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MARCH MEETING TIME CHANGED

MEETING IS MARCH 11TH AT 2:00 PM

BRING YOUR AIRPLANE, PROJECT, OR PLANS

PLEASE BRING A SMALL SNACK

—PRESENTER—

R.WILLIAMSON: STRATUS SUBARU CONVERSION

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2nd Annual

**Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge and
Young Eagles Weekend**

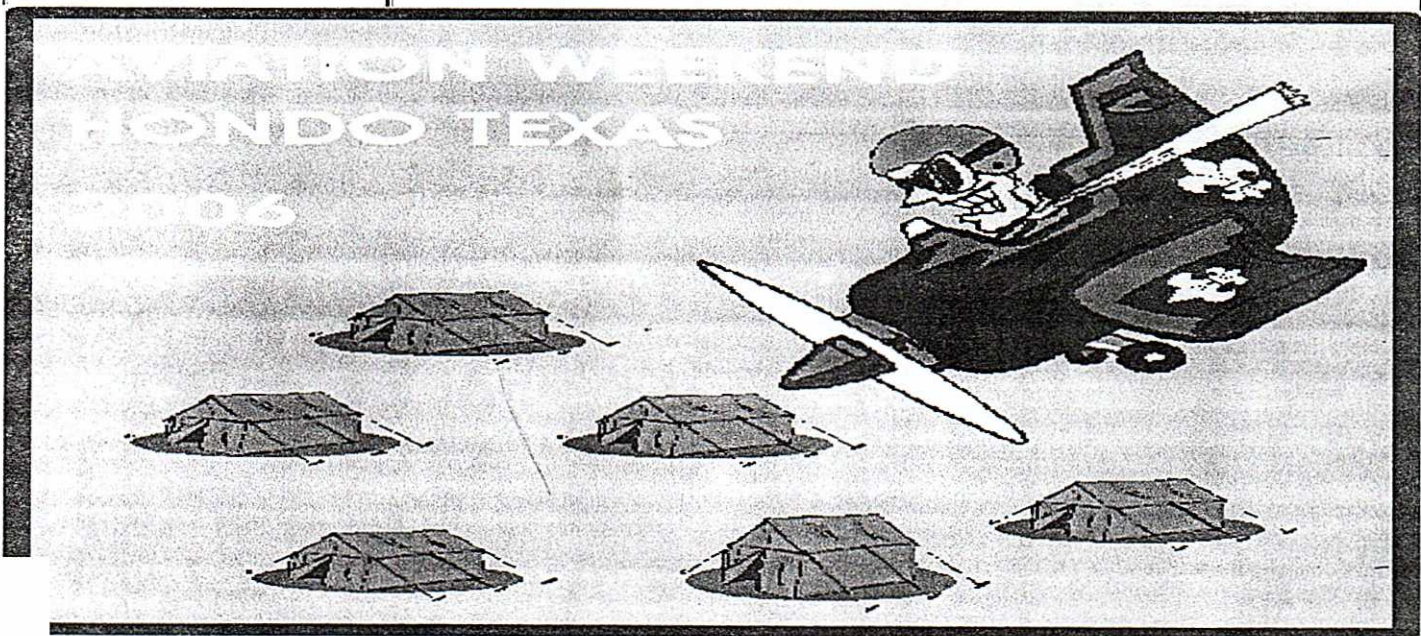
March 18th at Hondo Airport (HDO)

**Pilots and volunteers needed to fly 600
Young Eagles!**

**Pilot and volunteer briefing at 9:00 AM on
March 18th**

**Free breakfast and lunch
for pilots and volunteers**

Fuel discount provided to Young Eagle pilots



Dave Baker By Alice Jacobson

In 1981 Dave Baker became one of the original founders of San Geronimo Airpark. "The object was to fly without being hassled. We started out with 28 home sites and have developed thirteen more. Then there are the many hangers that have recently gone up. Most of the residents are EAA members.



We get to enjoy the serene quietness and the gorgeous sunsets."

Dave was born in Atlanta, Georgia, eight minutes after his identical twin. "I have two sisters and two additional brothers beside my twin," he clarifies. Our dad worked with Western Electric Company. His goal was to be a pilot during WWII but he was told that he was color blind.

Try explaining that to a man that works with colored wires all day long. Dad passed away in 1968 but before he died I managed to take him flying in my plane. He had flown before but never in a small airplane: that is, until I took him.

I was in the Navy and served on an aircraft carrier with my twin. Watching the planes shoot off and land on the carrier was how I'd spend a lot of my time. That carrier took me to the Far East to places like: Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam (three

tours off of Yankee Station). Then after 3 years, 10 months and 18 days I was back home once more.

I moved to San Antonio in '75 with Handy Dan's and worked there for 15 years. Handy Dan's was the first home center store in Texas and was the forerunner of Builder's Square (where I spent 10 years) and Home Depot. Presently I'm with World Savings. My employers have always been good to me and for me.

During my 31 years as a member of EAA Chapter 35 at San Geronimo Airpark I have also served as president twice and as vice-president twice. In '75 I became the Runway 35 Newsletter editor for five years. Going in cold turkey leaves a lot of room for growth and learning. I always try to be there to help because it is the members that make a club what it is. All members need to volunteer and need be a part of activities to make an organization viable and progressive," he says with a nod of his head. Then he watches as a plane circles the airfield, lines up to the runway and attempts a landing. After the pilot and the plane land he continues, "The club (EAA Chapter 35 at Geronimo Airpark) has seen an evolution of change. It started out with 50 to 60 members.



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