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The Monthly Newsletter of the Sherman, TX EAA Chapter 323

October 2018

President's Mission Brief for November 2018

Greetings to All!

Gosh, October has been a busy month so far and will continue to be for our Chapter! On Saturday morning, prior to the Brushy Creek Fly In, your Board of Directors met to plan our events and such for the remainder of the year and on into 2019. We have some great presentations and 1st Saturday events lined up.

Month	1 st Saturday Events (Responsibility)	Planned Program	Program Responsibility
Oct 18	6 - Brushy creek fly in 20 - Cedar Mills Splash in	18 - Oshkosh report, EAA Eagle flights Texoma Aero Club update 27 - Young Eagles 10 am NTRA	Paul Tanner
Nov 18	3 - Bill Porter project	15 - Flying and Medication, 5 year vision for EAA 323- discussion	Mike McLendon
Dec 18	1 - Cavanaugh Museum Visit 8 - Dallas air Salvage	13 - Christmas Party	Ross Richardson
Jan 19	5 - John Horn Kitfox update	17 - Air Force colonel F100, Cuban Missile Crisis	Mary Lawrence
Feb 19	2 - Frontiers of Flight (Steve Straus)	21 - Aviation Financing , Insurance and Liability Options	Mary Lawrence
Mar 19	2 - Finney field visit (Ed Griggs/Joe Nelsen)	21 - Ralph Williams Helicopter- Clint	Clint Murphy
Apr 19	6 - Frank Connery RV-14 visit	18 - Charts and Legends	Rick Simmons
May 19	5 - Charts and Legends (Rick Simmons) go Visit Mt. Pleasant Mid America Museum	16 - 5 year planning review	Mike McLendon
Jun 19	1 - Cedar Mills (history lesson Kris Worstell) Planning Session	20 - General Aviation International flying	Leldon Locke
Jul 19	6 - No activity planned , Happy Independence day	18 - ATC etiquette, Talking to the Tower	Robert Honey
Aug 19		15 - Here Hold my Beer watch this Hog Hunting via Helo	TBD

One very important meeting that I ask all to participate in is our upcoming 5 Year Plan discussion during the Nov 15th meeting. Please make a note on your calendar to attend.

Steve Straus will spend a few minutes, in our Thursday meeting, updating you about what's going on with Texoma Aero Club.

Finally, I will not be at our October 18th meeting. I've been assigned a special mission and that is to act as Best Man at my Son's wedding back home in Georgia. It's about time he got married! I'm very proud of him (Nathan) and his bride to be (Lacey). They will reside in Rutledge Georgia. Nathan is a commercial helicopter pilot based in Atlanta and Lacey is a Physician's Assistant.



Paul will be in charge of the October meeting in my place. Do treat him as well as you treat me!

Don't forget about Cedar Mills Fly In/Splash In October 19, 20, and 21. Kris can use your help.

Blue Skies

Mike

[John Halterman receives Sea Plane certification; Provides training to Brushy Creek attendee's on Hot Air Balloon operations](#)

John Halterman spent a total of 7 days in Talkeetna, Alaska (near Anchorage) getting his Sea Plane certification. Here are a few of the pictures that he took while up there!





One Cool Pilot!!



Even something as memorable as a minor earthquake (a 2.4 on the Richter scale) while in training was not enough to deter from the beauty of the area!!

At the Brushy Creek Fly-In, John pulled out his Hot Air Balloon, an Adams Model A-B balloon, The balloon is 125000 cu ft and has a lift of 2000lb! Pictured below are John and his ground crew helping to assemble the burners to the basket!



When he fired up the burners, John offered to roast marshmallows and wieners. The heat could be felt for about 20 feet around the basket and the flames shot upward in the air about 10 to 20 feet. It is now confirmed that John can generate a lot of hot air. It was truly awesome to see. We can't wait for the weather to cooperate so we can see the John and his Hot Air Balloon in action!!



This is the main burner that fills the Balloon!



This part makes the Balloon glow for Evening Adventures! Notice the difference between the 2 flames!



John Horn trying out the basket while others wait for their turn!



We learned to step back after the first "burn"!

[Young Eagles Day Registration Website](https://youngeaglesday.com/)

If you know of someone who may be interested in signing up for a Young Eagle flight, have them go to 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!

[EAA323 Young Eagles event rescheduled due to weather.](#)

Although there was a great turnout for the event, the weather just didn't seem to want to cooperate. There was a huge turnout in numbers of Young Eagles, Pilots and Ground crew to assist. We also had reporters from KTEN and the Herald-Democrat on hand. And to top that off, we even had coffee and donuts for those who wanted them.

The event has been rescheduled to October 27 at 10am. All those who can show up to help us with this event are welcomed! All Pilots and Ground crew are requested to be at the terminal by 930am.

EAA's Youth Protection Policy and Program sets basic requirements for EAA staff and volunteers who work with children under age 18. It includes online best-practices training and, for certain categories of volunteers, a basic background check (U.S. and Canadian residents only).

