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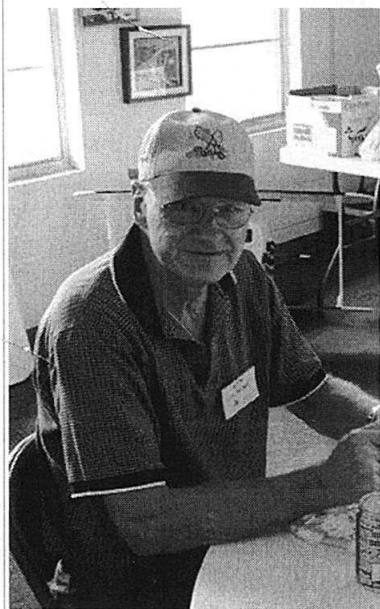
## CHAPTER 1088 FLY-IN

By Norris Warner



The Fredericksburg EAA folks really know how to have a day of fun, food, friends and airplanes. With Russ Luigs being the perfect

host at his beautiful "Flying L" Airport just Northwest of Bandera, some 45 airplanes along with 70 **(continued on page 12)**



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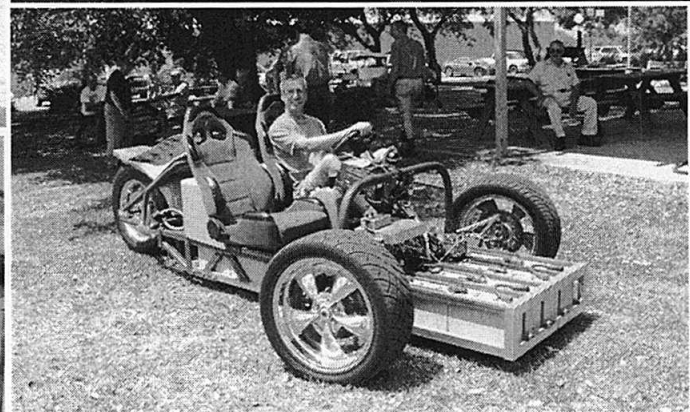
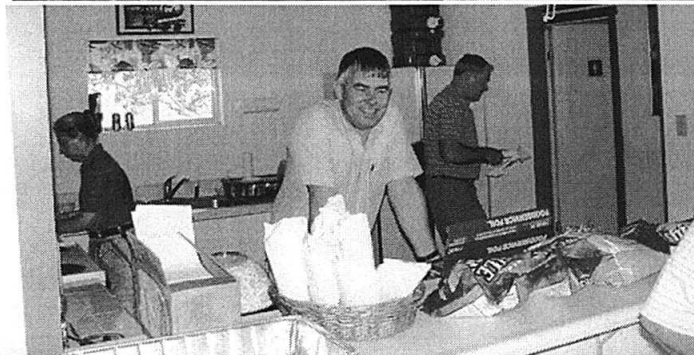
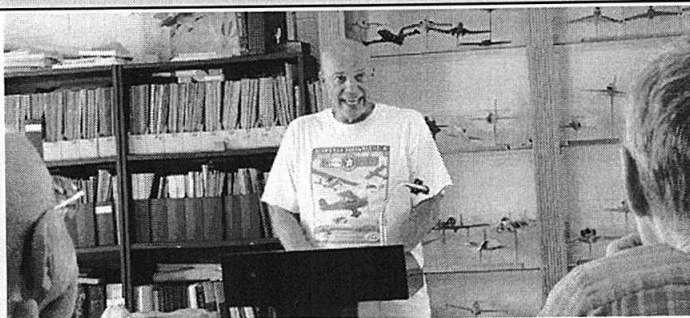
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TIRE KICKER - SAN GERONIMO HANGAR(s)

Tire Kicker @ Noon

### JUNE MEETING PHOTOS

By Norris Warner



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## PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

### By John Latour

Welcome to EAA Chapter 35 Tire Kicker. We visit Lew Mason's hangar for an in-progress status report of his Bowers Fly Baby Project. Lew is an experienced pilot and airplane builder. Lew is a local San Geronimo Airpark resident and a champion of EAA Chapter 35.

