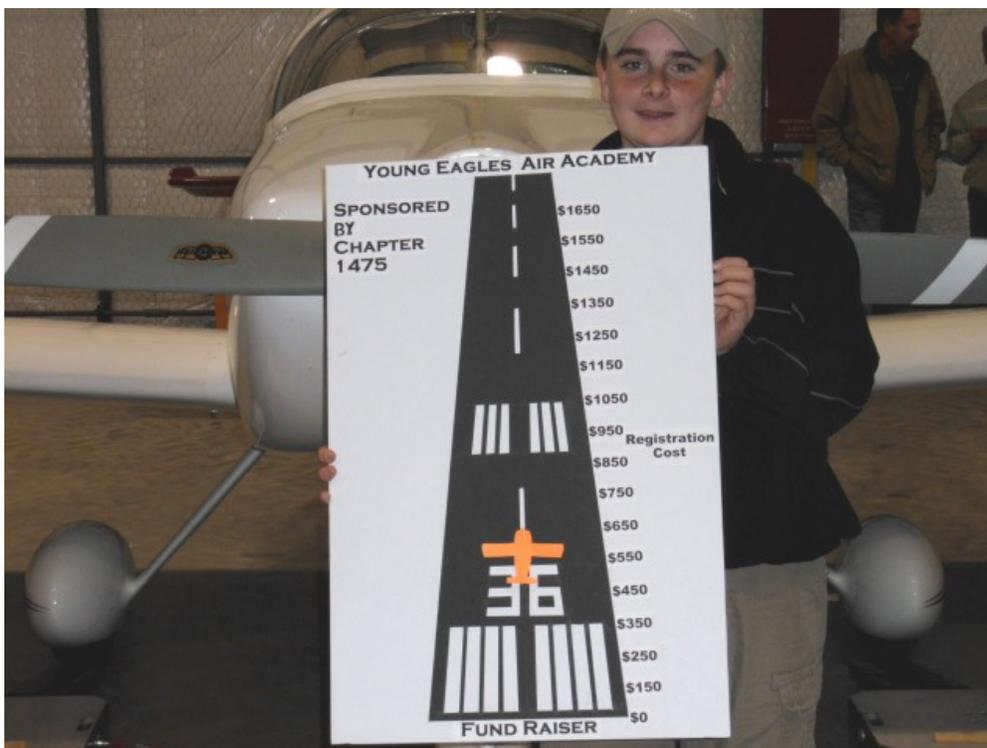
- Build and fly a simple balsa glider
- Build and fly a rubber powered model

Rocketry

- Learn how model rockets are flown and controlled
- Build and fly a model rocket
- Build and fly a model rocket kit
- Launch, record data and recover model rockets

Airplanes

- Learn about aviation history and flight
- Tour the EAA AirVenture Museum
- Fly EAA's Flight Simulators
- Visit Pioneer Airport
- Build aircraft components
- Experience the thrill of flight in both an airplane and helicopter



Let's all do our part to inspire Hunter's love of aviation.

Donations can be made through our Chapter PayPal account.

<http://www.eaa1475.org/donate.html>

We have \$470 in donations towards Hunter's trip. Our goal is around \$1550 to pay for fuel and all.

All the Happenings—Meetings, Fly-in, Webinars, ETC...

Dates	Event Name	Location
Mar 3, 2012	EAA SportAir What's Involved in Kit Building Workshop	Irving
Mar 3, 2012	EAA Chapter 1246 - First Saturday Coffee and Donuts	McKinney
Mar 3-4, 2012	EAA SportAir Composite Construction Workshop	Irving
Mar 3-4, 2012	EAA SportAir Electrical Systems & Avionics Workshop	Irving
Mar 3-4, 2012	EAA SportAir Fabric Covering Workshop	Irving
Mar 3-4, 2012	EAA SportAir Sheet Metal Workshop	Irving
Mar 8, 2012	EAA Chapter 1246 Monthly Meeting - Aerial Photography	McKinney
Mar 10, 2012	NTEAACO Meeting at TRL	Terrell
March - Saturday 10th or 17th. Planning a Trip Around the World - two time Earthrunder and an official Member (7th year running) of the UFO's "The United Flying Octogenarians".		
Mar 28-29, 2012	TPE331 Pilot's Familiarization Course	Dallas
Mar 30-31, 2012	Pilot's Review of Proficiency (PROP) 2010	Dallas
April 19, 2012	Business Meeting at the Terminal Building	
April 21, 2012	Royal Flying Circus Museum	Mineola Wisener 3F9
April 28, 2012	Rusk County Airport Open House/Fly-In/ Poker Run—JDD will be a stop	Rusk County
May 19, 2012	Dynamic Prop Balancing Clinic	Thompson Field/ Tailwinds-Canton
June 16th, 2012	A How too on Powder Coatings by Willie	

Recent Archived Webinars—Worth the Watch!!

February 8, 2012 - Dr. Pinnell of the EAA Aeromedical Council will walk you through the FAA's online medical application and show how it can be easily completed and not threaten your ability to fly LSA. **This will be the only way to do your medical form after October 1, 2012.** [MedXPress Webinar](#)

February 23, 2012—[15 Habits for Good Communication](#)—Don Weaver discusses key communication habits.

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We Love Airplanes!

Where to Find Us:

FAA Identifier: KJDD

Chapter Meetings:

Our meetings are typically held at the Wood County Airport (KJDD) or the Mineola Wisener Airport(3F9).

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EAA Chapter 1475 Membership Application or Renewal

New Member: ___ Renewal: ___

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell phone: _____

Home phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle One:

Enthusiast Student Pilot Pilot CFI CFII A&P A&P w/IA

Other: _____

National EAA Number: _____ Exp Date: _____

PayPal: ___ Check # _____ Amount: _____

"Referral _____"

Comments/Notes/Projects/Interests:

Membership dues are \$20 per year due Jan 1st; \$15 after April 1st; \$10 after June 1st;

Make checks payable to EAA Chapter 1475.

Mail applications to: 401 VZ County Road 4413, Ben Wheeler, TX 75754

Or you may also use our PayPal link at: <http://www.eaa1475.org/>