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

By Norris Warner

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!"

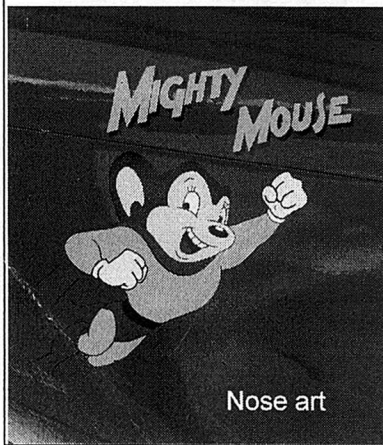
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PARKING AUTOMOBILES AT TEXAS FLY-IN, JUNE 1 & 2, 2007

By John Latour

Uncle Sidney Latour asks why I parked cars at Texas Fly-In. What will happen if you park airplanes instead? It is a Fly-In, by God, therefore park planes. I thought-to-myself, parking cars is an opportunity. An opportunity to work with Hondo's Chief of Police and his security troops, leaders in Hondo Better Business Bureau, Hondo Explorer Scouts and parents, and be in a position to welcome aviation minded people. Meet people interested in flying and get to talk to our very special guest on a one-on-one base before he sets foot on Hondo's outstanding hard surface airfield. I met Chief of Police John Martinez. We discussed our requirement for parking cars and need of his support. He delegated Patrol Officer Joey Hernandez to lead Hondo's Explorer Scouts for Friday (8 A.M. to 5 P.M.) and Saturday (7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.). I enjoyed meeting our very special guest, Gene Kranz, upon his arrival. Mention how we were both Pioneers of Space. He was NASA flight director for Apollo 11 putting man on moon. I was one of a million supporting space program in 1969. I would not have had opportunity to meet these people if it had not been for automobile parking.

We were most fortunate to have Patrol Officer Joey Hernandez and Mrs. Sylvia Dominguez, Super Mom of Spencer, support our plan to discriminate cars between VIP, volunteers, vendors, handicap and general admission. Patrol Officer Hernandez & Sylvia introduced me to Explorer Scouts, Ashley Rodriguez and Amadeus Wolff who parked cars on Friday. They worked diligently through Friday without a hitch. I was amazed at Patrol Officer Hernandez's stamina. He arrived Friday morning alive and well after working the Thursday night to Friday morning shift.

Vincent Perez, Kurtus Beck and Lucas Houk joined them on Saturday. Vincent and Kurtus are Explorer Scouts. Lucas is a relative of Gene Tobias. Lucas enjoyed the command and control of automobiles. Every automobile entering gate stopped, screened for identification and directed to designate parking lot. Patrol Officer Hernandez turned automobiles at-

tempting to move from parking lots back to entry gate. The parking team performed and exceptional job in parking automobiles. I commend their work with a Letter of Appreciation .

- To: Hondo Patrol Officer Joey Hernandez
 Sylvia Rodriguez, Hondo Super-Mom
 Ashley Rodriguez, Hondo Explorer Scout
 Amadeus Wolff, Hondo Explorer Scout
 Vincent Perez, Hondo Explorer Scout
 Kurtus Beck, Hondo Explorer Scout
 Lucas Houk, San Antonio Volunteer

Thank you for your exceptional support in parking automobiles at Texas Fly-In on Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2, 2007. You park automobiles with a sense-of-emergency. The result of your work was safe, effective and efficient. I really enjoyed working with you and deeply appreciate your support. You will be assets to your community and outstanding leaders of your piers. My best wishes to you and your family.

John Latour

Fly-In Date Change

By Norris Warner

Like Cooler Weather? So Does SWRFI!

