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## EAA Chapter 323 Sherman, TX Monthly Newsletter Celebrating our 50th year of service!

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### President's Mission Brief for June 2019

By Mike McLendon

**WE DID IT!** April was one for the record books for EAA323: Ray Aviation Scholarship. 50th Year Celebration and a fantastic Young Eagle Flight!



Left to Right: Terrance Steele, Pam Howeth, Larry Howeth, and Mary Lawrence pose outside of Sherman Municipal Airport

My thanks and appreciation to all chapter members who participated in these events, you are what make this chapter #1 in my opinion.

A special note of thanks goes out to Councilwoman Pamela Howeth, her husband, Larry and Terrance Steele, Assistant City Manager for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend and help make our formal celebration at Sherman Municipal a very special occasion.

To our friends in the media, Kristen Weaver, KXII and Michael Hutchins, Herald Democrat Thank you for publicizing these milestones!



Charter Members, Bill McKeon and Wayne Kyle

Special recognition of two Charter Members, Bill McKeon and Wayne Kyle, who helped start it all in February 1969. Charter Members Don Swindoll, Miles Capehart, and Jim Anderson couldn't make it but sent their regards.

A very, very, very special thank you to John and Mollee Egan for coming down from EAA Oshkosh to present the 50 year Plaque and Ray Aviation Scholarship. Congratulations to Jacob Baldridge, our Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient.



John and Mollee Egan



Mollee Egan standing by one of the wheels of the PBY restoration project at the Cavanaugh Restoration Hangar!

Cavanaugh Flight Museum Director, Doug Jeanes and Pilot Scott Hines, made our day even more exciting by flying into Sherman Municipal Airport (KSWI) in the Cavanaugh Huey, then on to North Texas Regional Airport (KGYI) where several attendees were treated to a very uplifting experience. Thanks, Doug and Scott. Airframe Systems of North Texas added another "Wow" moment by

bringing one of their A4's from the alert hanger to the ramp for our inspection. Big thanks to Ben Sly and his crew!

Thanks to Mr. Jim Cavanaugh for sharing your staff and aircraft. Ken Williams, Cavanaugh Director of Restorations at North Texas Regional Airport (KGYI), brought out several vintage aircraft to the ramp and gave tours in the hanger. Thanks Ken for your support! Texoma Aero Club hosted our lunch and afternoon gathering. Master Chef Extraordinaire, Rick Simmons flips a mean hamburger! Great work and much appreciated.



And Thanks be to God for providing us with a marvelous day of sunshine and friendship. It just doesn't get much better than that! EAA 323, you're the best!

Now, what do we do for an encore??? Let's get back to business:

Chapter meeting May 16 at 7PM where Rick Simmons will challenge us with Charts and Legends and then we will put that knowledge to the test when we'll fly the course assigned on Saturday, May 18th. We need everyone to be at Sherman Municipal Airport (KSWI) by 0900. Sectional and plotter required. Let's have no empty seats.

Jacob Baldridge will brief us on his flight with instructor Adam Yavner.

Reminder, Adam will conduct the 1st Flying Start, Eagle gathering at 4PM on May 18 at North Texas Regional Airport (KGYI),

#### Blue Skies! Mike



1969 Charter Member Miles Capehart standing by his Volksplane 1 built around 1970. He built 4 experimental A/C.



Miles and Wayne built this Sonorai together. Circa 1970's



Guido, our oldest chapter member! Gotta love this guy!!



The Original EAA 323 Clubhouse.



Charter member Don Swindoll and just one of several A/C he still owns



#### **Chapter members cleanup for celebration**

By Ed Griggs

When El Jeffe' puts out an "All- call" for help, our members jump to it. On Tuesday, 23 Apr, everything from the bathrooms to the side offices of the Sherman Municipal Airport was cleaned within an inch of its life. We trimmed bushes, swept floors, and even replaced a tattered Ensign outside! A special thanks to Ross Richardson, Joe Nelsen, Adam Yavner, Bob DeMunck and Paul Tanner for all of the hard work!!



Joe Nelsen, Ed Griggs and Adam Yavner trimming up the bushes!



Ross Richardson putting the final touches on the entryway!



Looking nice with the new banner up!

### Cavanaugh helps EAA 323 celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony in style!

By Ed Griggs



Steve Straus walking Huey pilot Scott Hines to the Sherman Municipal Airport Terminal!

Doug Jeanes and Scott Hines of the Cavanaugh Flight Museum landed a Bell Helicopter UH-1H Iroquois (Huey) at Sherman Municipal Airport as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!