Raffle of Ted Eckhart's Pedal Eagle I is history. The lucky recipient is Ian Heritch. Congratulations Ian. Thank you all who joined us in promoting the Pedal Eagle I. Participation in raffle accounted for about one-half of our nominal Chapter monthly revenue. Ted told me a secret. He is working on Pedal Eagle II. Another lucky person (between 3 and 7 years) may receive a very special Christmas gift. Ted is a Chapter 35 past president and an active team player. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you Ted in the name of Chapter 35 loyalty

June was our Chapter 35 Annual Membership Meeting. It was to show-case our Directors and Chairpersons to the members. Here is a review of the Annual Membership Meeting, Picnic, Fly-In and Orientation Ride. Annual Membership Meeting: Fifty or more members attended our meeting. This allowed for an exchange of information on current Chapter 35 activities. Chairpersons proudly gave us there status reports.

Treasurer, Dee Brame sent end of May Treasury Report to us by-way-of her husband, Charles. The report is posted in club house. The beginning PAC General / Operating Account balance as of May 1 is \$12, 442.76 and ending balance is \$12,486.14. Receipts for the month ending May 31 are \$697.00 and Expenditures are \$653.62. Chapter 35 Total Account Balance at end of May is \$16,204.93. The balance of EAA Hangar Mortgage for end of May is \$29,603.23. Please E-Mail Dee for assistance or information of Treasury Report at [DeeB@satx.rr.com](mailto:DeeB@satx.rr.com).

Secretary, Doug Apsey submitted the April Board of Directors Minutes. Please read minutes of Chapter 35 activities and provide feed-back as required. E-Mail Doug at [dapsey@satx.rr.com](mailto:dapsey@satx.rr.com). Membership Chairperson, Ron O'Dea introduces new members, guest and visitors. Ron is actively supporting current members and brain-storming ways to increase membership. E-Mail Ron at [r2av8r@yahoo.com](mailto:r2av8r@yahoo.com).

Safety Chairperson, Bob Cabe was unique in his Safety Report of flying to an airport with different elevation from departing airport. He used a personal experience as an example of promoting safety. E-Mail Bob at [bob\\_cabe@hotmail.com](mailto:bob_cabe@hotmail.com).

Garden and Ground Chairperson, Nancy Mason reported on growth of new grass around club house. Her suggestion for mowing each month is refreshing. Directors will share responsibility for mowing each month on a rotating

base. It was suggested that the rotation follow position listing from Contacts List of newsletter. Therefore, President, John Latour, has responsibility to mow in July. Vice President, Bruce Harrison, has August and so on. E-Mail Nancy at [lewnan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lewnan@sbcglobal.net).

Air Academy Chairperson, Maarten Versteeg, said that the 2008 Air Academy Program is doing well thanks to two scholarship donations from Texas Fly-In Inc. The Scholarship recipients, Collin Cherry and Danny Mills, are set to attend Air Venture on behalf of EAA Chapter 35. Collin plans to attend at beginning of Oshkosh activities and Danny at end of Air Venture. Thanks to Air Academy Chairperson, Maarten Versteeg, Texas Fly-In Leadership and EAA Chapter 35 members that joined forces leading to 2008 Air Academy Scholarships at EAA Air Venture. E-Mail Maarten at [marten.Versteeg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marten.Versteeg@sbcglobal.net).

Newsletter Editor, Steve Jones, solicits your voice be heard in EAA Chapter 35 newsletter. He wants to know you better and show-case you airplane activity. E-Mail Steve at [ea35news@gmail.com](mailto:ea35news@gmail.com).

EAA Hangar, Dan Cerna, reports four members lease space in hangar. They are Bruce Harrison, Don Yeaton, Oscar Zuniga and John Latour. For more information on rent or lease of a 10' x 20' space in Chapter 35 hangar, please E-Mail Dan at [dacerna@att.net](mailto:dacerna@att.net).

Vice President, Bruce Harrison, reports of meeting Hondo Councilman as new point-of-contact for Chapter 35 flying activities. Previous Hondo activities supported by Chapter 35 are 2007 Texas Fly-In and 2008 Fourth Hondo Aviation Day (Young Eagles / Boy Scouts Aviation Merit Badge Program) at Hondo Municipal Airport. E-Mail Bruce at [nambanone@yahoo.com](mailto:nambanone@yahoo.com).