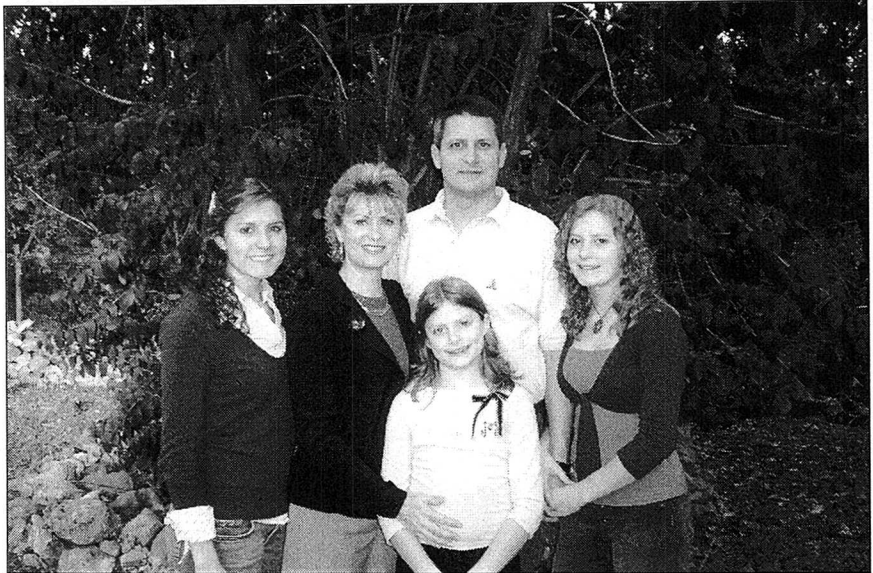
The Executive Committee of SWRFI (The **EAA Texas Fly-In**) has voted to move the event to cooler days for 2008 and into the future. Plan on **October 10th and 11th, 2008** (a Friday and Saturday) for our big event. We should have no conflicts with holidays, graduations, or other airplane events, and it should bring us into much more favorable weather. O.K.—now put this on your calendar!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT: ROCH LaROCCA

By Roch LaRocca

From the President's Cockpit

Another Southwest regional fly-in has come and gone and I feel for all of you that could not make it. Although some dwell on the fact that the attendance and airplane numbers were a little lower than last year, I am quick to point out that The Texas fly-in is a true home-builder and general aviation gathering. The overall feel of the show was one of camaraderie and friendship within a group of people from all walks of life that have at least one thing in common, - We all have fallen in love with the adventure and pursuit of flight. I was fortunate enough to be able to bring the Air Force T-1 to the show and give some people a look but I got the most enjoyment out of walking through the covered aircraft area and talking to all the different aircraft reps and to just stroll down the main flight line and admire the homebuilts that people had flown into the show. As I walked around the show grounds with the other pilot that I flew in with, it was so great to see the many familiar faces of Chapter 35. My co-worker commented that he couldn't believe how many people I knew. I explained to him that the EAA was a family of friends who would help you out in a second if needed. I really want to thank all of you for being there for SWRFI as well as for our lemonade stand. Sales were down but spirits were up as usual.



is today in such a short period of time and we need to show our appreciation by coming out and taking a look at our new addition. Dave Baker and Doug Aspey will be heading up the burger cooking and I would like everyone to bring a dessert of some type so we can have some good stuff with coffee after we down those burgers. Please tell your friends and aviation enthusiasts that they are welcome to drive or fly-in and share a meal with us for a modest fee.

As we move into the second half of 2007, I can't help but be really excited about our calendar. I will get to attend Oshkosh again this year in July but I can't help but to look forward to the Chapter work day in September, the "Wings and Wheels" Fly-In in October, the Chili cook-off in November and the Christmas party to end the year. We still have a long way to go and we also need to continue to concentrate on ways to continue to raise money to pay off our hangar. So keep those ideas coming!

We will have an official board meeting at 10:00AM on July 14th before the cook out. All members are welcome to attend. If you have any comments or questions, Please call or email me anytime.