## John Egan, EAA's Senior Chapter Manager, tours Texoma!

By Ed Griggs



John Egan speaking with EAA Members Ross Richardson, Adam Yavner, our Ray Aviation recipient Jacob Baldridge and his parents, Jan and Ernie before the ceremony!

John Egan, EAA's Senior Chapter Manager, and his lovely Co-Pilot/Navigator, Mollee, arrived to help Us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in style. The Egan's were a welcomed addition to our celebration, making it that much more memorable. Hopefully, they enjoyed their trip to Texoma as much as we did having them here!





John Egan, his wife Mollee, our Ray recipient Jacob Baldridge and his parents, Jan and Ernie before the ceremony!



## Chapter receives plaque for 50 years of Service to the North Texas area!



John Egan presents two plaques to EAA Chapter 323 President Mike McLendon signifying 50 years of Service!

"Congratulations for 50 years of living the Spirit of Aviation and in appreciation for your contributions to the development, advancement, and growth of sport aviation and EAA" Signed, Jack J Pelton, CEO & Chairman of the



#### John Egan and EAA Chapter 323 awards Ray Aviation \$10,000 Scholarship recipient! By Ed Griggs









Mike McLenden, Chapter 323 President, presents Scholarship certificate to Jacob Baldridge as Jan and Ernie Baldridge proudly look on! John Egan, Senior Chapter Manager of EAA congratulates as well! Jan and Ernie, you've raised a fine young man. The Chapter looks forward to helping him reach his goal.

### Texoma Aero Club hosted 323 50<sup>th</sup> with Cookout and cake! By Ed Griggs

Texoma Aero Club put on a very impressive BBQ cookout in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Rick Simmons, Master Chef Extraordinaire, can flip a mean hamburger and Hotdog, as evidenced by the long line of people waiting for some of the tasty morsels. If you haven't had some of his cooking, Shame on you!





John Egan giving his approval at Bob Cutler's hangar and Swift aircraft!



When Mollee Egan saw this Swift in Bob Cutler's hangar, she couldn't wait to climb onboard!



"Mollee loved the Texas sunshine!"



## Cavanaugh Flight Museum and Airframe Systems puts on impressive display for our 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration

By Ed Griggs



North American AT-6/SNJ Texan

Our friends at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum helped Texoma Aero Club to celebrate EAA 323's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by pulling out crowd favorites for our viewing pleasure. Airframe Systems of North Texas added another "Wow" moment by bringing one of their A4's from the alert hanger to the ramp for our inspection. Big thanks to Ben Sly and his crew!



Boeing PT-13C Stearman Kaydet



North American B-25H Mitchell



Douglas A-4 Skyhawk



Bell Helicopter UH-1H Iroquois









## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Pelican's Landing

We had more than 30 people show up for the 50th Celebration finale at Pelicans Landing. Thanks to Kris and Molly Worstell. A good time was had by all





#### **Experimental Aircraft Association celebrates 50 years in Texoma**

By Michael Hutchins, Herald Democrat

https://www.heralddemocrat.com/news/20190425/eaa-celebrates-50-years-in-texoma

For the past 50 years, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 323 has been a local home for aficionados of all forms of aviation. The organization held a ceremony Thursday morning to celebrate its anniversary and the impact the organization has had on aviators of all ages.

"The importance of it (EAA) is to continue to spread information about aviation," Chapter President Mike McLendon said. "It brings together new and old so they can share their experiences with aviation."

The event included a fly-in from members of the national organization from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a luncheon at North Texas Regional Airport — Perrin Field, and the presentation of a \$10,000 scholarship to a local teenager. Sherman leaders also took the opportunity to discuss future plans for the airport.

The Experimental Aircraft Association first formed in 1953 as an organization for people interested in home-built aircraft, with the first chapter opening in California less than a year later. At the time, organizers for the group joked EAA would have 100 members in California within a decade. Little did they know it would have 100 chapters by that time.

Now, the organization has nearly 900 chapters, including 25 international and 10 Canadian chapters. The Sherman group was officially formed in February 1969 as the 323rd chapter. EAA Senior Chapter Manager John Egan said 12 chapters will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

"The EAA chapters really are the local portal into aviation in their communities," Egan said.

Since it was established, the organization has expanded to encompass interests in all aspects of aviation. Among these efforts was the creation of the Young Eagles in 1992, which allows members to take young aviation enthusiasts on free flights on their aircraft.

"Some young people sit in that seat, wiggle around and decide, 'This is something I want to do, this is right for me," Egan said. "That is what the Young Eagle program does."

