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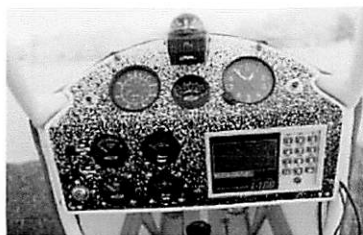


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## Bruce King's Tire Kicking - Self Designed



On Saturday, February 21, Bruce King treated the Chapter 35 members to a tire kicking of his aircraft under construction from a design created by himself. The simplistic construction techniques are carried over from his previous experience building a Bradley Kit. The attributes of the design were obvious and simple: a VW engine mated to metal airframe with fabrication confined to his garage. Bruce's enthusiasm and cheerful spirit exhibits determination to climb back into the air again with an experimental plane, soon. American ingenuity is at work here! It pays to be a dreamer and be industrious! The EAA gods are smiling on Bruce.



### March 13th Chapter 35 Meeting

**Guest speaker: Bryan Tobias. "Crashes and Disasters" Recovery of the Shuttle Columbia debris and Aircraft Wreck chasing in Texas.**

*SUPPER AT 5:30 -- LEE ANN COOKS!*

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# To and From the Pattern

By Oscar Olszewski ENL

## Pilots, get your Cameras Out - Aerial Photo Contest



Hello Chapter members, this editor is sponsoring an aerial photo contest with hopes to collect participation from chapter members. The contest rules are simple: EAA 35 members can submit their photos to the editor by May 1st for judging and three winners plus honorable mentions will have their photos printed in the newsletter. First Prize - \$50; Second Prize - \$30; and Third Prize - \$20.

Photos must be taken from the air during the contest period between March 8th and May 1st. Award winning photos submitted will become property of the editor. Photos will be evaluated for clarity, composition and subject matter. Electronic filtering permitted. Electronic photo files preferred, but not mandatory. One prize per Chapter member. Photos shot during acrobatic flight will require proof that pilot holds the acrobatic rating. No Photos shot while in formation flight are accepted. No limits on entries submitted. Mailing Address is:

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## Photo Shooting Suggestions

1. Use a polarizing or UV filter to filter out haze and obscuration.
2. Shoot at least three photos of each subject.
3. Turn flash off unless shooting interior subject matter.
4. Have a safety pilot take over the plane while shooting.
5. If orbiting or descending down to location for a shot in controlled airspace, announce intentions to clearance delivery upon first contact. They will pass the comment on to departure or approach controllers for special handling upon request. Low traffic periods make things go smoother.
6. Clean the windows of the plane thoroughly before taking off.
7. Familiarize yourself completely with all obstructions, wind direction, other aircraft present and hazards before shooting photos.

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**March 19<sup>th</sup> - Randolph AFB - POW/MIA Tattoo** – Randolph AFB will be hosting the annual remembrance ceremony at noon and with the traditional Air Force Inventory Fly-by salute beginning around dusk (probably 5:30 to 6:00 PM). Should be quite a show for those interested.

(Be alert for traffic throughout a 15 nm radius of Randolph with altitudes from 2,500 ft MSL to 9,000 ft. MSL. Military traffic will be holding in various areas throughout, just south of New Braunfels, East towards Seguin and southeast from the tall towers to Randolph.) Practice and formation flying will take place in the afternoons of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup> - NCAA Men's Final Four Basketball Tournament in San Antonio, TX. at the Alamo Dome.** STMP procedures and TFR will be in effect during the period. VFR traffic will be affected to a great extent during the period. Be sure and check for current NOTAMs.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup> – Fiesta Celebrations in San Antonio.** - TFRs will be in effect during the period, with plenty of security and helicopter activity, particularly in the downtown area. The national security TFR and local restrictions will be in place especially during the days and times of the historic parade events. Check your NOTAMs.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> – EAA Southwest Regional Fly-In, New Braunfels, TX.** Special operating procedures and temporary tower will be in effect during the period. Check NOTAMs for procedures and restrictions. (New arrival and departure procedures will be utilized.)

### **San Antonio Local Area ATC Update Notes**

#### **San Antonio Airport**

**Construction** will begin shortly close to the end of Runway 3. CPS will be relocating underground cables onto airport property from alongside I-410 to provide room for the new highway UA281 and I-410 interchange. Start date not available at this time. Check NOTAMs.

Depending on type of equipment and construction utilized may cause the closure of a portion of Runway 3, displace the threshold, raise the minimums and possible loss of the Glide Slope.

