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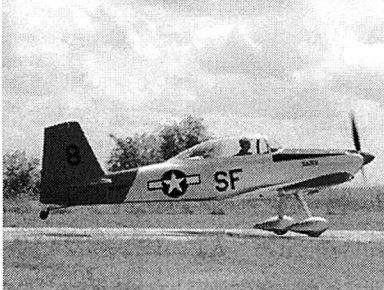
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# RUNWAY 35



## WINGS & WHEELS BENEFIT A SUCCESS



### By Matt Reedy

The Alamo Area Corvette Club and Angel Flight South Central, in conjunction with EAA Chapter 35 hosted a car show and fly-in on Saturday, October 13, 2007 to raise awareness and funds for Angel Flight. The weather cooperated and gave us a beautiful, cool morning. The first of about 40 Corvettes arrived early to get prime parking spaces and to vie for one of 32 trophies that were awarded to show vehicles. Along with the Corvettes, several classics and an antique car were also on display. A 1930 Model A was the oldest vehicle, followed by a 1937 Chevy and a Ford F-1 pickup truck. Four 1950's vintage cars were joined by a '66 Mustang and a later model Cobra rounded out the cars. A few motorcycles and a stock Cushman scooter were also on display.

EAA members were out in force with 10 of the 15 or so airplanes that were on display. Several of the exotic models received lots of attention from the 300-350 attendees. In addition to a couple of light sport aircraft, a Cessna and V-tail Bonanza flew in for the event. Attendees enjoyed hamburgers and Kielbassa Sausage (cooked up by Corvette

Club volunteers) for lunch and an eclectic mix of music from our DJ. Celebrity judge Bob Guthrie from WOAI radio oversaw the judging of all of the vehicles and awarded the trophies at the end of the day. Dottie Haley of the Corvette Club had collected a huge array of gifts for sale by silent auction. Every item was sold by the end of the event. Matt & Catherine Reedy oversaw the Angel Flight table and explained the mission of Angel Flight to those who stopped by. They also sold cookies & brownies for dessert!

The final figures are not in yet, but early estimates indicate that a total of nearly \$5,000 will be raised for Angel Flight as a result of this event. This is the best event we've ever had at San Geronimo and one of the best Angel Flight fund raisers ever held. A big THANK YOU goes to the residents of San Geronimo and the members of the EAA for being gracious hosts and participating in this wonderful event that enriches our community.

Best of Show Aircraft: Joe Paduh, 1942 J3 Cub - People's Choice:: Ramon Amador USAF Ret., 2003 C5 Corvette

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW E-LSA OWNERS

### By Norris Warner

Quicksilver MXL II Now an Experimental!

On Friday, Oct 12, 2007, Kris Niswonger's two-place ultralight became a legal "Experimental" airplane. Formerly operated under "training only" as an exception to FAR 103, that exception was due to expire at the end of this year. Only by transitioning to the Experimental category could this "vehicle" be used for flight.

Our friends at EAA headquarters had produced a "how-to-do-it" kit several months ago, and Kris followed their format faithfully—and successfully. It is not as easy as one might think because this was a factory built machine, and was totally unconstrained by normal aircraft standards. Kris and I did the weight and balance task, and although we didn't follow the EAA-supplied form, we did produce a workable document, and proved that the aircraft C.G. was within the factory limits.



Our good friend and newsletter editor, Steve Jones was a big help to Kris in filling out much of the required paperwork, and also mounted the ELT along with numerous detail improvements.

Kris applied all of the requisite placards (although it's hard to figure out how to placard what was an ultralight "floating" airspeed indicator), applied the new "N" number, and had A&P Dave Talley give it a good inspection. Kris' DAR showed up on schedule, found only a couple of minor items to correct, and produced the precious Airworthiness Certificate.

Congratulations to you, Kris. You've kept an enjoyable aircraft from becoming a yard ornament.

### By Steve Jones

Mad Max 2000 Gyrocopter Now an Experimental!



On Sunday, October 14th, 2007, Charles Cluck's two-place gyrocopter joined the ranks of Experimental — Light Sport Aviation. Chuck's gyrocopter now features a Special Airworthiness Certificate issued by a thorough but understanding designated airworthiness representative (DAR). The few squawks remaining were minor, and easily corrected. The DAR was comfortable pointing these out and issuing the certificate.

Chuck's extensive airframe restoration and preparation paid dividends, and included some interesting innovation. His block and tackle system allowed Chuck to suspend the aircraft in his hanger so he could figure precise center of gravity — essential for safe gyrocopter operations.

Congratulations, Chuck!