All of the following persons are required to complete both the online training and background check prior to the next event! Both steps are necessary and the cost is covered by EAA.

- All Young Eagles pilots
- All Chapter 323 Young Eagles Coordinators and Field Representatives
- Two-deep leadership supervisors
- Volunteers who will work with youth in ongoing programs other than Young Eagles
- EAA staff

[Just in case you missed it, here is the write-up from the Herald-Democrat:](#)

Weather cancels free flights for youngsters at NTRA

By: Jerrie Whiteley, Herald Democrat

The thick gray fog hanging over North Texas Regional Airport — Perrin Field Saturday morning left an aviation event ground. The Young Eagles Flights sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft of Association that was scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m. never got off the ground. But organizers say not to worry; they will come back around again and hope for better weather.

Young Eagles Coordinator John Horn said more than 2,000 local youngsters have received free flights out of NTRA since the program began. Launched in 1992, the program is aimed at introducing children to the world of flight.

"We do that by pilots volunteering their time and their aircraft, and we have rallies several times during the year when we invite children from the ages of eight to 17 to come out for a free discovery flight," Horn said.

No reschedule has been announced yet, but Horn said there are several such events at NTRA each year. They had planned to take up at least 25 children with seven aircraft. "It's about a 30-minute flight for each group," he said.

Before the planes take off, the pilot goes through a checklist with his passengers. Then once inside the plane, Horn said, the passengers each get a headset that connects the pilot communicate with them so he can explain what he is doing as he is flying the plane.

“And the lucky child who gets to sit in the co-pilot chair very often gets to control the plane for a bit,” Horn said.

Two youngsters who showed up to take the rides Saturday were from Bonham. John Trubey, 13, has been up twice. He said he was really looking forward to going up again. “I really like looking down at all of the scenery. It is one of those Hobby Lobby miniatures,” he said. The first time he went up was cloudy and the second time was better, he said.

His brother Daniel said he liked getting to fly the airplane while he was up in the sky, but he is not looking toward aviation as a career.

Their mother, Myrna Trubey, said she thinks it is important for America to stay competitive with the world in technology and aviation and one way to do that is to keep children interested in it. She was in the U.S. Air Force and found the rides online. She said right now neither of them is interested in aviation but that doesn’t mean they might not be in the future.

Eagle Flights

What do all Young Eagles have? Eagles (aka Parents)! EAA has dusted off their old flight program for Adults and is promoting Eagle Flights. These will be somewhat more structured than Young Eagle events in that adults can make arrangements individually with the EAA Eagle Coordinator, John Hunt.

EAA Eagle Flights®

EAA’s Eagle Flights® is a free introductory flight experience and informal mentoring program designed to welcome and encourage adults who want to discover flying, but don’t know how or where to take that first step. It begins with a hands-on introduction, where you’ll fly with a local EAA-member pilot who will let you follow along at the controls of the airplane to get a feel for what being a pilot is all about.

After the flight, Your Pilot can help you learn more about how to get involved in your local aviation community, including the next steps you can take on the path to becoming a pilot yourself.

The best part? The whole experience is free. No sales. No pressure. Just a whole lot of fun and education with a big take-home point: Your dream of flying is a lot closer than you think.

Brushy Creek Fly-in (as always) was an unqualified success

We had about 70 visitors at this year’s event and all together, over 50 brats, 40 hotdogs and about 4 gallons of Chili were consumed. While the weather didn’t cooperate, two planes ventured out for the morning. Later in the day, Rick Simmons gave several rides to kids and some still young at heart. One young lady hadn’t been up since 1998, our early years. Her kids and Husband got to go this time.





Several people proved capable of flying "thru the hoops" but none completed the course of hoops in regulation play. Prizes went to the top three, those with the highest number of hoops completed. We also had no one, none, notta, nada Navy pilots in the crowd as no one landed on the "carrier".

Thanks you for all for the donations to "Your neighbors House", just over 300 pounds of food, baby supplies and goods were collected. It was a really enjoyable day. I have to thank PK Solutions , Pam's promotional company for the financial support. We are so glad to be able to share our piece of aviation paradise in this way. Rick and Pam Simmons



[LSA Weight Limit Increasing To 3600 Pounds \(Updated\)](#)

By [Russ Niles](#) | October 7, 2018

A high ranking FAA source has confirmed that the FAA plans to almost triple the maximum weight for most Light Sport Aircraft to 3600 pounds in rulemaking that will be introduced in January. The source confirmed the scant details of a Facebook post written by AOPA Senior VP of Media and Outreach Tom Haines from the AOPA Regional Fly-In at Carbondale, Illinois. "Great news out of [AOPA: your freedom to fly](#) Fly-in at Carbondale," Haines wrote. "In January the FAA will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking increasing max weight for a light sport airplane from 1320 lbs to 3600 lbs. And ADS-B rebate will be back again in a few days. More to come." The FAA source declined to elaborate on details of the proposed rulemaking but suggested more information will be forthcoming "soon."