The Tower has been having trouble with receiving **accurate wind data** from some of the LLWAS receivers that feed information to the tower. NOTAMs are issued when in doubt and ASOS winds only are utilized. This wind information is obtained from the ASOS site located only on the northwest end of the airport.

**Randolph AFB** - **Randolph and Kingsville MOAs** have been realigned and will be depicted on navigational charts soon. Randolph AFB has been assigned scheduling responsibility for the Kingsville MOA.

**Kelly AFB** - Kelly AFB Tower has begun new operating hours from 7 AM to 11 PM daily.

**Stinson Airport** - **SAPD** has requested that pilots stay off of their ramp on the northwest end of the airport to line up, run up or hold for departure on runway 9. There is a possibility that a helicopter starting up and lifting off could blow an aircraft over. If holding is required for takeoff, etc., utilize taxiway Delta only. Stinson Tower has been trying to assist the SAPD with their request by reminding pilots, however, when they are busy they may not be able to provide a timely advisory, therefore please make a note of this request and reminder.

#### **San Antonio Community and Governmental Aviation Affairs**

Presentations were provided to Air Transportation Advisory Commission and to the Airport Noise Abatement Committee members regarding upcoming airport improvement projects, both, airside, terminals and others. In addition, briefings were received on the EIS and EA processes that are required prior to approving projects for funding and any associated rule making actions, including public hearings and comment periods. National FAA funding will be the major issue for the City, even though the airport has its own funding stream with PFCs, rentals, etc. Some funding has already been provided with the City providing matching funds for a lot of initial steps in the projects, such as, consultant fees, engineering studies, etc. Public participation by the pilot community is strongly recommended to ensure that General Aviation and Safety or provided in these projects.

## SWRFI UPDATE

The South West Regional Fly-in will be held at the New Braunfels Airport May 14 and 15, and Dick VanGrunsven, founder of Van's Aircraft, will be the Honored Guest. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> year for SWRFI after being started in Georgetown, Texas by Tony Bingelis. Dick will also receive the President's Award and speak at the banquet on Saturday night. Past recipients of the award include Tony Bingelis, Paul Poberenzy, Charles Duke, and Duane Cole. We'll take banquet reservations in April, so make plans to have fun on that Saturday night in New Braunfels.

Your EAA Chapter 35 is very well represented on the SWRFI staff. Stan Shannon serves as president, Don Staats and Norris Warner are vice presidents, Gene Kent, treasurer and Deck Yoes, secretary. In addition, Kris Kilmer runs the forums, Brad Doppelt the Young Eagles effort, and Jimmy Tubbs does double duty chairing the vendors and also airport relations. Also, Stan's bride Nanette and Don's bride Norma really make the banquet come alive. Whew!

Now, here's where the fun comes in—working together to make it all come together. We have a big work day scheduled for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and again the week of the fly-in, starting with Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The pace really picks up on Thursday, so we need a lot of help that day. Friday and Saturday are the real show days, but we need help again on Sunday to tear down and store lots and lots of SWRFI-owned goods. Please mark your calendars today so that you can help promote the biggest sport aviation show ever seen in Texas.

That's pitch No. 1—this is No. 2—we need a chairman to handle our chapter's big fund raiser, lemonade sales. Please, PLEASE call or e-mail President Steve (carlson3@sbcglobal.net) at once—and bless you! This special person will need loads of helpers to be successful, so if you can work a half day or more, please let Steve know.

In addition, we will be carrying showgoers up and down the line with eight (yes, 8!) tractor/wagon combos, so we need lots of drivers. The plan right now is to drive two hours, take two off, and drive two more. Those guys and gals (18 and over) who would like to tour the flight line in style (Kubota style) please contact Norris Warner at this time—830.510.4334 (Metro, so don't put a "1" in front) or e-mail njwarner@indian-creek.net. Several members offered Norris help at the February meeting, but he needs you to sign up now by phone or mail so that he has a solid list.

Perhaps some of you will herd a tractor on one day and sell lemonade the other? It's all great fun to work together!

