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### By Oscar Zuniga

I've looked in the Farmer's Almanac and in my pocket calendars that list the seasons and holidays and can't find it. Not in the Texas Parks & Wildlife's pamphlet listing all the various sport seasons, not on the newspaper sports page, not in the events calendars, not listed anywhere that I can find. There is no official "Flying Season". Here in south Texas, as much as anywhere in the south or even in the tropics, flying is something that we can enjoy most of the year except when "The Clag" moves in and hangs around.

Instrument pilots know "The Clag".

They live for the days when they can fly approaches down to minimums, fly enroute in "the stuff" and on the gauges, log "actual", and although we get our share of it down here, it's not enough for the instrument types to stay current in actual instrument conditions or for us to justify owning dual glass screens on the panel. No, we're mostly blessed with some pretty decent flying weather down here and it's only the occasional ground fog or low ceiling that requires instrument skills to bring us in or out of San Antonio airspace. But boy, when we need it- we really need it!

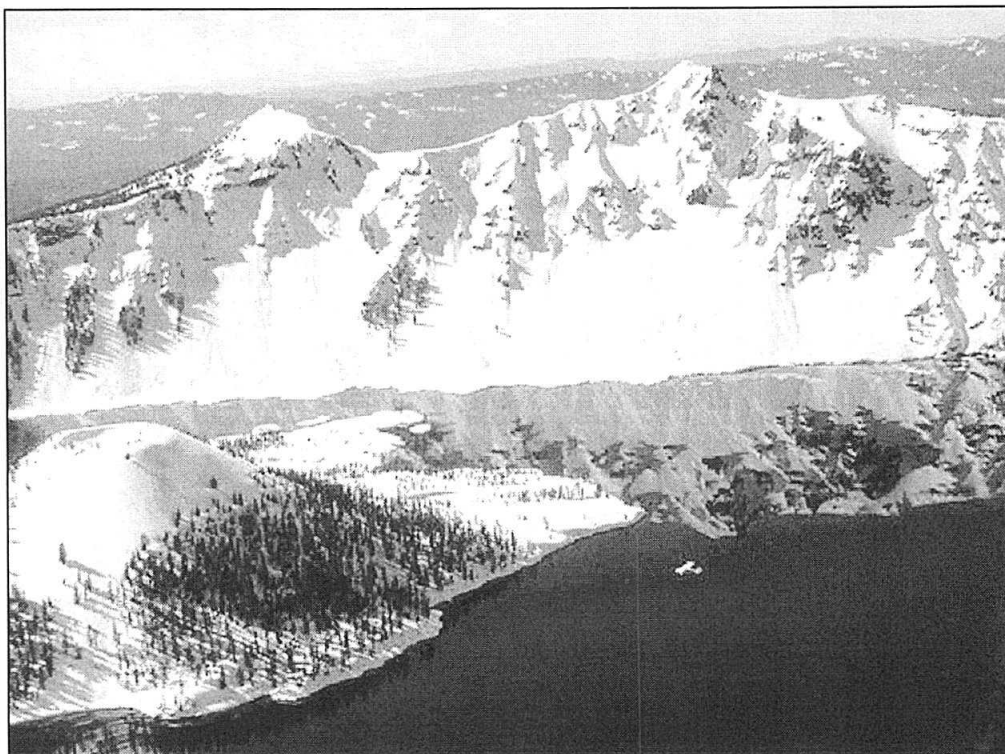
So what is flying season? Is the



Nancy Mason is honored for her years of dedication as Chapter 35's Grounds Committee Chair

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## PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

### By John Latour

San Geronimo Airpark is a flying community. EAA Ch 35 is fortunate to be associated with SGA. Every day as I approach the gated community from home at Lakehills, I thank the SGA Directors for allowing us to call San Geronimo Airpark our Ch 35 home. On behalf of the Ch 35 members I thank the SGA leadership for integrating our aviation minded group into their private airpark.

### WORLD RECORD FLIGHT for ALS

October 10, 2009 — CarolAnn Garratt, pilot, and Carol Foy, co-pilot, are our guest speakers for EAA Chapter 35 October meeting. They both live in flying communities. CarolAnn is from a fly-in community near Ocala, Florida. Carol lives at a fly-in community in Austin, TX. CarolAnn will share her trip around the world with us on October 10.

### OCTOBER FEST

**Dinner** - October is known throughout this area as the time to celebrate October Fest. This month Ch 35 is fortunate to have one of our SGA supporters, Gail Scheidt, volunteer to lead us in an October Fest meal for the Ch 35 meeting. Come to the meeting with an appetite and wear you October Fest costume.