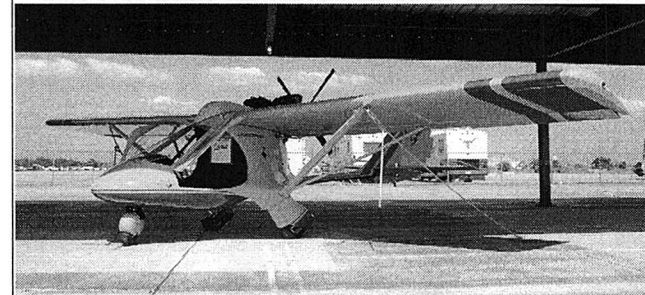
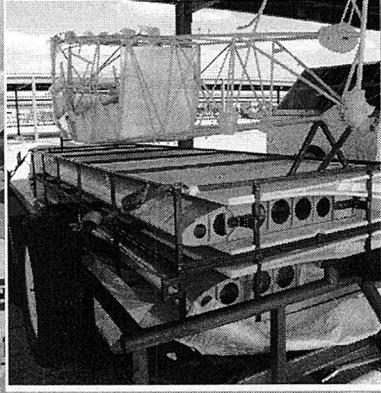
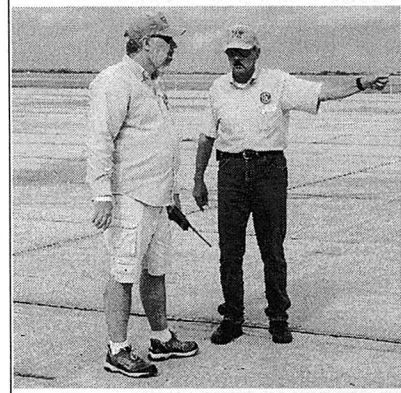
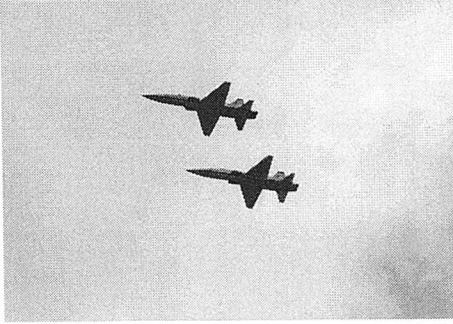
— Fly Safe

**CHAPTER 35 HANGAR DEDICATION
COOKOUT**

***** BRING A DESSERT *****

Did that get your attention? I hope so because our July 14th meeting will be a cookout at noon followed by the hangar dedication for our new Chapter 35 Hangar. Many people have put in a lot of time and effort to get the hangar to where it

DAVE BAKER (ARTIST) EAA TEXAS FLY-IN 2007 PHOTOS



NEWSCLIPS

Chapter Hanger

By John Latour

EAA Chapter 35 Hangar Introduction

Official EAA Chapter 35 Hangar Opening is scheduled for 1:30 P.M., Saturday, July 14, 2007, San Geronimo Airpark.

This note is to welcome you to our grand opening and solicit your participation in renting a 10' x 20' space in support of your airplane needs. We have been out of contact for a while and I want to make certain I have provided all the information you required to make an informed Chapter 35 hanger rental decision. Our EAA Chapter 35 hanger inventory (tooling / equipment) has changed since we last spoke, and I realize your experimental airplane needs may have changed as well.

If you have any questions about renting an EAA Chapter 35 hangar space, please let me know. My commitment is to provide you with hanger information that is clear and direct, and to make your hangar rental process hassle free. I welcome any comments or suggestions from you regarding how I could improve EAA Chapter 35 hangar rental process.

If you have rented a hangar elsewhere, just drop me a note and I will update my records.



Steve Jones' Solo Flight — June 4th, 2007

In Memoriam

By the Elder Dave Baker

Mr. Ted Bender left us to join his heavenly father. A memorial service will be held at the EAA Chapter 35 building at 2:30 P.M. on July 14th. His daughter, Valerie, wishes to invite anyone who wants to remember her father.

New Sport Pilot

By Bob Cabe

Congratulations are in order for the chapter's *newest Sport Pilot*. Louie Viggiano earned his new wings in his faithfully restored Aeronca Champ, June 25th, 2007. Great work, Louie!

