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EAA TEXAS FLY-IN 2007: IT'S A WRAP

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The 2007 edition of the South West Regional Fly-In (SWRFI), popularly known as The EAA Texas Fly-In was a real success by most any standard. Although attendance and aircraft were a bit off from the previous year, revenues (and that's what keeps us in business!) were up. A fair share of the credit for this goes in two areas: 1) Exhibitors were up from around 40 to 71 this year, (thanks Ron O'Dea for a real boost!) and they pay real money (although only a fraction of what AirVenture and Sun N' Fun charge). 2) We collected admission fees from almost every airplane that flew in, thanks to a well-organized effort by a lot of our volunteers, led by Cliff Elrod.

Our valued volunteers were given free lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, thanks to Nanette Shannon. Free cold water was delivered to volunteers everywhere by teams of experienced helpers led by Richard Grambling, along with his able helpers Jim Munro and Monroe Frerich. Volunteer Alex Roca again ran the wheels off of his Gator providing ice to the vendors and water to wherever needed.

A lot of complements were garnered by the "Forums" people,

who provided a wide range of very useful information (see a copy of the Forums schedule on Page 11).

A very vibrant "Fly Mart" was set up in the rear of the "EAA Texas Fly-In" hangar. Lots and lots of goodies changed hands. Plan on bringing your best spare stuff next year. Bill Loftin will get you setup in style.

Another boost came from two huge sponsors: John Deere and Harley Davidson. I know you couldn't miss seeing the "Harley Gal!"

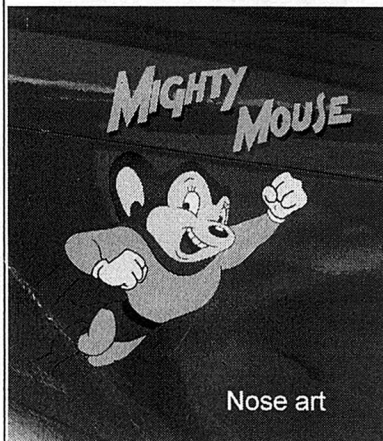
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Speaker: ★ GENE KRANTZ (NASA-Apollo Missions) ★
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