## Practice Exams

### By Steve Jones

Preparing for a pilot's knowledge exam, or your next flight review? Have a look at:

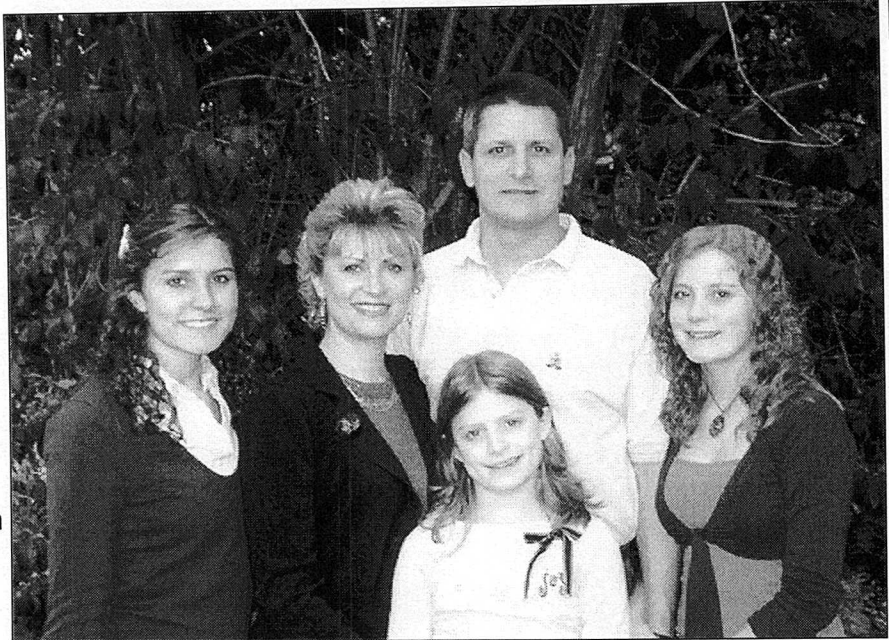
<http://exams4pilots.org>

## PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

**By Roch LaRocca**

### ATTENTION ALL COOKS!

Get out your crock pots and your grandmothers Chili recipe because it is time to compete in the 2007 Annual Chapter 35 Chili cook off competition. Please call me or email me if you can, and let me know if you are bringing Chili and/or some cornbread. If some want to bring desserts also, that would be great. Let's make this a delicious and fun meal. I would like to have an idea of how many pots of chili there will actually be and a prize will be awarded for the best chili. For all others, plan on a great lunch for \$5.00 at 12:00 Noon with the regular meeting around 1:30.



We will also be holding the elections for Chapter Officers. Below are the details and the nominees:

### OFFICER ELECTIONS

Will be held at the November meeting.

Below are the Chapter 35 officer nominees for the 2008 and 2009 term.

President - John Latour

Vice President - Bruce Harrison

Treasurer - Dee Brame

Secretary - Doug Aspey

If you would like to nominate someone for one of the positions, please talk to Roch LaRocca, 210 408-7964, or John Latour, 830 612-2232 (Metro), as soon as possible.

Below are the office descriptions:

**President** – The Chapter President is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of Chapter 35 Board of Directors. He / she shall call the board meetings and set the agenda for those meetings. He /she is subject to advice, direction, and control of Chapter Board of Directors, general charge of Chapter business. He / she shall jointly execute with Chapter Secretary all contracts and instruments which have first been approved by Chapter Board of Directors. He / she will call any Special Meeting of Members of Chapter Board of Directors and / or general Chapter Membership. In case of absence or disability of

chapter treasurer, Chapter President may execute checks for expenditures authorized by Chapter Board of Directors. In such circumstances, either Chapter Vice President or Chapter Secretary may co-execute such checks. The President also takes care of all paperwork sent down from EAA (insurance etc.), and generally oversees the VP, Sec, and Treasurer, ie periodically checking on how goes it and resolving issues not needed to take before the board.

**Vice President** – The Chapter Vice President has all powers and authority of Chapter President and shall perform duties of Chapter President in case of Chapter President's absence, disability, or inability, for any reason. He / she shall also perform such duties connected with operations of Chapter at suggestion or direction of Chapter President. He / she may annually recruit a certified public accountant or an appropriate group of Chapter Members to verify that financial records of Chapter are in order. The Board of Directors can determine how they want report delivered, written or oral. The Vice president also schedules Program Presenters and obtains members to provide meeting dinner meals.

**Secretary** – The Chapter Secretary is responsible for maintaining currency and security of original copies of Chapter Bylaws. Non-profit Incorporation documents, **(Continued on Page 11)**

**NEWSCLIPS**

# Experimental Placard

**By Frank Marcie**

Passenger Warning: This aircraft is amateur-built and does not comply with the federal safety regulations for standard aircraft.

It can't carry 200 passengers, but it's never had an engine fall off, either.

# Aircraft Retrieval Trailer

**By Norris Warner**

Chapter 35 Aircraft Retrieval Trailer Available.