Picnic: Doug Apsey guided us through picnic. It supported Food, Friendship and Fun. Food - Doug assigned Hubert Schwarzer, chef and head cook. Freda Jones assumed duties of preparing potato salad, baked beans, cold slaw, potato chips, sliced onions etc. for lunch. Doug, Nancy Mason, Gail Scheidt, Hubert and members participated in setting up tables and chairs. Doug assembled a crew to receive members, prepare for meal, assured lemonade, coffee and soft drinks were available. We thank Doug and the members for a job well done.

Friendship - Ron O'Dea received members identifying new visitors and guest. Richard Gramling sat in for Dee and Charlie Brame in assuming the duties for receiving meal donations in his friendly manner.

Fun - What would be more fun then being with food and friends to talk about airplanes and aviation? Fly-In: The Chapter 35 June meeting was really an outstanding flying weekend. The Weather Gods were on our side and supported Chapter 35's Fly-In. I counted more than twenty airplanes flying into San Geronimo Airpark or on static

## PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT CONTINUED

display. Some of the airplanes are from San Geronimo Airpark, Boerne Stage Airport, and Bulverde Heritage Airport. Chapter 35 Board of Director thanks the pilots for showcasing outstanding flying machines. (See list of airplane at Saturday's Fly-In)

**Orientation Ride** – The Orientation Ride is an EAA Chapter 35 family initiative. It is meant to support the Gray Eagles, Silver Eagles and Young-Young Eagles. Here is where I was hoping to increase our list of Gray Eagles or initiate the Silver Eagles (the spouse of Gray Eagles) and allow a youngster (between ages of 3-7) to sit in an airplane for a photo. The Gray Eagles Program allows for members over fifty-five years or older to again experience the joy of flying. The Silver Eagles allows for the spouse of members to enjoy the feeling of flight. Included in the meaning of the Orientation Ride are the Young-Young Eagles initiated at the Castroville Fly-In. EAA Chapter 35 Orientation Ride Program is an educational program to support the entire family regardless of age.

VAL Avionics LTD is currently rolling out 3 new products for 2008 with a special price to EAA Members. Available are Com 2000 VHF Transceiver, INS 429 Integrated Navigation System and AP 100 Audio Panel. Jim Harr encourages us to call him for information at 1-800 255-1511.

EAA Trailer is up and running. Norris Warner replaced tires and wheels at his cost in order to keep it operations. I recommend free use of trailer to him in exchange of repairs. We are still looking for a place to store EAA Trailer.

**Board of Directors Meeting:** Chapter 35's Board of Directors Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on July 9 at Lackland AFB Gateway Club. It is a lunch and business meeting. The Agenda is to form committees as follows: 1) Review Performance of 2008 Board of Director (Bruce Harrison, VP - Chairs Committee), 2) Choose 2009 Directors (VP Chairs Committee), 3) Audit 2008 Treasurer (Bob Masters Chairs Committee), 4) Improve Membership (Ron O'Dea - Chairs Committee), 5) Club House Roof Repair (Dan Cerna - Chairs Committee), 6) 2008 / 2009 Hondo Fly-In(s) (Dave Baker - Chairs Committee). The Board of Directors Meeting is for Board of Directors, Chairpersons and interested members. The meeting is in Gateway Officers Club. You are encouraged to check with me, John Latour, at 830 612-2232 or E-Mail latour-john@att.net.

Be a Chapter 35 Champion. Help us share the rich aviation history of EAA Chapter 35 airplane building, restoration and repairs. Fly Safe as Roch LaRocca said.

**PILOTS & AIRPLANES @ JUNE 14, 2008 FLY-IN**

1. James Schlattman and his Kappa KP-5
2. Steve Moliterno and his Flight Design CTSW
3. Louis Viggiano and his Aeronca Champion 7CCM
4. Nelson Amen and his Star Lite (Mark Brown design)

5. Ron O'Dea and his Citabria
6. Mark Brown and his Pulsar
7. Gary Krysztopik and his Pelican
8. Richard Wilson and his Aeronca Champion 7DC
9. Lew Mason and his experimental Bowers Fly Baby (Fuselage)
10. Dave Burdin and his RV-9A
11. Bob Cabe and his RV-6
12. Joe Killough and his C-150
13. Chris Watson and his Mooney
14. Sailplane out of Boerne – Met but missed name. Sailplane is like one in Jim Judd's hangar.