A Natural Pilot

By Kris Niswonger

The evening was perfect, calm and serene. After just 12 minutes cumulative air time over several evenings doing hops at San Geronimo, Steve Jones soloed for the first time in a Pterodactyl Ascender II ultralight. He took off on runway 17 and instead of reducing power and landing on the runway, he kept going until he was at 400 feet AGL. He went on to do a perfect left hand pattern for runway 17 and landed about half way down. Steve joins an elite club, (less than one percent of the world's general population) of aviators. Welcome to the club, Steve, and congratulations on a job well done.

NEWSCLIPS (CONTINUED)

Thoughts from Hondo

By Tim Fousse

A Letter From Hondo's Airport Manager, Tim Fousse.

(Editors Note: Tim Fousse has worked very closely with our Fly-In leaders to provide the very best facility possible. The rain just before the event put a real strain on Tim and his city staff—Great work. Tim!)

Norris,

I want to say that I really enjoyed this years SWRFI event. During last years (2006) event, I stood on the ramp, talking with Mr. Herrera (Hondo City Manager) about my possibly coming to work here at Hondo and about all the opportunities that this airport represented for me. I then talked with Bill Gunn (TX DOT, Aviation) that same day, also on the ramp, and he said that moving to Hondo would be the right move for my career (and sanity). During this years event, I took a moment, stopped what I was doing and stood in approximately the same spot I had those very conversations. It then became quite apparent that I had made one of the best decisions of my life taking the job here at Hondo. The huge smile on my face clearly indicated that I was "in my element", and that working this event was a joy. Here's to many more years of successful fly-ins and smiles!

Tim

Timothy D. Fousse
Airport Manager

Texas Fly-In Officers

By Norris Warner (njwarner@hctc.net)

The EAA Texas Fly-In Elects Officers for 2008

At a recent meeting following the successful 2007 Fly-In, officers for the coming year were elected. The organization was altered to include two Executive Vice Presidents (Ian Heritch and Bill Tarver), and they will in turn each supervise three Vice Presidents. Boyce Vardiman (Chapter 59, Waco area) Cliff Elrod and Brad Doppelt (both Chapter 35) will report to Ian, and Christy Quinn (an ECI Director of Marketing), Ken Gilmore (Chapter 35) and one yet to be selected will report to Bill Tarver (you may recall that Bill is the flight Surgeon for all NASA Astronauts). Stan Shannon continues as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and Norris Warner will serve as the Fly-In President and Chief Operating Officer. Norris has said that this will be his final year in this post and he will be looking for one of our experienced volunteers to step up following the 2008 event. Stan will also be standing down in a couple of years, so there will be plenty of opportunity for upward mobility. Persons who wish to become part of this management team are encouraged to contact Stan (stan@swrfi.org) or Norris soon.

Refrigerator Needed

By Nancy Mason

Does someone have a refrigerator to donate for the kitchen? The present one is in bad condition....am sure it is adding more to the electric bill than it should...water condenses inside and out...causing mildew. Thanks!

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WHY NO AIR SHOW AT THE 2007 FLY-IN?

By EAA Texas Fly-In Officers

This is a question that deserves a response. While most would acknowledge that a Regional fly-In is an extension of AirVenture, there are valid reasons to omit an air show from this fly-in.

Hondo, Texas has a facility that is likely unmatched anywhere. Runways aplenty, ramp space of acres and acres, and camping facilities for thousands. Hondo is also a neighbor to San Antonio where military air shows--free!--are available to the general public annually at Randolph AFB and Lackland AFB. These shows are much better than anything we can produce, so we opt to help them and bring experimentals to their events.

During the 2006 EAA Texas Fly-In, we did host an air show with very capable performers. To entice drive-in, local attendance, we offered "\$10 a carload" for the Saturday air show. This did not bring in any appreciable attendance.

Taking into account that our insurance rates double when including an air show, and the cost of providing meals, wheels, and gas for the pilots--and their crews--and you understand that there is a financial cost involved.

Next (and this is a real problem for some pilots) we must shut the airfield down completely during the air show. No landings, no departures--just plain inconvenient for some.