## Stuff For Fly Boys

Courtesy Tom Rosling in his book, Sled Driver,

SR-71 Blackbird pilot Brian Shul writes:

I'll always remember a certain radio exchange that occurred one day as Walt ( my back-seater) and I were screaming across Southern California 13 miles high. We were monitoring various radio transmissions from other aircraft as we entered Los Angeles airspace. Though they didn't really control us, they did monitor our movement across their scope. I heard a Cessna ask for a readout of it's groundspeed. "90 knots" Center replied. Moments later, a Twin Beach required the same. "120 knots," Center answered. We weren't the only ones proud of our ground speed that day as almost instantly, and F-18 smugly transmitted, "Ah, Center, Dusty 52 requests groundspeed readout." There was a slight pause, then the response, "525 knots on the ground, Dusty." Another silent pause. As I was thinking to myself how ripe a situation was, I heard a familiar click of a radio transmission coming from my back seat, "Center, Aspen 20 you got a ground speed readout for us?" There was a longer than normal pause..."Aspen, I show 1,742 knots." No further inquiries were made on that frequency.

# From the President's Desk

By Steve Carlson

## Meal Makers Wanted - SWRFI - Newsletter - Air Academy - Skip's Long Eze



We are looking for meal makers for May. If you are a really good cooker, like we've had so many times in the past, give the secretary a call, or email her at larider@sbcglobal.net. We will also be seeking someone to spearhead the pancake breakfast in June. These are two great opportunities to earn the undying admiration of all your chapter mates.

There will be a board meeting prior to March's meeting with many important issues to be discussed:

1. **SWRFI Tent**, Should we rent one? How big? Is our canopy enough? We need to get a tent reserved if that is the decision.

2. **SWRFI Banquet tables**. How many should we reserve?
3. **EAA Chapter 35 Brochure**. We have a brochure for the chapter, produced by our membership chairman. We need to discuss printing- How many, what quality. We need to get going to have these by SWRFI.
4. **The Newsletter**. Do we need to make any adjustments to the new procedures yet?
5. **Air Academy candidates**. It's getting close to time to get this done.
6. **Other issues** which may be added by board members at the meeting or before.

These meetings are open to all members, so feel free to join us.

I would like to take a minute and thank our members for their overwhelming support in getting the votes necessary to help the chapter's 501.c.3 status. We had over 30 people take the time to send in their proxies, and over 50

people in attendance at the meeting. Thanks to all of you for being counted in this vital task.

Saturday, 7 February, 2004. Skip Barchfeld flew in to San Antonio International at precisely the prearranged time of 10:30am. He and I met in the Sino Swearingen hangar and were soon off to our scheduled meeting with Gary Lange at the New Braunfels Airport. We met Gary at Mel Hinson's hangar, which is home to a beautiful Velocity. I haven't seen an airplane with the tail in the back since I left the hangar at Sino. Canardly remember what they look like.

Skip's Long Eze trip was my first flight in a canard. It was a real eye opener. I think we were at 160 knots before we had crossed 1604 northeast bound. The plane flew like it was on rails. With the side stick controller I felt like I was just thinking about where to go and the plane responded. Remember, all this performance with two rather full sized adults. The view and the shoulder room in the back were somewhat limited, but all I kept thinking was, "How can I possibly fly the Warrior after this?"

### SWRFI Banquet

The SWRFI Banquet last year was very well attended and all of us thoroughly enjoyed it. This year's event will be held in air-conditioned comfort in New Braunfels, complete with a cash bar opening at 6:15 PM.

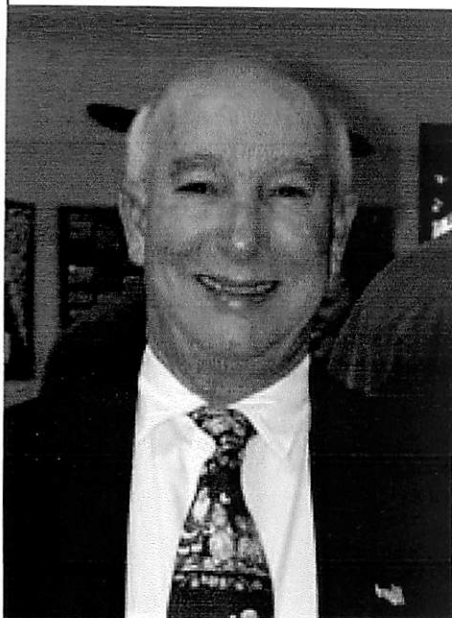
The date is May 15, 2004, Saturday evening, and winds up the SWRFI celebrations with Dick Van Grunsven as the honored guest and keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$20 up to May 7<sup>th</sup>, or \$25 at the door. Please send your checks to: Gene Kent, 19531 Stamford Drive, Tomball, TX 77352.



# Comments From the VEEP

By Dave Baker



Here is what I have so far for this year on the programs:

**March**--"Crashes and Disasters" presented by Bryan Tobias. Recovery of

the Shuttle Columbia debris and Aircraft Wreck chasing in Texas. This will be very interesting.