Chapter 35 owns a custom-built 8' X 16' three-axle aircraft trailer. It was designed specifically for this task, and therefore has no side rails, but does have lots of tie-down points. We were very fortunate to buy this unique trailer from chapter member Stan Shannon for about one-fourth of its market value, and it has served many of our members quite well.

This trailer is available to all chapter members for a fee of \$10 per day, and the only rule is that it be returned in good condition. These rates were approved by your board of directors at the time of purchase, and if you have borrowed it and not paid the rental fee, please do so now. The chapter treasurer allocates these funds to the general fund account.

The trailer is presently parked next to Ed Seurer's hangar, so to obtain it or reserve it call Ed at 210.885.1160. We would prefer to store it under cover, so if you have room at San Geronimo, please see Ed.

**By Freda Jones**

Congratulations to our newsletter editor, Steve Jones, who passed his Class III Medical examination to become a Student Pilot.

# Saved from Extinction

**By Kris Niswonger**

The road to saving my 1995 Quicksilver MXL II from becoming a "lawn ornament" at least here in the US, was a long, arduous journey, but worth it in the end. I have to give credit to my many friends for their help along the way to converting what was an ultralight trainer to an E-LSA. Steve Jones deserves much of the credit for single-handedly installing the ELT. He and his wife Freda were also there to start the process and helped with tackling the mountain of paperwork. Norris Warner showed his genius and was instrumental in performing the weight and balance computations. Dave Talley, Mike Holcomb, his son Zachary and Jake White helped with the pre-DAR inspections and tweaking the airframe. Gary Kryzstopik pointed out that the carburetor boots needed replacing, which I did. Last, but not least, my good friend Charles Cluck diagnosed the electrical starting problem and saved me from wasting a lot of time and energy troubleshooting it.

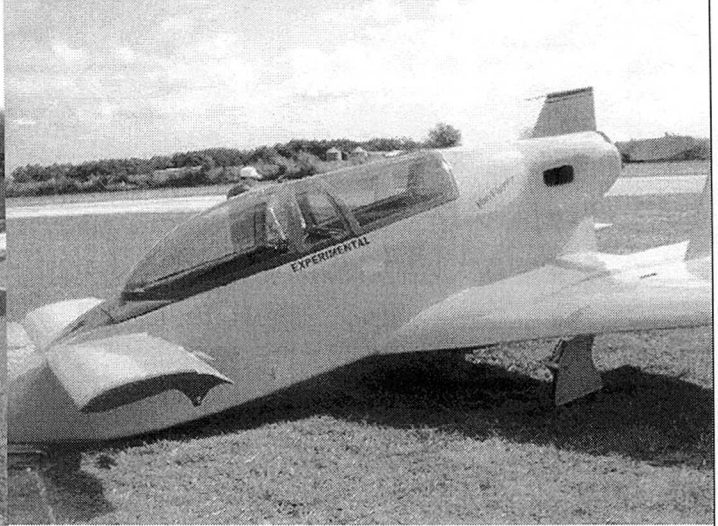
The whole process and the joy of receiving the Aircraft Registration N-Number and the Special Airworthiness Certificate renewed my faith in the FAA and the EAA. Both organizations deserve credit for keeping their word. Thanks again to everyone involved for their help! — Fly Safe!