**Costume Contest** – Gail & team of judge's encourage you to wear your best October Fest costume for EAA Ch 35 meeting on October 10th. A prize will be given to the person best representing the October Fest celebration.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Alternate Program** — 2009 Air Venture Review was the alternate program for the rained out Aero Event's Spot Landing Contest. Bruce Harrison & Sasha, Jim Feighny and Mike Lovelace stepped forward at the last minute in making the program a total success. Bruce set up laptop computer and TV screen system. Mike Lovelace chaired the delivery of airplane photos taken during fly-in. Jim Feighny, Bruce Harrison & Sasha identified airplanes and offered interesting stories of fly-in. Thank you for your efforts in presenting the September program.

**Hamburgers with all Decorations** — Jim Feighny met all expectations and more for a truly delicious spread. The grilled & smoked + ½ pound hamburgers challenge all previous burgers. Gail Scheidt and Freda Jones ran operations in kitchen like a fine tuned clock. They took care of before and after lunch duties. I noticed a 95 pound visitor having lunch. Between deep breaths I heard a 95 pound lady complemented the cook for delicious burgers. The September meal was successful for reason of loyal chapter members. Thank you for a truly delicious spread.

Alternate Treasurer – Charlie Brame ran cash box for his wife, Dee. Good job - well done.

### EAA Chapter 35 Meeting on November 14, 2009

The November meeting is one of our most important meetings of 2009. We elect Class I Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for 2010-2011. It is also our popular chili cook-off. This meeting is always well attended. The election of officers is a 'must' to maintain our 501©3 status. We will use the November 14 for building maximum support of the B-17 Tour, November 19-22, 2009.

### B-17 FLYING FORTRESS TOUR

November 19 – 22, 2009 — Dave Baker is the B-17 Tour Stop Chairman. Jim Feighny is the B-17 Promotions Chairman. . Dave & Jim are key Chapter 35 members. They will lead us through the B-17 Tour. They solicit our support for tour. They are looking for support in leadership positions of crowd control, security, special equipment, ground tours, ground tour sales, merchandise sales and ground tour admission sales. Be proactive and offer your support to insure a successful tour.

Dave Baker, 210 688-3358, iflyaero-sport@sbcglobal.net

Jim Feighny, 210 601-8607, e-mail: ifeighny@satx.rr.com

There are four things that you cannot recover in life:

- (1) The First Flight.....after it's flown,
- (2) The Word.....after it's said,
- (3) The Sortie.....after it's missed, and
- (4) The Time.....after it's gone...

Fly safe. See you at the EAA Chapter 35 October 14 General Meeting. Arrival and Social @ 5:00 p.m.

John Latour

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**NEWS CLIPS**

**Meet The Pilot**

By John Latour



Carol Foy, Spicewood, TX

Carol contributes the speed component to the partnership.

Carol's active interest in flying began when her airline pilot husband bought a Mooney airplane. After several flights, it occurred to her that she should probably learn to land the plane. During the first few lessons, she fell in love with aviation and after two years of flying she acquired her commercial, multi-engine and instrument ratings.

In 1991, she entered the Air Race Classic (ARC), an all female cross country air race. A new passion was born, and in 2006, she won the 2478 mile ARC race.

Carol has recently added her flight instructor's license and multi-engine and instrument instructor ratings to her accomplishments. She is currently introducing students to the joy of flight and is a contract pilot in King Air aircraft and a small jet.

**Meet The Speaker**

By John Latour



CarolAnn Garratt, Ocala, FL

CarolAnn is a former manager with a Fortune 500 company.

She earned her private pilot license in 1978 and her instrument rating in 1980. In 1996, she completed her commercial license and bought a Mooney in 2000.

After her mother suffered and died from ALS, she flew around the world in 2003 to raise awareness and donations for ALS. To date, her speaking engagements and book about the flight, Upon Silver Wings, have raised \$80,000 for ALS research.

Not content to just fly, CarolAnn built her first plane in 2006. Today she owns and flies three different aircraft. She flies over 400 hours a year including flying students with the EAA Young Eagles program, the sick and needy with Angel Flights and instructing cadets with the Civil Air Patrol.

CarolAnn will be speaking at our next chapter meeting, October 10th.