**April**--No program per se! We will meet at Hondo Airport in Skip Barchfields / John Killian hangar and look at their projects.

It is awesome when we look back on the last hundred years in aviation. I don't think there is any other segment of development in the history of man that has evolved as much as aviation has in it's first hundred years. The idea that the FAA (along with other groups) will be implementing a "new" pilot certificate program as well as "new" aircraft types for this certificate shows even more what can be accomplished when people and groups work TOGETHER to improve something.

The advancement in avionics will lead to a better flying environment, especially for flying in IMC. The new GPS

receivers and displays enable one to grasp instrument flying a lot easier and will greatly increase the safety factor in this type of flying. I feel that someday in the not too distant future, one will earn a pilots license that gives them the ability to fly in all types of weather with a lot fewer hours than the current system requires. It is my hope that all of this will be less expensive (dollar for dollar) than the cost today. With the improvements in technologies being accomplished in today's world both in construction of aircraft as well as avionics, there could very well be "an aircraft vehicle in every garage" and aviation will be the main mode of long distant travel (anything over 200 miles). Yes, it's great to be experiencing aviation in our lives in these times. Can you imagine the fun our grandchildren will have in flying? See you at the meeting, Dave Baker

## Paul McReynolds Update

We saw Paul at San Geronimo Airpark in mid-February, and he has bounded back from very serious throat surgery. Paul looked like he had regained his former weight—after being down some 40 pounds. Now we have learned that Paul broke a hip, and has undergone hip replacement surgery in late February.

Paul is well known as a championship-class RV builder, and has been a great chapter resource for members building aluminum airplanes.

Please send your "get well" cards to: 12527 Hart Cliff, San Antonio, TX 78249

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## Upcoming Events and Programs

### Upcoming Meetings

**San Antonio Air Transportation Advisory Commission** – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM, Terminal I Conference Room. Commission Chairman, Mr. Loren Wood.

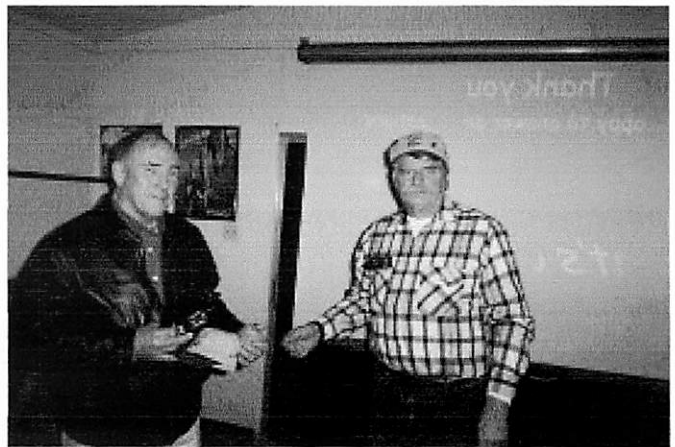
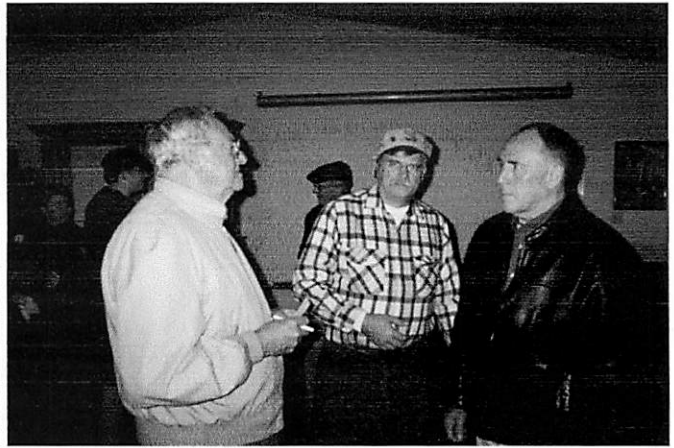
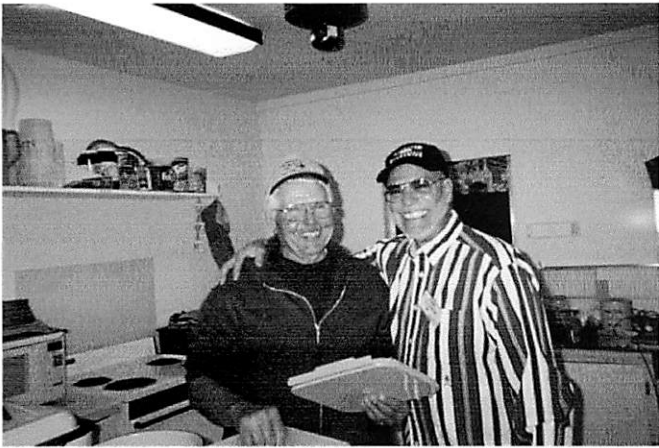
**San Antonio Airport Noise Abatement Advisory Committee** – April 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon, Terminal I Conference Room. Chairman, Councilman Carroll Schubert.

