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

**March 2018**

## **President's Mission Brief for March 2018**

Spring is in the air and I think many us will soon be too!

Thanks to Rick Simmons and Jim Smisek for their presentations last month. Great job guys. We had a large turnout along with five visitors, two of which joined the chapter - Rick Jones and David Hart. Welcome!

We descended upon Bill Porter's shop on March 3rd to see the progress on his Zenith 750 build. I forgot to do a headcount (at least 15) but most of the donuts, all the pigs in blankets, and a large pot of coffee were consumed. Thanks for hospitality Bill! Great job on the Zenith. Some photos are attached below from the event to this newsletter. And, it should be noted that Mary is now type rated in a Slingshot (Thanks to Winn).

This month's presentation comes to us compliments of AOPA and a lot of cyberspace work by Steve Straus. Details of our speaker are attached below.

We've also gone back in time to some of the old newsletters and found an article of interest. Does it bring back any good memories? If not, make your own and help at our **Young Eagles Rally on April 7<sup>th</sup>**! Talk to John Horn-coordinator.

So, we hope to see you **Thursday, March 15 at 7 PM** at the Sherman Municipal Airport Terminal!

## **Bill Porter's Zenith Project Photos.**





## Info about our monthly meeting speaker in March

Flying Clubs presented by Pat Brown

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Pat has been flying since age 16. As an active Gold Seal CFII-MEI-Glider-CSIP flight instructor, he has over 5000 hours of instruction given. He is an approved Check Pilot for the Piper PA46 (Matrix/Malibu) platform as well as a factory-trained Cirrus Standardized Instructor Pilot. Pat is the former Chief Tow Pilot for the Greater Houston Soaring Association with over 2400 tows under his belt. He contributed a sidebar on radio communications to Rod Machado's Sport Pilot Handbook, and participated in re-writing/updating the National Association Of Flight Instructors' CFI Guide To Light Sport and Light Sport Aircraft. He is the co-developer of AOPA's Rusty Pilot seminar, travels the country speaking to pilot groups as a Safety Seminar Presenter for the Air Safety Institute, and conducts Flight Instructor Refresher Clinics nationwide. In 2013, Pat was named by the FAA as both the Houston FSDO and Southwest Region Flight Instructor of the Year.

Flying clubs make flying more affordable. Period. Flying clubs are not difficult to set up but there are decisions to make and details to handle. Flying clubs provide a social atmosphere that fosters more flying and gets even non-flying family members involved. In addition, students who learn through a club setting are far more likely to complete flight training. AOPA has tremendous resources designed to help start, or grow a flying club, and I am here to help the process. An active flying club will bring additional activity to your airport both in terms of operations and in fuel sales! I have a fun presentation called Maximum Fun/Minimum Cost designed to answer many of the questions that potential club organizers have. If you want me to bring that presentation to your airport, just let me know!

Check out this link: <https://www.aopa.org/community/flying-clubs>

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## A look back--"Young Eagle Rally at Cedar Mills Marina June 2002"

With less than ideal visibility Chapter 323 still flew 45 Young Eagles from the grass strip of Cedar Mills Marina Airport. Some of the children were from the Hobie-Cat sailboat races being conducted there also. All during the flying Mark, Rich's son-in-law, was cooking St. Louis style BBQ ribs and members brought side dishes. At dinner time all the volunteers sat down to a wonderful meal of ribs, cold slaw, beans, and many choices of desert. Then, it was time for the annual campout. A few were smart and went home to their air conditioned homes. But the rest stayed and camped out. There was quite a controversy as to who snored the loudest and where were they going to sleep. Finally, arrangements were made and Rich and Danny Offill slept in the hangar with the air conditioner running. The rest of us camped outside. Several set up on the concrete pad just outside the hangar doors, Paul Tanner and his son set up about half way down the runway, Evans and his grandchildren camping nearer to the hangar, Ross and Paula camped to the west of the hangar under the wing of N7905U, and finally Leldon went all the way to the east end of the runway down near the water. Better breeze, he said. It was told that all got a great night's sleep, but you couldn't tell it the way everyone looked in the morning. Waadee was up at daybreak the next morning fixing coffee. He was already to go since his laundry was neatly hanging in his tent (you had to be there). The rest chipped in and we had pancakes and all the fixin's. A really good turn out and many thrilled new Young Eagles. Our next scheduled Young Eagle event will be in September. But, remember that if you are going to fly a child 8 through 17 years old, call Ross Richardson and we can get certificates printed and the child credited to the Young Eagle program. A great big thanks to the Chapter 323 volunteers and the staff at Cedar Mills who help make this happen.

## Upcoming Chapter Events

Thursday March 15	Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal <i>Subject: Flying Clubs</i>
Saturday April 7	Young Eagle Flights at KGYI
Thursday April 19	Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal <i>Subject: Annual Charts N Legends Program</i>
Saturday May 5	Charts N Legends Annual Flyout
Thursday May 17	Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal <i>Subject: How to Crew a Hot Air Balloon Flight</i>

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