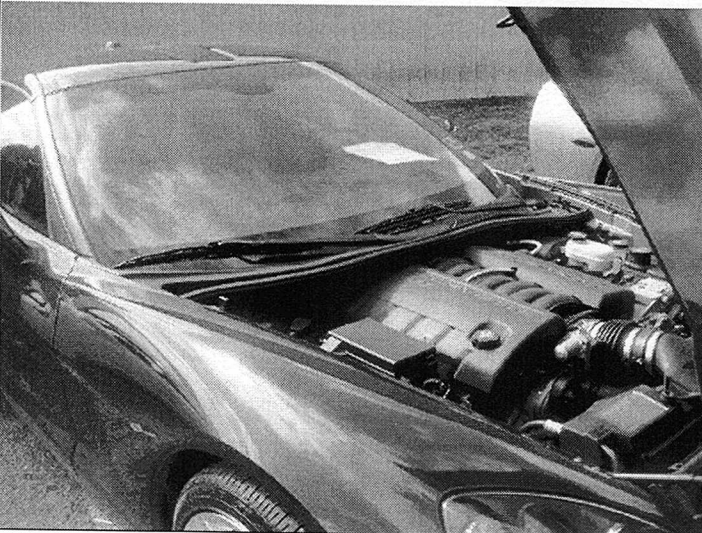
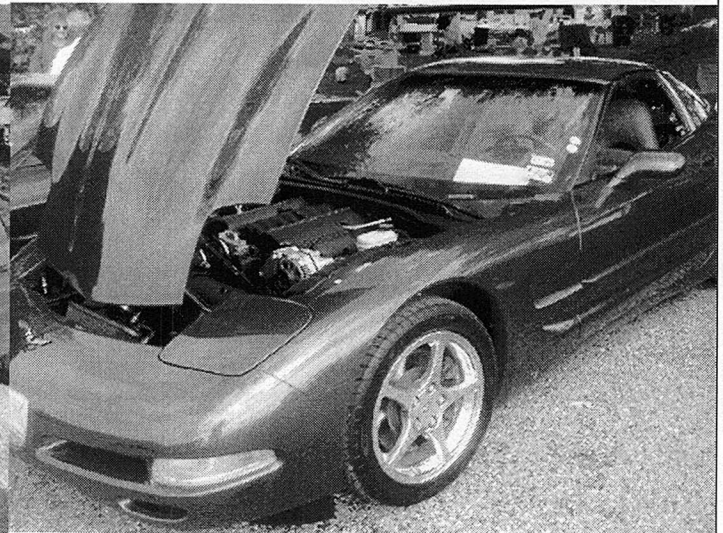
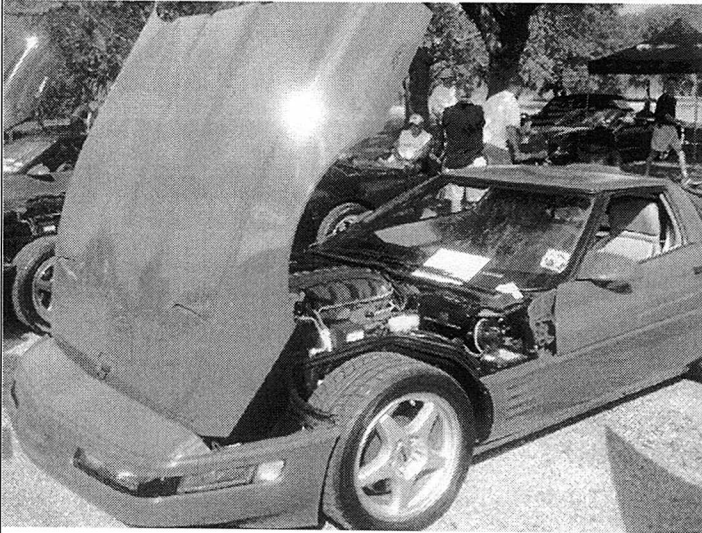
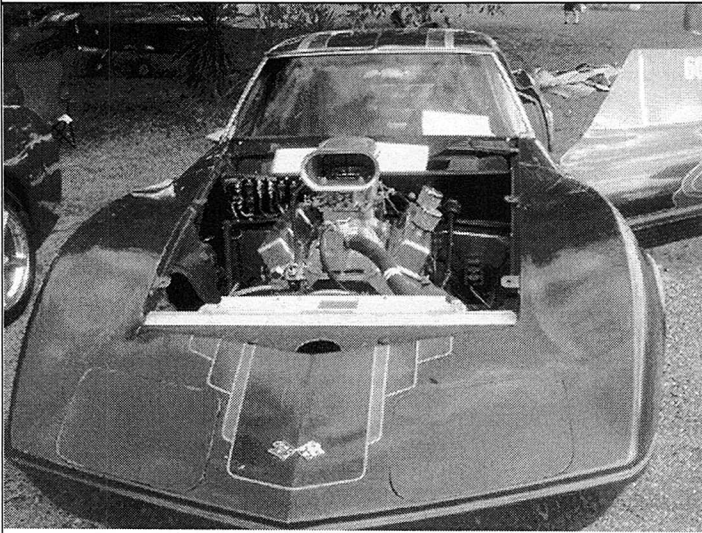
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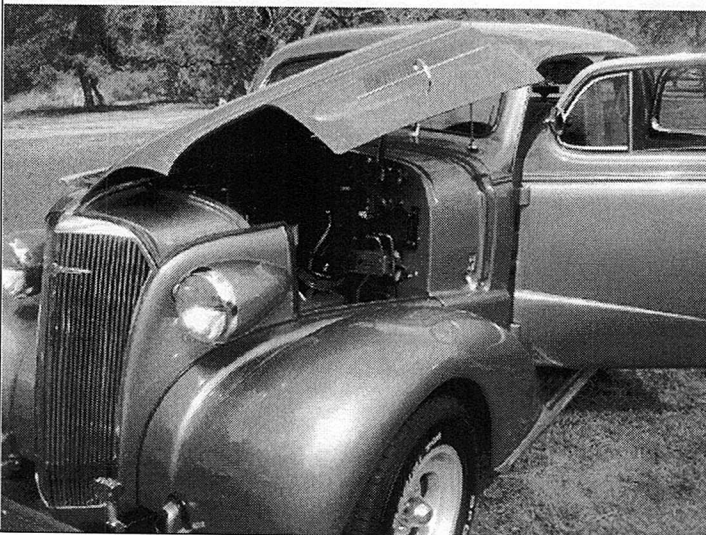