**Reminder:** All the information contained in this update is only as current as the day it was received. Please check NOTAMs, the local ATIS, with your AFSS, or local Air Traffic facility for the latest information.

## Skip Barchfield's Cozy



# Scenes From Last Months' Meeting by Joanne Warner





## Scenes From the last meeting—Written by Miriam Talley

As usual, great camaraderie, food, and meeting. Here's what happened.

I love men in the kitchen. Well, Terry Gombert and John Latour served up heaping amounts of chili and hot dogs. And they even did the dishes! Alice Jacobson and Kathy Becker were their lovely assistants in the serving line. Thanx a lot guys..great job. Lee Ann Carlson provided a desert of cream puffs and brownies and the Talley's provided a cheese-cake. Mmmm. Great start to the evening.

President Steve Carlson called the meeting to order at 1700. The first item on the list was a vote to change the chapter incorporation papers to what is required for 5013c status. With 51 members present and 29 proxies, the chapter had a quorum for the vote. All were aye with none opposed.

Bruce King volunteered for a tire kicking at his home on Sat the 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb at 1300 to show off his aluminum metal project. Details are on the web site. (As a reminder, items of interest may come up after the news letter is published, so do check the chapter web site periodically on [www.eaa35.org](http://www.eaa35.org))

Skip Barchfeld gave details about the April Fly-In at Hondo. This will be the chapter meeting/get together on the second Saturday, at John Killians Hangar. (2<sup>nd</sup> to the most north hangar). The meeting/lunch will be from 1200-1300 with lunch being gratis for meeting attendees. Any donations will be put toward the chapter building fund. After 1300 food will be at a cost. Deserts are needed. Starting at 1330 to 1630 will be young eagle and ancient eagle flights. There will be some aircraft on display. Skip has most areas covered but still needs help with clean up. For questions or if you can help call Skip at 830/363-7649. There is no rain date. Thanx Skip for all your hard work in coordinating this....folks lets all pitch in and make this a great event. Lets share our love of aviation.

Being valentines day, Lee Ann Carlson and Joanne Warner handed out lovely roses to all the ladies in the audience.....nice touch.

In the homebuilders corner, Norris Warner announced that Jack Ridgeways super engine was being put back together. The Breezy fuel tank is in and they are working on the instruments. Steve Carlson announced that he has the bulk heads for the Cozy.

FIRST FLIGHTS!!! Don Woodham with his RV-6 (heard it goes like a home sick angel and they could not do a power on stall), Westin Walker with his Zenith on 27 Jan. Westin thanked the numerous folks for their assistance and advise. CONGRATS!!!!

Norris Warner provided the SWRFI Update: Third weekend of May. The second Saturday will be a work day and since our chapter is one of the movers and shakers of this event, lots of help is needed. Volunteers last year had a great time. Several Chapter members are key workers of SWRFI. Don Staats – 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Norris Warner – 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Gene Kent – Treasurer and Deck Yoes – Secretary. There is an excellent rapport with the City and Airport of New Braunfels. The lay out will be improved and more people friendly, more vendors, food will all be in one area. The banquet guest speaker will be Dick Van Gruzen, Mr RV. So call Norris for questions or offers of help @ 830/510-4334. Deck Yoes is coordinating the program. The theme will be planes completed this centennial year. So contact Deck with pictures of your completed plane @ 210/492-2504.

Norris Warner talked about the challenges and importance of an accurate weight and balance on your aircraft. A group of folks bought into the purchase of professional scales which are being maintained in Don Woodhams hangar. The original purchasers will use the scales for free. Chapter 35 members can rent the scales for \$70. Monies to go to the chapter.