## SOLO II

### By Steve Jones

We have a couple of aspiring new **solo** student pilots on the field at San Geronimo Airpark: John Kuhfahl's son, Matt, soloed in a Piper Tripacer on Saturday, September 19th. Your newsletter editor, Steve Jones, soloed in Freda's Cessna 152 on Monday the 21st. *If there's a news event local to your airport, please let us know!*

Joe Cabe jumped out of the Kuhfahl Piper on a bright, beautiful Saturday morning, after asking Matt to make this landing a full stop — Joe professed he needed to take a much needed restroom break. As he departed the plane, he asked Matt to keep busy and do three landings.

Robert Tagle noted the sun was getting pretty low in the sky the following Monday afternoon, and it was probably a good time to knock off the dual instruction. There's only so much coaching you can do at night at an unlit field. The conversation continued:

"So what do you think? You ready to try?"

Freda was in for a treat. Robert, my instructor, had it in his head that I was ready to try this whole flying thing on my own, and he was fixin' to get out of the plane and see for himself.

And I couldn't have been more prepared. Because of his patient guidance and coaching, the whole experience was anticlimactic. No butterflies, no apprehension. Either I was ready, or I was too foolish to recognize the danger. Freda's video tells the tale. I was ready...well, ready enough. I have more practice ahead of me, and my skills will improve with time. But for now, all the major pieces followed me around the pattern

three times, and there's enough plane left to go flying again tomorrow.

And just as Ron O'Dea said it would, it happened. I heard my flight instructor coaching me as if he were right there in the plane. "Full flaps -- get your nose down!" It's like it was yesterday...especially since, in this case, it was.

**"She's all yours!"**



Thanks to a flying community who made this happen. Robert Tagle mentored me, evaluated my readiness, and endorsed me as a solo student pilot. Then there's Joe Cabe, who is looking forward to taking me to Private Pilot and beyond. Gerard Amzallag started me on this journey and looks forward to hearing about my progress, all the way from Alaska. The whole community at San Geronimo Airpark and EAA Chapter 35 encouraged me every step of the way. Kris Niswonger coached me into the air for my first solo in his Pterodactyl Ascender II. Joe Killough's words of encouragement ring true: "Stop screwing around and get soloed so you can fly your own plane!" I have to say a very special thank you to Freda. Not only was she nutty enough to join me on this lifelong adventure, she trusted me with her airplane.

Then there's Lew Mason: "So, cheated death again, did you?"

**'ALUMINUM OVERCAST' B-17 COMING TO SAN ANTONIO**

**By Dave Baker**

We will be hosting the EAA's "Aluminum Overcast" B-17 Flying Fortress on November 19h through 23rd, 2009 at Stinson Airfield. We will need volunteers on the following days to insure this tour stop is successful:

Friday Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 20th, 21st & 22nd -- two people each day to assist with passenger loading/unloading from 07:30am to 12:00 Noon for Aircraft Flights.

Two people for Merchandise sales from 7:30 AM till 5:00 PM -- we can break this into three shifts, three hours each, which will require a total of 6 people each day.

Three people to assist with the aircraft ground tours from 2:00pm till 5:00pm each day. Two of these positions will be seated at the aft entrance and nose entrance of the AC. (You will assure the people entering the AC have paid the admittance fee and control ingress and egress of the AC). The other position is inside the AC in the cockpit area. This person will assure the safety of the cockpit area and possibly answer questions (info will be provided by B-17 staff).

As you can read, we will need at least ten people per day based on this schedule. If we have longer shifts for the Merchandise sales we could do with 2 fewer.

This will be a great opportunity for the Chapter to raise some much needed funds. We will receive a percentage of money from merchandise sales, aircraft flights and ground tours, so you can see we have a great opportunity to accomplish this so PLEASE sign-up with Dave Baker via e-mail (iflyaerosport@sbcglobal.net) or phone-210-410-9235. Please let me know the date(s), time(s) and position(s) you are volunteering for.

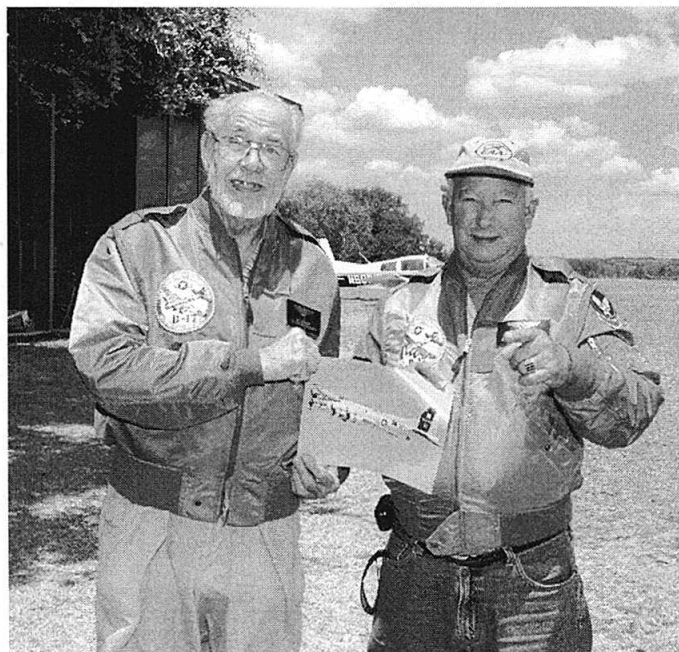
I will keep the membership informed (via the newsletter) each month on our progress for vol-