Past surveys that we have conducted show only about 40% support for having an air show, and we have concluded that this fly-in exists for the reasons we all know to be true: Fun, Flying, Food and Family. We do this by encouraging quality exhibitors (aircraft oriented), excellent forums (education on homebuilt aircraft, engines, safety etc), camaraderie, and good food. And we certainly believe that a well organized Young Eagles effort that encourages our youth to share our passion for airplanes and flight is very worthwhile. We spend the time and dollars on Young Eagles rather than an air show to encourage our youth in aviation.

To conclude, it takes a lot of effort and resources to provide an air show; resources and volunteer effort that we believe can be better utilized. We did and will do more fly-bys under tower control by individual a/c, military a/c, and vendor showcase a/c. We hope you will join us as a volunteer in 2008.



Flagpole Flowers

By Nancy Mason

As you probably know, the flagpole was donated to the chapter by the late Elmer Benson as a memorial to his wife, Irene Benson. Their daughter, Cindi Konkle from Austin, called me recently and said she wanted to donate \$50 worth of plants to add to her mom and dad's "Memorial Garden". She left it up to me to purchase whatever would look best in the area. Purple grass was planted around the base of the pole with mini trailing purple and white lantana surrounding that. It really improved the looks of the flagpole area. EAA Chapter 35 thanks you, Cindi.

Saturday Pancakes

By Nelson Amen

Saturday pancakes - New Braunfels

Fellow EAA'ers (this is not an official EAA email),

I just called to confirm. They will have free pancakes at the New Braunfels airport restaurant each 2nd Saturday morning of the month, from 7 to 10 am. Ok admit it ... it's just an excuse to fly. Besides, you can almost taxi up to the door. Safety first - - get a weather briefing and bring your tie-downs. Wind gusts and bumpy clouds seem to be the order of the day for the last few months.

Anyway, I was there about 2 months ago for lunch and the owner told me about the pancake deal and also a discount (I forgot the percent) on fuel for that Saturday each month as well.

So ... good weather may find me taking the short flight from San Geronimo. Tower is 127.05 and is a "training tower", so cut the guys some slack.

IT'S A WRAP (CONTINUED)

(Continued from Page 1) us a big boost by allowing exhibitors to be placed in this huge hangar and the City of Hondo allowed the use of the shade hangars. This worked out extremely well, and we'll be doing this next year as well.

The AF hangar and much of the flight line was blanketed by Wi-Fi, a real plus for exhibitors selling items by credit card. The downlink was provided by Hill Country Telephone Co-op and the setup was by T.R.C. Engineering Services, Kerrville. The PA system was greatly improved over last year—thanks to our friend Jody Pearson and our own special “voice” Chapter 35 member Bob Guthrie. Jack Ridgway and wife Linda, made sure all of our key volunteers were furnished with long range, reliable FM “Brick” two-way radios.

The tractor drawn trams were bell-equipped this year, so that passengers could signal the driver to stop at any time. Those who have experienced the super-rigid tram stops at AirVenture surely appreciated this new wrinkle! As an aside, John Kuhfahl managed a fleet of rolling stock: 10 tractors, 11 ATV's, 23 John Deere Gators and 20 golf carts—and kept 'em all going!

Enterprise rental cars were readily available, and many fliers used this service in order to reach motels beyond Hondo. The Hondo Chamber of Commerce set up a shuttle van to give folks a lift around Hondo at no charge. This worked fairly well, and we're hoping to even improve on this.

Camping was the style for many attendees, and now we have hookups (power and water) for 70 motor homes/trailers. Tent Campers were treated to a real roof over the shower building that we constructed last year, and plans are in place to make the showers drain better by next year.

We enjoyed airplanes of all stripes—from the very entertaining powered parachutes and ultralights to warbirds and antiques, to some incredibly beautiful home-builts, to the many new, factory-built Light Sport Aircraft. Demo rides were given to potential buyers, and many contracts were signed. In addition, we had fly-bys of several types of aircraft, including a pair of Randolph-based T-38's. The Air Force also provided two static displays—a T-6 Texan II turbo prop trainer, and the light twinjet T-1

Jayhawk, flown in and displayed by our own chapter president, Roch LaRocca. How about that?