Our Guest speaker was Len Scott from our local FSDO. Known as the "white hat". Len's job is to go out to aviation groups to teach and be a resource. He is also the "go to guy" with any questions without reprisal...the first time. To contact Len – len.scott @faa.gov or 210/308-3354. Before starting on his talk on the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) navigation system, he provided us with a few updates. Be cautious of "rolling TFR's" that follow the President and VP on the ground. Be sure to call the FSS for notams as they change frequently. As a reminder TFR's have a 10 mile prohibited circle and when expanded are a 30 mile circle. Pilots must have a filed flight plan and designated x-ponder code to fly in this circle.

## LOCAL EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

(If you know of any local aviation events or happenings we can share with the chapter, call Oscar @ 210-382-4675 or send it via email to: Big-O@satx.rr.com.

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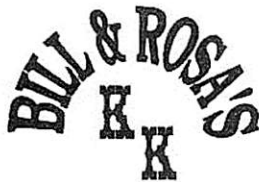
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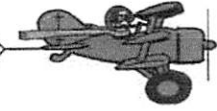


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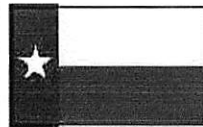
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**Member...Caveat Emptor...buyers beware!"**

**For Sale: Evans VP-1** Volksplane rebuilt and flying with 40 hours at Zuehl. Contact Danny McCormick for details: 210-872.3959 or 210-690-6048.

**For Sale: RV-4**, 180hp O-360A1A, Hartzell constant speed prop, KX155, encoding transponder, GPSMAP 195, wing leveler. Lots of fun, and good cross country too. Located SAT. \$49,500.00 Bob Fodge 210- 822-5725

**For Sale - QUICKSILVER MX** Hirth 2702 40 hp (62 hours TT) POWER-FIN Propeller--3 Bladed (new) Original Price \$7,200 Now Reduced to \$6,500 Contact Norris Warner at 830-510-4334

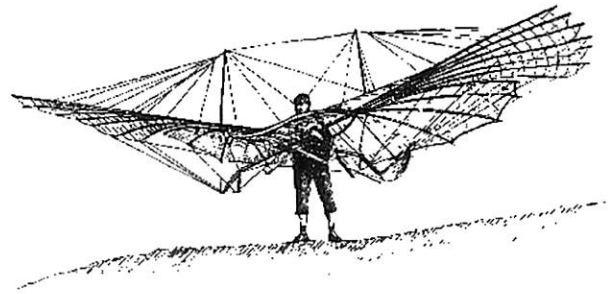
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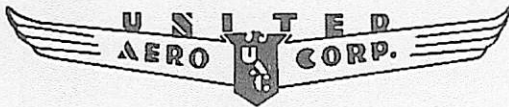
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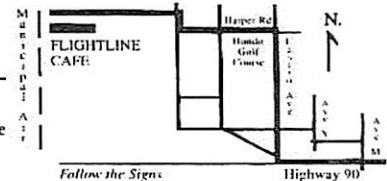
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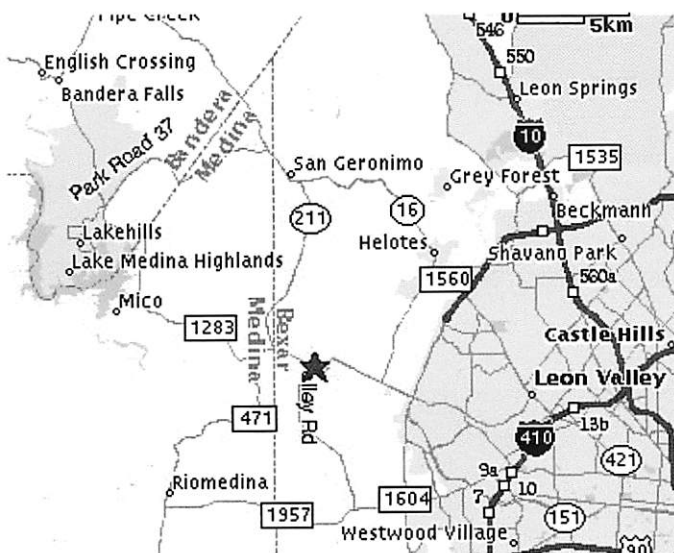
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Second Saturday of the Month

**March 13th Chapter 35 Meeting**

**Guest speaker: Bryan Tobias. "Crashes and Disasters" Recovery of the Shuttle Columbia debris and Aircraft Wreck chasing in Texas.**

**Young Eagle Fly In Dates**

Date: 10 April 2004  
Location: Hondo (HDO)  
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Date: 12 June 2004  
Location: San Geronimo  
Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Date: 24 April 2004  
Location: San Geronimo (8T8)

Date: 25 Sept 2004  
Location: San Geronimo