unteers. We will accept even more of you than is posted here. This is a "minimal" amount of people needed. There will also be some "special incentives" for the volunteer group that we will go into as we get closer to the Tour Stop dates.

If anyone has any question, please call or e-mail me.

THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH.

Dave Baker



**B-17 TOUR STOP**

November 19-22, 2009

Our chapter has available some VIP Ground Tour passes that will be awarded to our volunteers! I have received calls / e-mails from about ten people so far BUT we need a lot more of you. Please send me your name and time / date you will be available to help your chapter in this great event. If anyone has any questions, please call me 210-410-9235.

Thanks for your support,

Dave Baker, B-17 Tour Stop Chairman



## FLY THE FORTRESS

MISSION COST: (Pre-Stop Booking Prices)

**\$359**

per person (EAA Members)

E-Z Pay (EAA Members)  
4 payments of \$89.75\*

**\$399**

per person (non-EAA Members)

E-Z Pay (non-EAA Members)  
4 payments of \$99.75\*

WALK-UP PRICES:

EAA Members: \$385 | E-Z Pay: 4 payments of \$96.25

Non-EAA Members: \$425 | E-Z Pay: 4 payments of \$106.25

DAILY GROUND TOURS:

Held after flight operations have stopped for the day.

Families: \$15 per family (adults & children under 18)

Adults: \$5 (WWII Veterans FREE)

Children under 8: FREE (accompanied by a paying adult)

Special group rates are made available for schools and large tours.

Limited availability. Please call for group reservations.

Salute to Veterans

# Fly the Fortress!



EAA's B-17 Bomber "Aluminum Overcast" is an example of the American heavy bomber that helped turn the tide of World War II. You can see and tour this historic airplane - and actually fly a mission!



**Stinson Field Terminal, San Antonio**  
**Friday thru Sunday, November 20 thru the 22nd**  
 Hosted by EAA 35

*For reservations & inquiries call 800-359-6217*

Visit [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org) or send an email to [b17@eaa.org](mailto:b17@eaa.org) for more mission details

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All dates and times are tentative and subject to change due to weather or other causes. \*These prices are for advance bookings only. Once the B-17 is on location at the current tour stop, advance ticket sales are no longer available for that stop.

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**2009 CHAPTER CALENDAR****May 09 GENERAL MEETING**

SOCIAL:5:00 p.m.

DINNER: Flavor of San Antonio - Enchiladas 5:30 p.m. by Donor

PROGRAM: Sun & Fun Fly-In Review 6:45 p.m. Rescheduled to August 08

**June 13 ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING & PICNIC 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING 9:00 a.m. John Latour

SOCIAL 10:00 a.m. Chapter 35 Members

LUNCH - Bill Miller's by Donor & Covered Dish 11:00 a.m. Dave Baker

BUSINESS MEETING After Lunch John Latour

**July 11 EARLY MEETING & BOARD MEETING 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEETING 9:00 a.m. Board Members

2010 ELECTION - Appoint Nominating Committee Ch 35 President

LUNCH: Pot Luck & Covered Dish 11:00 a.m. Chapter 35 Members

PROGRAM: 2009 Sun & Fun Fly-In Review After Lunch Jim Schlattman

**July 18 AERO EVENT: FIVE-CARD STUD POKER RUN 10:00 a.m. Bill Bartlett****August 08 EARLY MEETING 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

2010 ELECTION - Canvas Officers & Directors Nominating Committee

BUSINESS MEETING 10:00 a.m. John Latour

LUNCH: TBD 11:00 a.m.