Yes, there was something for everyone—at least everyone who was interested in airplanes, and that included the 40 Young Eagles that got their first introduction to flight thanks to our own Brad Doppelt, wife Jody and sons who did all of the organizing and administrative work involved. We hope to make this an even bigger part of next year's event. This year, YE pilots were furnished donated AV gas, and we'll likely have this again next year, thanks to a very generous sponsor.

The price of AV gas was disappointingly high, but by next year, a true fuel farm will be installed at the airport, and the prices will be known in advance, and likely will be lower.

The food available on the flight line was excellent (thanks, Pat Wegner), and the “EAA Texas Fly-In” hangar, owned by chapter member John Killian made for lots of room for guests to get out of the sun and sit down to enjoy the lunch. A pay as you go social hour was held each evening there from 5 PM until ??? and a meal was served in the hangar for volunteers and early arrivals on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM.

An old-fashioned BBQ meal was served there on Friday evening, (thanks, Ken Koock!) and following the usual social hour Saturday, we made our way into town to have a scrumptious steak dinner at the Lutheran Hall. Campers were given rides on Trams so that they could attend. The icing on that cake was the superb presentation of the Apollo XIII near tragedy, as told by the mission controller, Gene Kranz. This was a spellbinding presentation, using power-point slides to make it seem like the delicate rescue—the rescue led by Gene himself—was happening in real time, right before our eyes. It's little wonder that the actor that portrayed Gene in the famous movie that followed his own book was nominated for an “Oscar.” Many, many thanks to a great professional, Mr Gene Kranz.

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of this event, and I could not be more proud. Thanks to all for your help—and remember, “Volunteers have the most fun.” Plan now to be one of us next year!

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DAY/MONTH	PROGRAM	TIME
13 JANUARY	MEETING Pot Roast by Nelson Amen Steve Formhals Presents the RV Build	BOARD MEETING 3:30 DINNER AT 5:30 PROGRAM AT 6:45
10 FEBRUARY	MEETING Extra Special Stew by John Cook Oscar Zuniga Presents the Pietenpol Air Camper and the M 19 Flying Squirrel	DINNER AT 5:30 PROGRAM AT 6:45
10 MARCH	EARLY MEETING/FLY-IN Sloppy Joe Lunch by Ed Seurer Jim Havens Presents the RANS S-18 Singer	LUNCH AT 12:00 PROGRAM AT 1:30
17 MARCH	YOUNG EAGLE/BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM AT HONDO 9:00—3:00	PILOTS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
14 APRIL	HOT PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE BREAK-FAST/FLY-IN by Dave Baker	SERVING 9:00 – 12:00
12 MAY	Shrimp Pasta Salad Dinner by John Latour Roch LaRocca Presents Review of Hondo Aviation Day	DINNER AT 5:30 PROGRAM AT 6:45
1-2 JUNE	EAA TEXAS FLY-IN (SWRFI)	ALL VOLUNTEERS ABOARD
14 JULY	Hamburgers by Dave Baker BOARD MEETING HANGER DEDICATION	BOARD MEETING 10:00 LUNCH AT 12:00 HANGER DEDICATION AT 1:30
23-29 JULY	AirVenture 2007— Oshkosh	
11 AUGUST	MEETING	REFRESHMENTS AT 5:30 PROGRAM AT 6:45
8 SEPTEMBER	CHAPTER WORKDAY, PICNIC and FLY-IN	8:00 - 2:00
13 OCTOBER	WING'S AND WHEELS GATHERING FOR ANGEL FLIGHT FUNDRAISER	8:00 - 3:00 GATES OPEN TO PUBLIC AT 10:00
10 NOVEMBER	CHILI COOKOFF/FLY-IN Annual Official Membership Meeting for 2007	COOKOFF AT 12:00 PROGRAM AT 1:30
8 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS BANQUET	6:00 SOCIAL HOUR 7:00 DINNER
<p>Runway 35 OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 35 – SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS</p>		