EAA Chairman Jack Pelton [announced at AirVenture](#) in July the FAA was planning a weight increase for the class of aircraft, which is now set at 1320 pounds for wheeled aircraft and 1430 pounds for seaplanes. Some designs, like the Icon A5, have been granted weight exemptions to accommodate safety features and equipment. The new limit will capture a wide range of aircraft that now require a minimum of a private pilot certificate to fly. What's not clear is precisely how the rulemaking will alter performance limits, passenger loads and weather requirements for LSA operations. [AOPA reported](#) EAA Chairman Jack Pelton told the Carbondale event that the new rule "will allow you to fly in a 172, have four seats in the airplane, and fly 150 mph." He also said there were plans to allow professional builders to assemble homebuilts.

Member Bio of the month: John Horn



John Horn (Bumper) has been a member of EAA 323 for 8 years and is a Past President of Chapter 323 , He is currently the Young Eagles Coordinator and spends countless hours during the months coordinating and making arrangements for the Young Eagles program on behalf of 323!

John has 2 grown children. Geren is married to Jensen, and they live in Huntsville, TX and a daughter Taylor and her Husband, Jared Anderson, who blessed the family with twins, Milo and Avery, in April of 2018. John and his wife Pam are proud Grandparents,



John grew up in Springer New Mexico, I graduated from Dumas High School and I went to McMurry University in Abilene where he received his BS in Natural Science. He went on to Texas A&M where he received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1990 and is a Veterinarian at Refinery Road Veterinary Clinic in Gainesville.

He got his sport pilot license 10 years ago. His Wife, Pam (aka Honey) gave him a discovery flight for Father's Day and the passion for aviation was discovered! He bought a Quad City Challenger and flew it for a few years. But of course, He wanted a faster airplane, so He built a Waiex (pictured below). He finished the build in 2013 after 22 months and 1200 hours of build time. and flew it until May 2018 but then, as always happens, Life intervened and His flying mission changed, so now he's building a KitFox S7 Super Sport, which 323 members have been invited to come look at on Jan 05, 2019.

The KitFox will be more of a STOL airplane. Big tires and robust gear to handle off field landings. He has been building it for almost two years, with over 800 hours of time invested to date and He anticipates another 200 hours to finish it. John hopes to be flying it next spring. John and Pam are based at Freedom Field (7T0) near Lindsay Texas.

In his "spare time", John enjoys woodworking!



Upcoming Events:

Air Salvage of Dallas (ASOD)

<http://www.asod.com/>



CHRISTMAS FLY-IN & SALE!!!
DECEMBER 8TH, 2018
8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

EVERYTHING IS ON SALE!! 20 TO 50% OFF
AIR SALVAGE OF DALLAS --- Located across from the Lancaster Airport (KLNC)
FLY-IN OR DRIVE-IN Transportation will be provided!
LANCASTER AIRPORT -- fill up at the competitively priced self-serve, check prices at:
<http://www.airnav.com/airport/KLNC/A>

**ALSO ENJOY EATING AT THE "LANCASTER TAXIWAY CAFÉ",
they will be serving breakfast and lunch!**

Newsletter Editor's Note



Greetings, one and all! For those of you who don't know me, I am Ed Griggs. I am a 24 year U.S. Navy Information Technologies Systems Chief Petty Officer, Retired (2008). I have taken on the responsibility of both the Newsletter and Website. I hope to do as well of a job as both John Halterman and Billy Dollarhide have done and I applaud their past efforts!

I have gained control of the Facebook 323 page and invite those who are on Facebook (FB) to go and take a look. I am going to strive to ensure that all modes of Communications (Newsletter, FB, and Internet) have the same information so that no one is left behind. I am sure that there will be a few hiccups along the way so if you see something that does not look right, or have any questions or comments, Please feel free to let me know!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Thursday, October 18	Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal <i>Subject: Oshkosh report, Eagle flights, Texoma Aero Club update by Paul Tanner</i>
Friday, October 19-21	Annual Cedar Mills Fly-In/Splash In <i>Annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by EAA 323 on Sunday morning.</i>
Saturday, October 27	Young Eagles Rescheduled at North Texas Regional Airport (NTRA) beginning at 10am
Saturday, November 3	Bill Porter Project Visit
Thursday, November 15	Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal <i>Subject: Flying and Medication—Do Those Go Together? By Mike McLendon</i> <i>5-year vision for EAA323 (an informal discussion)</i>
Saturday, December 1	Cavanaugh Museum Visit
Thursday, December 13	Annual Christmas Party hosted by the Richardsons <i>Note the date change to the 2nd Thursday due to proximity of 3rd week to Christmas</i>
Saturday, January 5	John Horn KitFox Project
Thursday, January 17	Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal <i>Subj: Cuban Missile Crisis and the F-100 by Mary Lawrence</i> <i>(with Special Guest Speaker)</i>

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