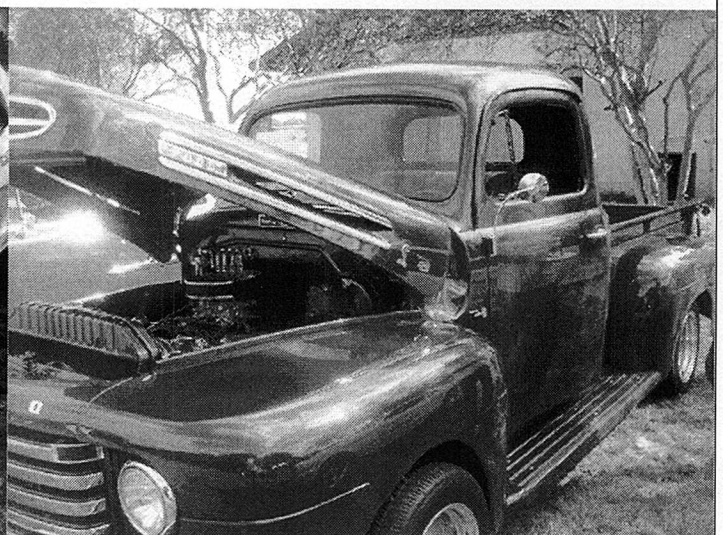
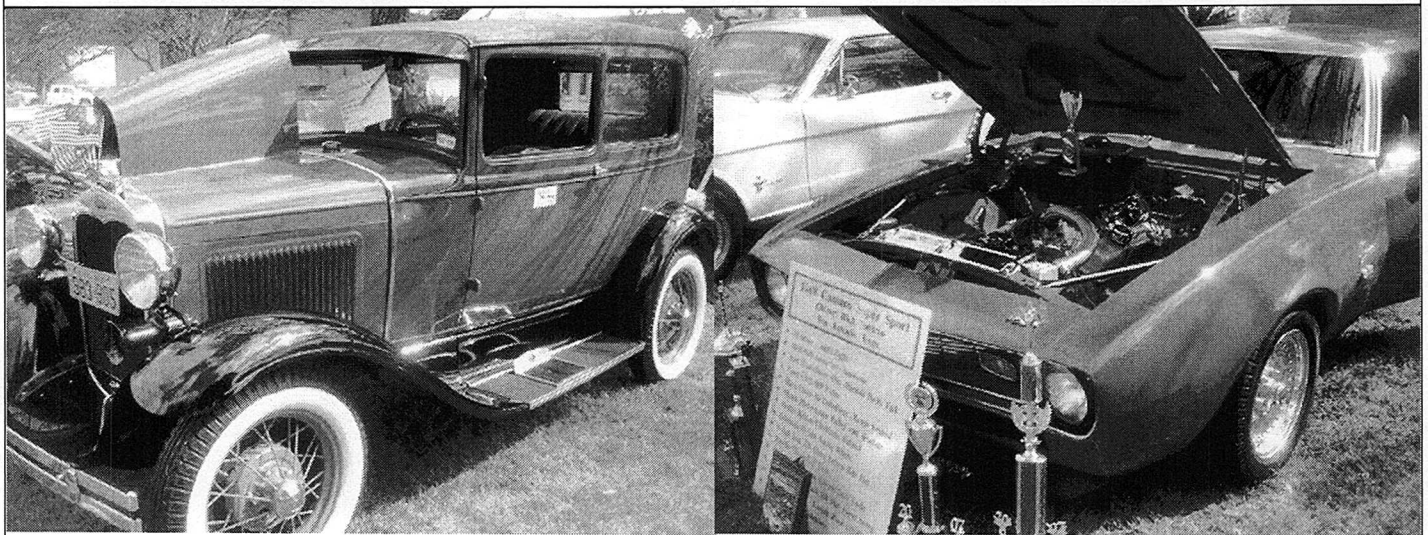
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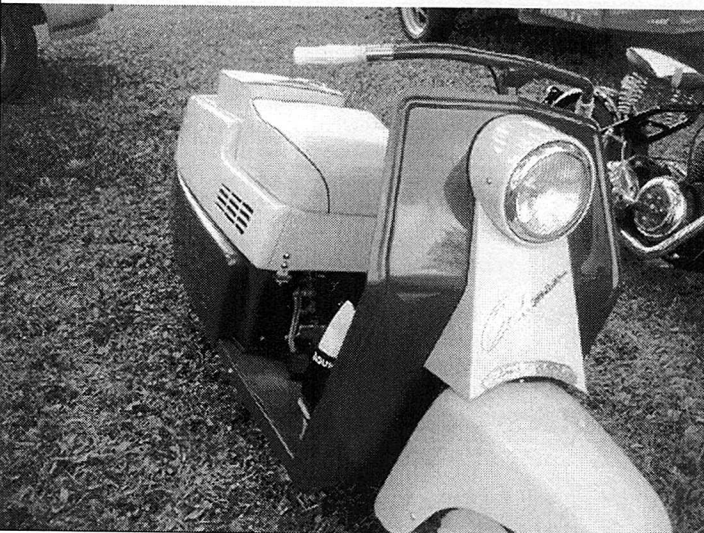
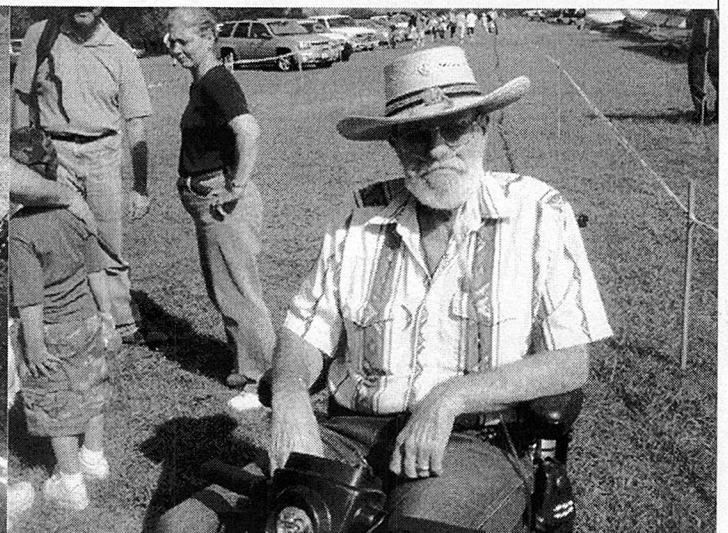
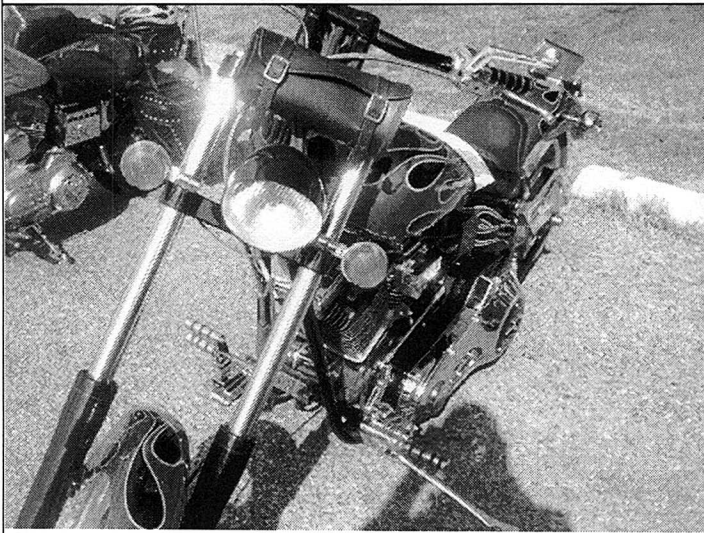