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FLY-IN PHOTOS CONTINUED

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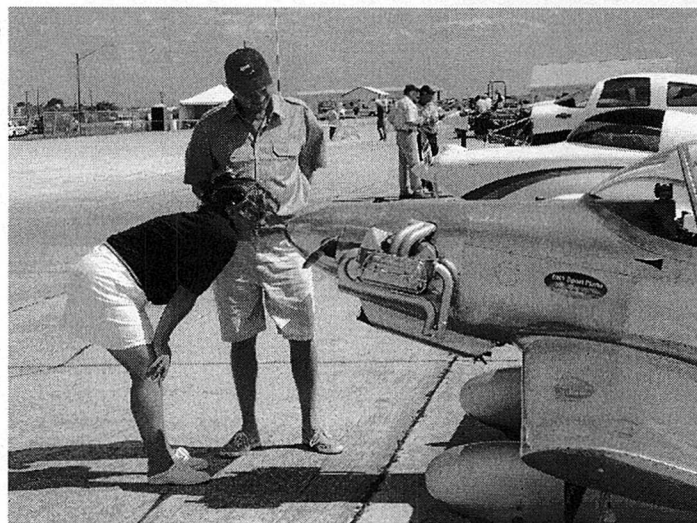
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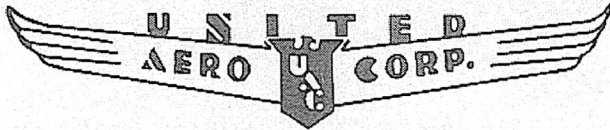
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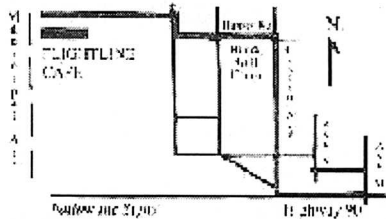
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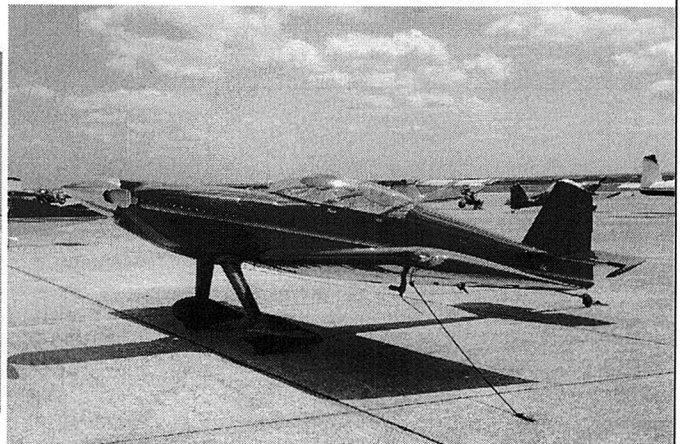
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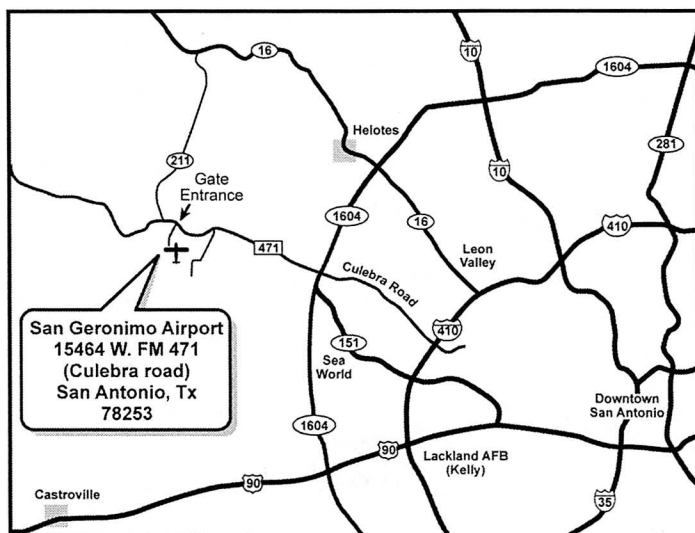


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