As part of Thursday's festivities, representatives for the EAA gave out a \$10,000 scholarship to a young hopeful aviator for his initial flight training and certifications. Jacob Baldridge of Durant was one of only 90 to receive the scholarship in its first year.

Baldridge said his interest in aviation started in his early teens when he joined the Civil Air Patrol and the Young Eagles programs. "When I took my first Young Eagles flight, it just clicked and I thought, 'Wow, this is cool,'" he said.

Baldridge said the scholarship will allow him to get his private pilot certificate with additional funds that can be used for future training. His ultimate goal will be to receive his commercial pilot's training and either fly with Southwest Airlines or the U.S. Air Force, he said.

The funds are an important step toward achieving his dream, Baldridge said, as he is also going to college to study general aviation. His first lessons will come this weekend, he added.

#### Record number of Youths attend Young Eagles Flight

By Ed Griggs

The KidsFest booth that we setup on 30 Mar 19 led to one of Our Biggest and Best Young Eagles Flight's at North Texas Regional Airport (NTRA) to date. The event, which was held on Sunday, April 28, was an UNQUALIFIED success and set records for our Club! We had a total of 54 Youths signed up for our event on youndeaglesday.com and we had 35 arrive at the Airport terminal ready to fly!

Great Job to all the Pilots (Mike McLenden, Rick Simmons, Jim Smisek, John Halterman, Leldon Locke, Sean Noel and Mary Lawrence), Ground Crew (John Horn, Joe Nelsen, Bob DeMunck, Steve Straus, Bill Porter, Rich Kreekon, Zack Durham, Jacob Baldridge, Clint Murphy, Adam Yavner, Rich Strong) and Admin support (Pam Horn, Pam Straus, Ellie Sliss and Ross Richardson) who helped to make this event the success that it was!

## Local kids fly for free at North Texas Regional Airport By Kristen Weaver, KXII

https://www.kxii.com/content/news/Local-kids-get-free-plane-rides-at-North-Texas-Regional-Airport-509214101.html

**GRAYSON COUNTY, Tex. (KXII) -** Several local kids got the experience of a lifetime Sunday: going up in a small plane, many for the first time--some even getting to help fly it.

It was a day Lexi and Cameron Harp had waited weeks for.

"I was about their age, and my parents brought me to this exact airport."

Mom Shannon Harp wanted her kids to have the same experience she did: taking a free flight, for kids ages 7 to 17, as part of the national Young Eagles program.





It was 10 and nine-year old Lexi and Cameron's first time to fly.

"It was an awesome time," Cameron said.

"I didn't know I would be able to ride in the front either," Lexi said.

Pilot Jim Smisek showed them how the aircraft works, and co-pilot Lexi got a chance to help fly.

The headsets went on, and it was up and away. There were massive smiles and joy as the two surveyed their hometown from the skies.

"It's so much fun to see their face when they get out of the plane like yes this is so fun," said EAA Chapter 323 president Michael McLendon.

Sherman's Experimental Aircraft Association put on the event for about 35 kids--the most ever-- at the North Texas Regional Airport.

Mom Angela Turner waited nervously for her 10-year-old daughter Corryn to come down to earth.

"She learned she had the ability to co-pilot, so God help us," Turner said.

She said her daughter was inspired after learning about the first female African-American pilot in school.

"This may encourage her to come become a pilot."

Corryn emerged from her flight, speechless, itching to go back up.

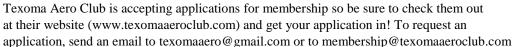
Parents and kids said the experience will stick with them forever.

#### **Young Eagles Day Registration Website**

If you know of someone who may be interested in signing up for a Young Eagle flight, Please have them sign up at the following link (https://youngeaglesday.com/) where they can sign up and fill out a Waiver for the event. Keep this link handy for future reference!

#### **Texoma Aero Club!**

By Michael McLendon





#### **EAA Eagle Flights®**

As part of the National Eagles Flight program, Adam Yavner will be hosting an Eagles Flight information session on Saturday, 18 May 2019 at North Texas Regional Airport at 4pm. This will be an open call for all of those who are truly interested or thinking about working towards their Private Pilots License! Bring your Logbooks if you have them!

#### **Jacob Baldridge Journal:**

By Adam Yavner

From Adam Yavner: Great job yesterday (April 29). To recap - after a review from the previous week and our preflight inspection, we talked about what each of the instruments does, as well as all of the other switches and radios/equipment in the panel. We'll continue to learn more about them as we use them.