### REACH FOR THE SKY

**By EAA**

EAA's guide to learning to fly and light-sport aircraft is a resource to help anyone take the first steps toward becoming a pilot. Whether you want to have fun in a powered parachute or one day want to command a Mars mission, Reach for the Sky is a great place to start. It is available as a PDF that will take a few minutes to download with a high-speed connection.

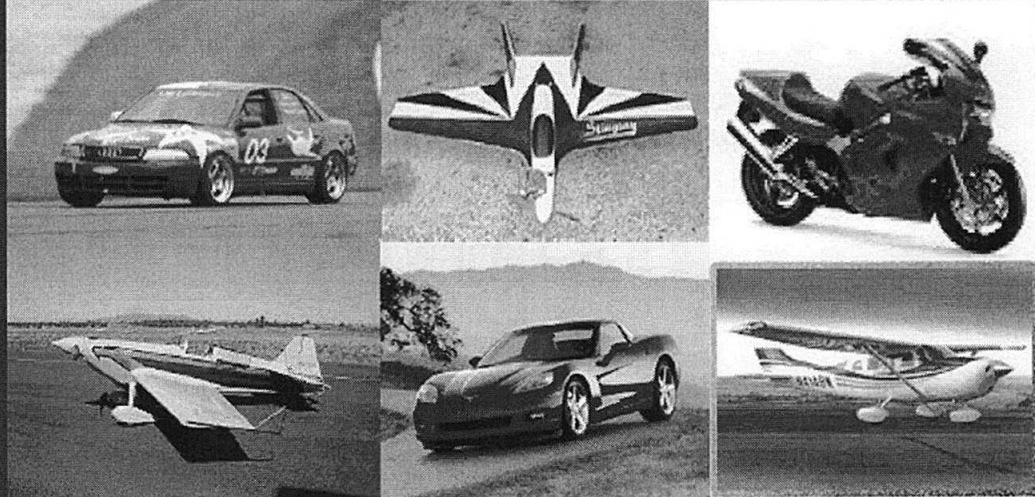
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- ♦ Car show with Corvettes, classic & muscle cars and motorcycles
- ♦ Antique & homebuilt aircraft
- ♦ Radio controlled aircraft demonstrations
- ♦ Multiple trophies for best car, best motorcycle, best aircraft, best model airplane
- ♦ Lunch & soft drinks
- ♦ Music & entertainment

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## THE TECHNICAL COUNSELOR

### By Norris Warner

Want to build an airplane? Of course! But, of course, what airplane?

Well, this is one of the first things a Tech Counselor can do to ensure that a project will be finished. And, by the way, more projects are not finished by the original builder than are. A short session with a TC should lead you towards the type of aircraft that will be appropriate for your intended use, and also to determine if you will have the building area necessary, the ability to own (or borrow) the tools you'll need, and a slight degree of the skills you will need.

I've yet to meet anyone—guy or gal—that can't develop the skills needed. In most all cases, a friendly chapter member is more than anxious to share his/her knowledge, and even to loan the essential tools. While we're on the subject, our chapter hangar has both space and a wide variety of both hand and heavy tools—which is a real resource for many builders.

Once a certain aircraft project is decided upon, one should reflect on how much time you are willing to commit to, and over how many years. This assessment must be an honest one, as we most all have family commitments as well as earning a living. The next part of the equation entails the decision to build from plans, which is ordinarily cheaper (if plans are in fact available) and also providing that you are a good scrounger.

Next up the ladder—higher cost but shorter building time—is the aircraft kit. Still higher cost is the quick-build kit, and, finally, the factory assistance on a quick-build. This later—and very costly choice—almost assures that you will complete the project—and that's good. As you may know, the FAA is taking a hard look at these "factory-builds" to ensure that the builder is involved at every stage. As a case in point, my

friend John Lundblad just completed a "Sportsman" as the Glstar plant, and flew it home in just over two weeks. Good thing that John is a retired airline captain!

