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The Monthly Newsletter of the Sherman, TX EAA Chapter 323

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President's Mission Brief for July 2018

AirVenture 2018 here we come,

In a few days from now, Rick Simmons and I are going to board a flight to Milwaukee on the first leg of our AirVenture 2018. Many of you have been, are going, or planning a future trip there, but boy am I excited, this is my first time. This one's been near the top of the "bucket" list for quite awhile.

John Halterman will be heading up there to Wisconsin in his Kitfox starting Thursday evening and camping under his wing. We all pray for safe travels, good VFR weather, and anything cooler than it is here in Texas right now!

Okay, down to business.

For the 19th chapter meeting: Ben Sly will share aircraft maintenance stories. Ben operates North Texas Airframe out of the Alert Hanger at NTRA. We'll vote on the chapter by-laws. We'll ask for updates on the various builds in progress.

Congratulations to Lance Offill who starts training with Southwest on July 31!

Ed Griggs left Friday the 13th to purchase his first ultralight! It is located in Tulsa, OK and trailering it back to Sherman! Congratulations!

From Mary Lawrence:

The Public Works Manager at the City has asked me to see if there is any interest in storage areas at KSWI. Currently on the north end of the south hangars, there's an old training room attached. This would be torn down and a metal structure put in its place providing five 8' x 10' (approximately) storage rooms. These would not be climate controlled and would be available to pilots for about \$50-\$75/month.

As a reminder, on Friday, July 20th, 11:30 – 1, there is a Flying Club exploratory meeting. KSWI meeting room. As a reminder this isn't an official EAA 323 sanctioned event; rather, a gathering of pilots with a similar interest.

Chapter History Lesson from July 2008 Newsletter.

Gary Hill President.

On another subject, you know the EAA will hold its annual AirVenture fly-in in Oshkosh, Wisconsin later this month. A lot of our members have attended this event at some time and several have flown to it. I do know that some of chapter 323 members will be present this year. Based upon information available on the EAA website, the first official EAA fly-in occurred in September 1953 as a small part of a Milwaukee Air Pageant. There were just a few pilots and planes that showed up and less than 100 visitors attending the pageant. From that small gathering it grew so much over the next few years that it outgrew its space at the pageant and moved the EAA fly-in to the Rockford, IL airport for the next ten years (1959-1969). In 1969, the EAA searched for a new site for the glowing fly-in and finally chose the Oshkosh airport because of the available ground space around the airport that could be used to support the numerous activities, the major highways near the airport, and the available accommodations in the nearby city.

Last Year at AirVenture 2017, attendance was 590,000. Over 10,000 aircraft. 17,223 operations in 10 days - that's 123 landings/ takeoffs per hour!

This year the attendance will be at least 590,003 when you count John, Rick and I! Oshkosh here we come!

Project Update—Frank Connery's RV14

Frank working on the autopilot servo aft of the cargo compartment bulkhead. Why so sweaty?



That's Sid Snedeker climbing into Frank's fuselage to do some riveting. About 2 years ago.



Young Eagle from Rick Jones

Rick Jones and Dandree Meeks at a recent “unofficial” YE event in Sherman. Gotta love that smile!



Young Eagle Flight—Winn Harris

From Winn Harris who participated in a Young Eagles Event, 'Fly Kids for Nate', at Hicks field just North of Ft Worth. The event honored Nate, a Young Eagle who grew up, became a pilot who flew Young Eagles out of Hicks through a flying club based there. He died of cancer a year ago and the club is continuing to hold Young Eagle events in his memory.



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A Big Move—Charlie Smith

On June 27th, Joe Nelson, Bill Porter and Steve Straus helped move my airplane from my shop in McKinney (I sold the home and was moving) to the Alert Hanger at Perrin. It was quite the labor and all worked diligently to get the job done in quite remarkable Texas summer heat. A special thanks goes to Bill who brought his trailer and made two trips to move the entire airplane (I could only fit one wing on my trailer at a time.). He arrived just after 8:00 am and we didn't wrap up until around 6:00 pm. A yeoman's job if there ever was one. Some shots are attached.



Upcoming Chapter Events

- Thursday July 19 Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
Subject: Aircraft Maintenance Stories with Ben Sly
- Saturday August 4 John Horn is heading up a fly out to Hicks Field.
- Thursday August 16 Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
Subject: Paul Tanner will tell us about the first airplane built in Texas.
- Saturday September 8 Up Up and Away Take 2 with John Halterman. He's providing all the "hot air."
- Thursday September 20 Monthly Thursday meeting at the Sherman Airport Terminal
Subject: Lt Gen John Campbell: "The Future of Warfare—USAF Drone Program"
- Saturday September 29 Young Eagle Rally. 8 AM at KSWI. We need pilots and planes!

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