We taxied the plane and learned about differential braking, and talked about airport operations and signs/markings. General ground handling. Continued review of Positive Exchange of Controls. After the run-up and other checklist items, I demonstrated the takeoff while you observed - pretty heavy crosswinds, and I think you noticed the effects! I had you climb to 2000' while keeping an eye on both the airspeed and your heading - remember the sight picture outside the window will give you a clue as to how you have to hold it to maintain a particular airspeed in the climb, and a landmark in the distance will help you keep it straight. You leveled off at 2000' - remember the acronym ASPT - Attitude, Speed, Power, Trim - hold it level, let the speed build up, set the power (2400 RPM in this case) then trim - that's all there is to it!

We learned about keeping it straight and level, did a few shallow turns, then returned to the airport where you could see the effects of the crosswind as we lined up for the runway. After landing, you taxied back to the hangar by yourself!



#### Fly-in community with hangers, town-homes, restaurant and event center proposed

By Kristen Weaver, KXII

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsoCMTbTsdo

**SHERMAN, Tex. (KXII) -** A fly-in community where people could park their private planes right next to their weekend homes could be coming to Sherman.

A proposed development adjacent to the Sherman municipal airport will combine hangar space with living, dining and entertainment. It's the first of its kind in Texoma.

A video shows what the developer has in store for 26 acres right next to the Sherman Municipal Airport.

"The plan is a fly-in, fly-out community that is about 50 homes, where people can purchase and rent the homes and have planes underneath their houses," said city spokesman Nate Strauch.

The community plans to have single and double hangar units, 47 townhomes and 15 condos, and a restaurant and event center.

Strauch said it's the first of its kind in the area and would bring revenue to the airport through a private public partnership.

"It'll be producing property taxes and bringing people in on a daily basis," Strauch said.

Sherman's Experimental Aviation Association President Michael McLendon said the airport has a ton of potential and this would bring it to life.

"It sounds like there's nothing but pros for the airport to have a fly-in community," McLendon said. "Something of that size is such an economic boost."

Strauch said the project is already far along in the design phase, but it would have to pass city hurdles like planning and zoning before it's finalized.

Crews could break ground on the community as soon as this summer.

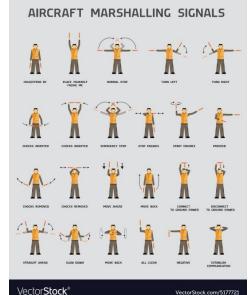


## Cavanaugh Flight Museum announces event at North Texas Regional(KGYI)

By Ed Griggs

Cavanaugh Flight Museum has announced that they will be hosting a Warbird Ride day on Saturday, June 08 (10am – 5pm) at North Texas Regional (KGYI). They plan on having the following Aircraft present: B-25, T-6, O-2A, Travel Air, UH-1H. Rides start as low as \$90 per person.

We will be needing volunteers to help out with crowd control, tickets and Ground crew! According to Mel Asberry, it should be noted that when approaching an aircraft you should NEVER walk through the prop arc.







#### **Supporting Our Community, Shop Local, Shop Texoma:**

By Ed Griggs

#### **Garner Feed and Seed**

Located at 706 E Mulberry St, Sherman, Texas 75090, Garner Feed and Seed is a locally owned, family run business that supports the local community and EAA. Their generous donation helped Us get a booth at KidsFest on March 30. Please stop by and show Owners, Ray, Chris and Nicole, your support.





#### FASTSIGNS® of Sherman

FASTSIGNS® of Sherman, located at 1920 N Grand Ave, Sherman, Texas 75090 (https://www.fastsigns.com/608sherman-tx) is another Sponsor of the Community and EAA. It was the posters that were provided by Todd Bass, Owner, which made a huge impact on the turnout for the recent Young Eagles Flight! Please show your support.

#### **Vogel Allstate Insurance Group**

Brad and David Vogel, located at 5621 Texoma Pkwy, Sherman, TX 75090 (https://agents.allstate.com/davidvogel-sherman-tx.html) have been proudly serving the Texoma area's Insurance needs since 1974. Their support was helpful in the turnout during the recent Young Eagles Flight!





<u>Aviation Insurance Experts</u>
Texoma Aero Club has teamed up with Chad Smolik, Owner and Founder of Aviation Insurance Experts (https://aviationinsuranceexperts.com) for their Aviation Insurance needs and invites all of Chapter 323 to check with them as well for your insurance needs!



#### Fun Places to Fly, a new resource

By Ed Griggs

This resource (https://www.funplacestofly.com/fun\_places\_to\_fly.asp) has just been

brought to our attention and is already proving to be a valuable asset, both in event planning and visiting. If you are not already using this site, please look them up on the web! Let them know what you think of the site by liking and commenting on their Facebook page as well!