Your Technical Counselor is ordinarily well versed in the better places to acquire materials (if you are plans-building or the kit is not totally complete—and few are—with engines and instruments usually lacking). And if you are asking for advice, be aware that TC's are human, and they do have their biases.

When the plans arrive, well that's the time to set aside a couple of week's worth of spare time to attempt to fully understand them. If you don't read prints well, your TC can ordinarily give you some insight. Most plans and kits—which include plans—offer up a building sequence, starting with easily completed, confidence building parts. You've probably heard that Rutan composite builders are asked to start by making up a pair of bookends! In any event, if you choose to make up a sample piece for your TC's approval, well it's a good idea.

Your TC is probably more versed in certain types of aircraft and construction techniques. Certainly, no one person knows it all (although we've all run into a few who thought they did!), Therefore, it behooves the builder to ask the prospective TC if his project is one he'd be comfortable in overseeing, or if he could recommend someone who would be. When we apply to EAA to become a TC, they ask the prospective TC to list the types of aircraft they've built or are quite familiar with. If you call the Safety Programs office at EAA (888.322.4636), they can direct you to the TC in the chapter that best fills your need. In my case, I'm a generalist, and not the best in any one field—by any stretch. Paul McReynolds, Stan Shannon and Steve Formhals are the best choices in all-metal airframes, and although not TC's, Brad Doppelt and Skip Barchfeld are

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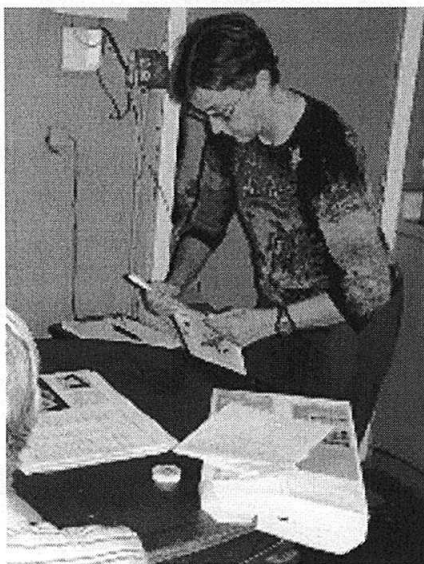
composite experts.

Once you've linked up with a TC, he will make every effort to look in on your project at waypoints that seem significant. Certainly, before closing up or covering any major component would be one of those times. I ordinarily expect to see a project four or five times, and document the visits for both the builder and the EAA Safety Programs office. This documentation routinely leads to insurability at the first flight, which is a real plus.

One other aspect of this program should be mentioned—it's free! We don't charge for mileage or time—or anything! And while we offer advice, we make every effort to act only to increase safety and to encourage the completion of a trouble-free aircraft.

If I may offer a postscript to this—I'd like every prospective builder to acquire a full set (four) of the Tony Bingelis books on homebuilding of aircraft. This set covers virtually every aspect of good building practices, and can be ordered from EAA HQ (1.800.564.6322) for about \$80.

Next month (I hope), we'll be discussing the role of your friendly Flight Advisor. Stay tuned