# JOHN LaTOUR'S WINGS & WHEELS PHOTOS — CLASSICS





**JOHN LaTOUR'S WINGS & WHEELS PHOTOS — BIKES AND MORE**



## BUREAUCRACY GONE AMOK

**By Norris Warner**

One weird story, or bureaucracy gone amok:

This factual story that follows is one for the books. Follow me through this (if you can—I can't really understand it myself).

In mid September, the EAA Chapter Office (headed up by our great friend in HQ EAA, Brenda Anderson) sent all officers of EAA Chapter 35 a letter stating that her office had just "become aware that the non-profit incorporation for your chapter is not current with your respective state, as per your state's website." She enclosed a copy of what she had downloaded and asked that we follow up on this oversight ASAP.

The downloaded pages were from the Texas Comptroller's office, and showed that Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 35, Inc. was in the status of "Not in Good Standing." A second page simply said, "This corporation is not in good standing as it has not satisfied all state tax requirements." It went on to advise us to contact the Texas State Comptrollers Office.

Well, thinking that the corporate franchise tax was the trigger, I went into my rather voluminous files pertaining to gaining our federal designation as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, which also contained the response from the Texas Comptrollers office to our request to be excused from paying any franchise tax or sales tax.

That response—on the first line—said we were totally excused from paying franchise tax!

I did call the Comptrollers office, but was promptly handed off to the Secretary of State (where all corporation entitlements are held). They asked me to look at their website, and download Form 802, which had Report 9.01 attached. This form basically asks for current officers and board members by name and address, along with the name and address of our "Registered Agent." Simple enough, right? I'm sure you'd agree that the State of Texas needs a periodic update like this.