#### **EAA WINGS Webinars**

The objective of the WINGS Program is to address the primary accident causal factors that continue to plague the general aviation community. By focusing on this objective, we hope to reduce the number of accidents we see each year for the same causes. As you will see, it is not a simple "Award" program but is instead a true proficiency program, designed to help improve our skills and knowledge as pilots.



Note that completion of any Phase of WINGS satisfies the requirement for a flight review. So not only will you complete a review of the most common weak areas that have led others to the accident site, but you end up with a flight review, as well!

Visit www.faasafety.gov for details on the WINGS program. https://www.eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-webinars

Date Time Wings Code Title Presenter(s)

5/21/19 (Tue) 7:00 Preventive Maintenance for Aircraft Owners Tim Harmer Tim Harmer will talk about the inner workings of aircraft preventive maintenance. This introduction will cover the FAA's definitions, expectations, and legalities of what an aircraft owner can do to reduce the cost of ownership. The presentation will also discuss the removal, installation, and repairing of landing gear tires. Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

5/22/19 (Wed) 5:00 WP0192168 Safe Self-Briefing - Weather Briefing 2 Delia Colvin Advanced techniques for identifying potential hazards while significantly reducing time to properly evaluate weather. In this 90 minute webinar, aviation weather expert Delia will discuss the great new tools to identify potentially hazardous weather.

5/25/19 (Sat) 10:00 WP0192170 Intro to Weather Briefings - Weather Briefing 1 Delia Colvin Weather is the most lethal of all major causes of aviation accidents. Analyze the weather on your route to make safe decisions—and in only 10-15 minutes! In this 90 minute webinar, Delia will show you how to meet the FAA briefing requirements while ALSO developing skills that will allow you to make better decisions regarding flight.

5/27/19 (Mon) 6:30 WP0192171 Safe Self-Briefing - Weather Briefing 2 Delia Colvin Advanced techniques for identifying potential hazards while significantly reducing time to properly evaluate weather. In this 90 minute webinar, aviation weather expert Delia will discuss the great new tools to identify potentially hazardous weather.

5/29/19 (Wed) 5:30 WP0192172 Weather Risk Assessment-Weather Briefings 3 Delia Colvin Gain confidence in know if any of the six hazards. In this 90 minute webinar (plus Q&A) Delia will demonstrate her method to clarify and add certainty to often conflicting weather information.

6/4/19(Tues) 12:00 EA6191231 Safety Topic of the Month - Mountain Flying New England FAASTeam Flying in mountainous areas is challenging, not only because operational altitudes and winds are higher, but also because weather reporting and off airport landing opportunities are fewer than in other flight environments.

6/5/19 7:00 Rush to Judgment Mike Busch

An aircraft owner notices that his oil pressure has been trending downward in recent months. He brings his plane to a large, well-known, factory-authorized service center to have the oil pressure adjusted. They tell him that his engine needs to be replaced or overhauled to the tune of \$50,000, and that trying to adjust the oil pressure up would be "like putting a Band-Aid on a bullet wound." The engine is about mid-TBO and the owner is understandably in a state of shock. Mike Busch A&P/IA relates how one of his Savvy Aviation colleagues came to the rescue and got the plane out of jail and the owner airborne (with good oil pressure) in a matter of a few hours.

6/12/2019 (Wed) 9:00 EA3991715 Frankinplane - Too Many STC Tim Haley and Eddie Shields

STC Compatibility Is Not A New Issue. These Modifications Need To Play Well Together. Let's Talk About When It Doesn't.



#### **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, May 16 7pm Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal

Subject: Charts and Legends by Rick Simmons

Saturday, May 18 9am - ?? First Saturday Event: Charts and Legend Charts and Legends (Rick Simmons)

Plan to go Visit Mt. Pleasant Mid America Museum

4pm Eagles Flight program with Adam Yavner who will be hosting an Eagles Flight information

session at North Texas Regional Airport.

#### **Future Events**

Saturday, Jun 01 10am - ?? First Saturday Event: Cedar Mills (history lesson Kris Worstell)

Saturday, Jun 08 10am - 5pm American History Warbird Ride with Cavanaugh Flight Museum at North Texas Regional Airport

Thursday, Jun 20 7pm Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal

Subject: General Aviation International flying by Leldon Locke

Saturday, Jul 06 Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, No First Saturday Event scheduled

Thursday, Jul 18 7pm Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal

Subject: ATC etiquette, Talking to the Tower by Robert Honey

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