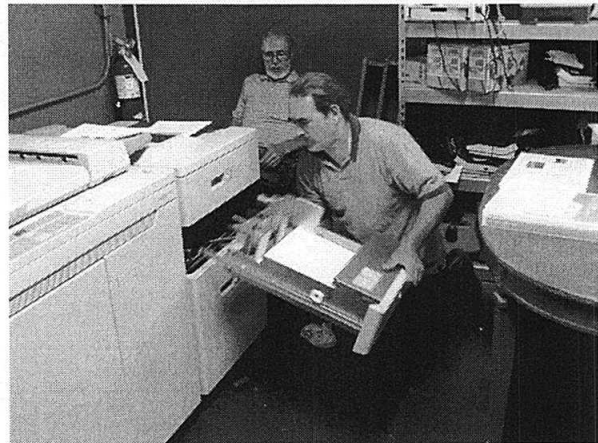


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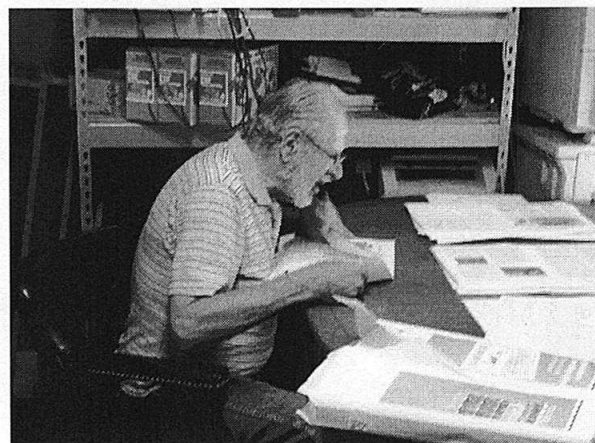
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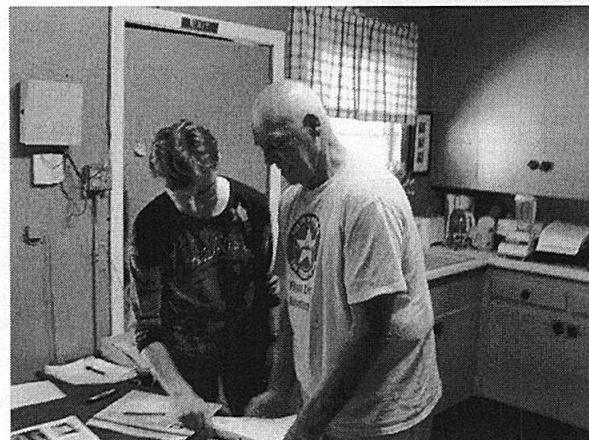
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## 2008 CHAPTER CALENDAR

MONTH / DAY	PROGRAM	TIME
January 12	GENERAL MEETING Spaghetti & Hot Garlic Bread by Bruce Harrison Conrad Netting Presents Delayed Legacy Program	BOARD MEETING @ 4:00P.M. DINNER @ 5:30P.M. PROGRAM @ 6:45P.M.
2-Feb	FLY-IN @ SAN GERONIMO AIRPARK Boys & Girls Club Young Eagles Fly-In Soup & Salad by Gail Latour	We Need Your Help New Young Eagles = 47 10:00A.M. - 2:00P.M.
February 09	GENERAL MEETING Famous Sloppy Joe Lunch by Ed Seurer James Schlattman Presents: Kappa Airplane 2005 KAPPA - KP5 Light Sport Aircraft	SOCIAL @ 5:00P.M. DINNER @ 5:30P.M. PROGRAM @ 6:45P.M. 10:00A.M. - 2:00P.M.
March 08	EARLY LUNCH MEETING & FLY-IN Hondo Aviation Day Meeting World Famous Hamburgers by J. Killian & M. Frerich Ken Gilmore Presents: Life of Fighter Pilot Frederick T. Pennell Memorial HONDO AVIATION DAY	10:00A.M. - 2:00P.M. 10:00A.M. LUNCH @ 12:00 NOON PROGRAM @ 1:30P.M.
15-Mar	Young Eagles/Boy Scout Merit Badge Program At Hondo Municipal Airport Be a Champion - Help Boy Scouts Earn Merit Badge	FROM 9:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. Pilots & Volunteers Needed Brad Doppelt for Pilots John Latour for Volunteers
April 12	HOT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST & YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Target 60 Young Eagles) Debbie Cherry, John Killian & Brad Doppelt Presents: Review of Hondo Aviation Day Activities & Fly-In	BOARD MEETING @ 10:00A.M. 10:00A.M. - 2:00P.M. Breakfast @ 9:00A.M. to Noon PROGRAM @ 1:30P.M.
26-Apr	Castroville Airport - Young Eagles Fly-In	9:00A.M. - 2:00P.M.
10-May	GENERAL MEETING Steak, Potato & Green Salad Gourmet Meal by Johnny Becker St. Mary's Prof. Dell Toedt Presents: P-51 / P-47 Story	SOCIAL @ 5:00P.M. DINNER @ 5:30P.M. PROGRAM @ 6:45P.M.
June 14	ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING PICNIC & FLY-IN & ORIENTATION RIDE Calander Planning Program Hwy 90 to SW Military, Enter 2nd Gate From Hwy 90 to Lackland Visitors Center	LUNCH @ 11:00A.M. 10:00A.M. - 2:00P.M. PROGRAM @ 12:00P.M. Call 210.27-87.1701 For Assistance
July 12	TIRE KICKER @ LEW MASON POT LUCK COVERED DISH LUNCH Main Dish by Chapter Covered Dish by Members	12:00 Noon 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Donations Accepted
August 09	GENERAL MEETING Dan Fulgham Presents: Operation BOLO Dinner: TBD	DINNER @ 5:30 p.m. PROGRAM @ 6:45 p.m.
September 13	WINGS & WHEELS & FLY-IN for ANGEL FLIGHT ANGEL FLIGHT FUNDRAISER Automobile - Corvettes & Antiques Car Show & Airplanes Dave Baker - Ch. 35 Chairman	8:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. Gate Open to Public @ 10A.M. Show Your Wings & Wheels Best of Show Awards
October 11	Kerrville EAA Ch. Old Time Gathering Fly-In Fly-Market - Fellowship - Lunch Proceeds go to the Texas Fly-In Scholarship Fund Lemonade Stand Proceeds to Ch. 35	9AM to 4PM
November 08	CHILI COOK-OFF & FLY-IN We Need a Program Speaker - Contact Bruce Harrison	BOARD MEETING @ 4:00P.M.
December 13	CHRISTMAS BANQUET / PARTY Dave Baker, Nancy Mason, Gail Scheidt - POC(s)	