The one thing I noticed on the download was

that Dan Cerna was our "Registered Agent," but that his address was at the old (and long gone) Westside Airpark.

Upon reaching a very courteous young lady at the Secretary of State's office, I asked if this out of date address had been the trigger, as we're not liable for any taxes. "Oh no, the reason for the "not in good standing" is because you do not have permission to use the corporate name 'Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 35, Inc.' You must obtain letters of permission to use that corporate name from Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 168, Inc., and also from Experimental Aircraft Association, South West Regional Fly-In."

You could have bowled me over with a feather! We were incorporated years before Chapter 168—and what in the heck does SWRFI have to do with our name!

Well, it turns out that the President of Chapter 168 is Michael Stephan in Grand Prairie, and is an old friend of mine, and a former secretary of SWRFI. I called Michael to get his "letter of permission," to be addressed to our president Roch LaRocca. Next, I dictated a letter from SWRFI to Roch, stating the same (thanks, Joanne).

Now if we—Chapter 35—were bounced by such inane (and insane) logic such as this, how many more chapters in Texas will be hit on? At press time, we know of two, but my bet is that the bureaucratic floodgates are about to be swung wide open!

Two things I should point out: 1) The chapter Office does the website search thing every year as time permits (thank you, Brenda), and 2) The Texas 9.01 Report should be filed with the Secretary of State every two years.



## PRESIDENTS COCKPIT CONTINUED

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tax-exemption documents, Federal Employer Identification Number (FDIC), and any other documents, books, papers, and records as Chapter Officers or Chapter Board of Directors direct. The Chapter Secretary shall jointly execute, along with Chapter President, all contracts and instruments first approved by Chapter Board of Directors. Chapter Secretary shall perform all other duties incident to Office of Chapter Secretary, subject to control of Chapter President and chapter Board of Directors.

**Treasurer** – The Chapter Treasurer will execute all checks authorized by Chapter Board of Directors. He / she will receive and deposit all funds in a financial institution recognized by Federal deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and approved by Chapter Board of Directors. Chapter Treasurer shall also account for all receipts, disbursements, and the balance of funds on hand. Chapter treasurer shall perform all other duties subject to control of Chapter President and Chapter Board of Directors. Chapter Treasurer shall ensure Chapter obtains and maintains a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Chapter Treasurer shall be responsible for accurate maintenance of all insurance records, including required by Experimental aircraft Association, Incorporated. By resolution of Chapter Board of Directors, Chapter may require joint signatures on all checks drawn on Chapter accounts.

The Wings and Wheels fly-in went greater than I could've hoped. We had beautiful weather, many aircraft of all types, an abundance of show cars, and of course, some really good food. I would like to thank all the Chapter 35 members who flew in and brought their planes out of their hangers to display around the club house. It really made for a great show. The corvette club had a very nice showing of some gorgeous cars and there was plenty of money raised for Angel Flight. The Angel flight representatives were very happy with the great turnout and the great

weather.

### Chapter 35 ROOF REPAIR

November will be our Roof Repair Month. We solicit your donations for sealing the EAA Ch 35 Club House "leaky roof". I will pass the hat for your donations. Dig deep in your pockets for loose change or rob your cookie jar . We need your help to pre-pay this repair. So, Please Spread the Word!!!

I do also want to mention that Steve Formhals had an accident in His RV-8. The aircraft collided with a car that backed out onto the runway at Boerne Stage airport during his takeoff roll. He was airlifted to University Hospital but was well enough to be out a couple days later. He still has a ways to go on the healing up of his leg and back but I just thank God that things were not worse.

### YOUNG EAGLES

The next Chapter 35 Young Eagles event will be held on Saturday, November 17th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. We have an urgent need for volunteers, both pilots and ground crew. The San Antonio Boys and Girls club will be bringing 100 children who would like to become Young Eagles. To support this event we need at least twenty ground volunteers and ten pilots. Please consider volunteering your time and aircraft to support this event. All volunteers should plan on being at the airport around 9:00 am to prepare for the day's event.

Our chapter has always supported the Young Eagles program and with your help we can continue to make all of our Young Eagles events a success.

Thank you for supporting our chapters Young Eagles program!

