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The Monthly Newsletter of the Sherman, TX EAA Chapter 323

July 2017

Monthly Meeting—Thursday July 20

This Thursday's meeting will have Adam Yavner presenting about the Pilots and Paws Program. The meeting starts at 7 PM at the Sherman Municipal Airport Terminal.

N23SR flies!

On June 10, 2017, I made my first flight in RV-8 S/N 83041, N23SR—spent about 30 minutes aloft. What an amazing aircraft—flew straight and true. There were a few minor calibrations that needed to be addressed regarding some Dynon settings, but other than that I could not have been more pleased. Being a new “tail wheel” pilot, I was a bit anxious when it came time to land, but the landing proved uneventful. I now have nearly 10 hours on the plane and nothing has fallen off to date!

My plane is equipped with a 10” Dynon Skyview Touch, autopilot, Garmin GTN650, ICOM210, Garmin GMA240 and a Vertical Power VP-X (this greatly simplified the wiring process). My engine is a Lycoming IO-360-M1B 180 hp driving a 72” Hartzell C/S prop. What a performer! I also have the Grove airfoiled landing gear. The total build time was 2600+ hours over 7 years and 4 months. I still need to finish the wheel pants, but I'm not in a big rush for more fiberglass work!

Sincerely,
G.H. “Steve” Riffe







John Halterman is now an Aeronaut!

I spent the last first 2 weeks of July in Albuquerque and received my pilot license on July 15th for piloting Lighter Than Air—Balloons w/ Airborne Heater. It was a very challenging experience, and it only has 2 controls: heat and vent (up and down). It was a great experience. (FYI—no, I don't own a balloon, nor, have one on order.)

Attached are a few pictures. The one with the plethora of balloons was a big liftoff done on Sunday July 9 from the same field where balloon fiesta occurs annually. It was with about 50 other balloonists (technically, aeronauts) in the Albuquerque area. The one over the river is during training (Rio Grande). The other are photos from my checkride, with the examiner saying "it's clearly a pass ☺". The landing was a "rip-out landing" with about a 300-400 feet per minute descent rate due to obstacles and about a 10-12 mph wind. That's relatively fast for a balloon. However, we walked away and the examiner was very pleased with it.

John F Halterman







Upcoming Chapter Events

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| Thursday July 20 | Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
<i>Subject: Adam Yavner—Pilots and Paws</i> |
| Saturday August 5 | Fort Worth Center ATC Tour
Reservation required at July 20th monthly meeting—we need a head count! |
| Thursday August 17 | Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
<i>Subject: National Weather Service Fort Worth Meteorologist</i> |
| Saturday September 2 | No first Saturday event—will be later in the month |
| Thursday September 21 | Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
<i>Subject: Kyle Thomas—Designated Pilot Examiner</i> |
| Saturday September 23 | Young Eagle's Rally |
| Saturday October 7 | Annual Brushy Creek Fly-In |
| Thursday October 19 | Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
<i>Subject: Condition Inspections—Mel Asbury</i> |
| Saturday November 4 | Flyout to Hicks Field for Breakfast |
| Thursday November 16 | Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
<i>Subject: Basic Med—Dr. Jasyn M Haney</i> |
| Saturday December 2 | Cedar Mills Flyout or Drive Out (Weather Dependent) |
| Thursday December 21 | Annual Christmas Party! |

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