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**FOR SALE: Scot Chesler, 37HP 1/2 VW Engine** Zero time, still in shipping container. Paid \$3,275 (Shipping container not included) Price negotiable. Please contact Jim Munro at (210) 685-9306.

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for \$3,000.00 worth of material. I have completed the center and wing spars with the left wing approx. 80% complete. Material consists of 4' x 12' sheets of aluminum (I have all the sheets listed in Dave's material list), angles, rods, etc. Trailer needed to haul the sheet aluminum. Contact Bill Bartlett: bartlettsat@gmail.com

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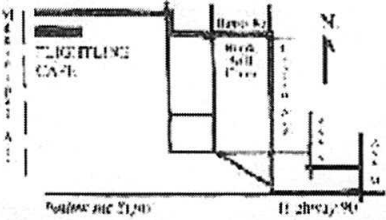
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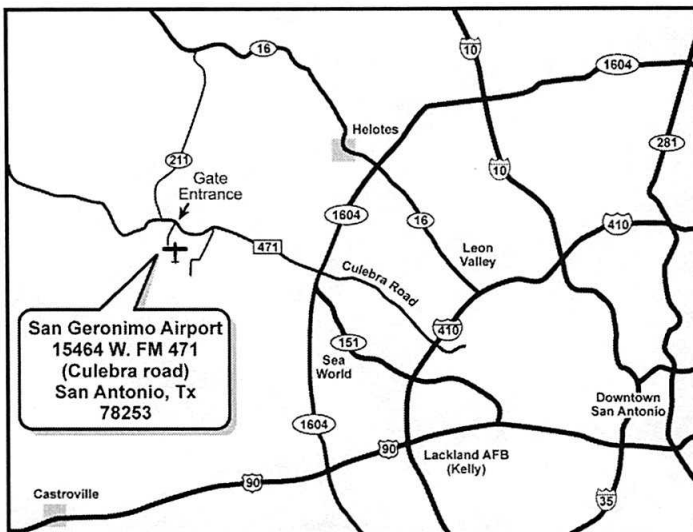


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(Continued from page 1) EAAer's enjoyed beautiful weather—the first good weather day we've seen in some time. The attending airplanes ranged from low and slow experimentals up to several Stearmans, an N3N "Canary", an AT-6, and even a Twin

Beech C-45.

The delicious BBQ lunch was catered by Joe Davis' "Busbee's Bar B Que" out of main street Bandera city, and it certainly was up to Joe's famous quality (you may recall that Joe catered one of our most enjoyed Christmas banquets with smoked turkey—some eight years back).

Many EAAer's belong to more than one chapter, and several attendees were also Chapter 35 members. You really can't have too many old fashioned chapter fly-ins!

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