### 2007 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2007 Christmas party is right around the corner and we only have lots of tickets left to sell so please get them early. It will be **(Continued on Page 14)**

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<b>2007 CHAPTER CALENDAR</b>		
<b>DAY/MONTH</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>TIME</b>
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 BREAKFAST/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 Meal - Hubert Schwarzer Charlie Brame Presents: Building and test-flying the RV-6A, Steve Jones Presents: Video of his Pterodactyl Solo	REFRESHMENTS AT 5:30 PROGRAM AT 6:45
8 SEPTEMBER	CHAPTER WORKDAY, PICNIC and FLY-IN Dave Baker will cook burgers but we need everyone to bring a side dish and dessert also BOARD MEETING	9:00 - 2:00 BOARD MEETING 12:30
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 Stan Shannon Presents: How to Build an Experimental	COOKOFF AT 12:00 PROGRAM AT 1:30
17 NOVEMBER	Boys and Girls Club YE - 100 Young Eagles	0:00- 0:00 MEAL AT 0:30
8 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS BANQUET	6:00 SOCIAL HOUR 7:00 DINNER
16 DECEMBER	Boy Scout Runway Maintenance Event	0:00—0:00

**WANTED AND FOR SALE**

**Instructor Available.** Chapter member Bob Cabe has recertified his CFI & CFII. Available to EAAers for BFR's. (210) 493-7223.

**For Aircraft Hangar Rentals at San Geronimo Airpark,** please call Dan Cerna (210) 688-9345, Dave Baker (210) 410-9235 or Dennis Scheidt (210) 688-3210

**FOR SALE: Fun Flying RANS S18 Stinger II** Award Winner, Rotax 912UL, 80 hp, NEW, 54 hrs/tach, \$37000 firm, Jim Havens, (210)680-7882 home, (210)347-2455 CP



**FOR SALE: 1937 Aeronca "K".** Needs Restoration. Original 2 cylinder Aeronca engine. Rare aircraft has been in storage last 25 years. \$15,000. Call Chuck Schnelick at (830) 685-3305

**WANTED: Parts for a Bowers Fly-Baby.** If you have any of the following, please contact Lew Mason: J-3 fuel tank, set of brakes, turnbuckles, spruce of any kind, aircraft plywood, tailwheel. (210) 688-9072 San Geronimo Airpark

**WANTED: Texas Sectionals** for a flight planning chart for the EAA chapter building. I have a sheet of 4 X 8 blue foam for the backing. I need Texas sectionals no more than a year old if possible. Bring them to the next meeting. Lew Mason (210) 688-9072 San Geronimo Airpark

**FOR RENT: EAA Chapter 35 Hangar Space.** Rent a 10' x 20' space & get free use of hangar equipment & tooling. Please call Roch LaRocca (210) 408-7964 (C) 210 218-9445 or John La-tour (210) 287-1701

**PRESIDENTS COCKPIT CONCLUSION**

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on 8 December with refreshments at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. Each person will need to bring a small gift for the gift-exchange after dinner. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from me in person at the 11 November meeting or send a check to me written out to EAA Chapter 35 and I will then send you the tickets.

Mail checks to:

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We will be putting together the 2008 meeting schedule soon so if you have a presentation that you would like to present next year, please let me know so I can get you on the schedule. If you are interested in making a difference and having a bigger part in the Chapter, please let me know. If you don't come to me, I may be coming to you anyway. Thanks again for all you do.

Fly Safe,

Roch LaRocca

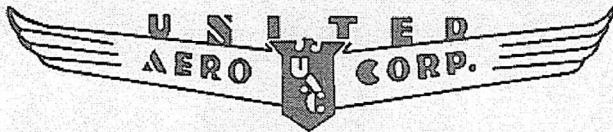


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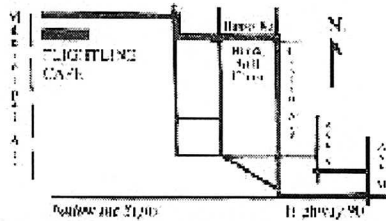
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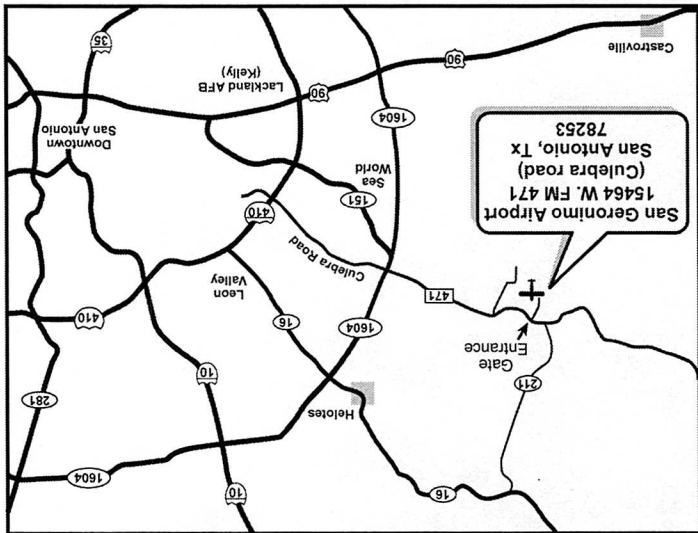
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