PROGRAM: Ercoupe Restoration After Lunch John Kuhfahl

**September 12 EARLY MEETING 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

2010 ELECTION - Canvas Membership & Eligibility Nominating Committee

Spot Landing Contest Bill Bartlett

**October 10 GENERAL MEETING Social @ 5:00 p.m. This Meeting is in Planning Stage**

2010 ELECTION - Present Nominees Obtained Nominating Committee

DINNER:5:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: World Record Flight for ALS 6:45 p.m. CarolAnn Garratt

**November 14 CHILI COOK-OFF, FLY-IN & BOARD MEETING Board Meeting - 4:00 p.m.**

2010 ELECTION of Officers & Directors (O & D) Ch 35 Secretary - Doug Apsey

Program Speaker 6:45 p.m.

**December 12 CHRISTMAS PARTY & AWARDS BANQUET Chapter 35 Club House**

2010 ELECTION - O & D Assume Responsibility

DINNER 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



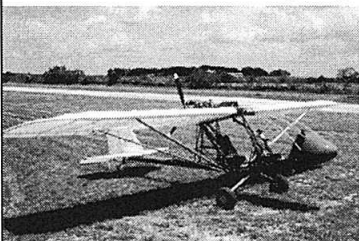
**WANTED AND FOR SALE**

**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: RV-9A Empennage** completely finished / primed. This set comes with the electric trim pkg. Original value over \$1700.00 (in kit form). Project donated to the Chapter by member Bob Guthrie. Please contact Dave Baker (210-410-9235) if interested and / or want to see finished product.

**FOR SALE: Fun Flying RANS S18 Stinger II**



Award Winner, Rotax 912UL, 80 hp, NEW, 54 hrs/tach, \$30,000 firm, Jim Havens, (210)680-7882 home, (210)347-2455 CP

**FOR SALE: Continental O-200A.** 36 Hrs SMOH, new cylinders, mags, starter clutch, wiring harness and oil filter attachment. All internal parts magnafluxed and balanced. \$11,000. Contact Roger Williamson (210 403-0216 or (210) 316-4238

**FOR RENT: EAA Chapter 35 Hangar Space.** Rent a 10' x 20' space & get free use of hangar Equipment & tooling. Please call Dan Cerna 210.688.9345, E-Mail dacerna@att.net or John Latour 830.612.2232, E-Mail latourjohn@att.net

**FOR RENT: 1800 sqft Home,** 2 Bdrm w/ Loft, 3 Bath, 4 car gar/Hangar at San Geronimo Airpark (8T8). 3/4 ac lot. \$1600.00 Mo. Will consider "option to purchase" also. Call Gene Naquin 830-876-8990

**FOR SALE: Thundergull 2000.** Single seat, 20ft aluminum wing, composite fuselage, Rotax 503 oil injected with 360 hrs TTAF, 3 blade Warp drive prop, ten gallon fuel tank, aluminum Hagar

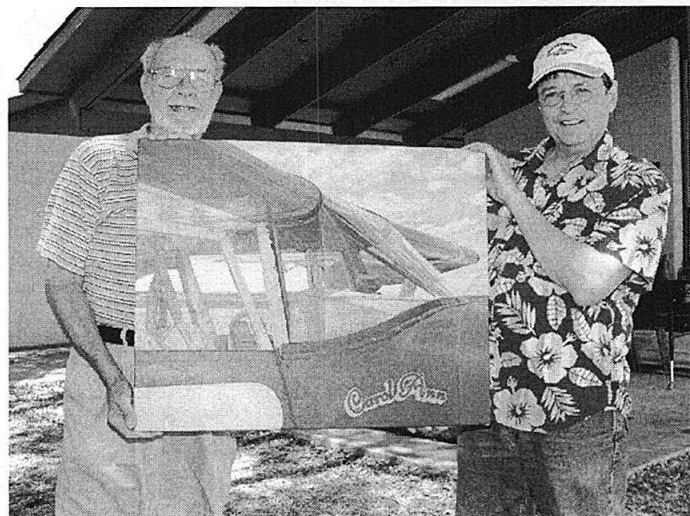
wheels. Basic instrumentation / EIS, ASI , ALT, COMPASS, ICOM radio, 150ft or less take off/ landing, cruise is 90 mph, stall full flaps 35mph, excellent visibility and handles like a fighter for only \$14,000. Contact John Behrendt at jbehrendt82@aol.com or call (920) 327-9395

**FOR SALE: 1996 Merlin GT** with 110 hp Continental O-200 engine, approx. 10 hrs on engine. Built by Gary Key and his Father-in-law who is a certified aircraft mechanic. Plane is hangered in Roswell, NM. 6 pack instrumentation and all engine monitor gauges. Asking \$30,000. If interested contact Gary at 575-623-6537.



**THORPEDO PARTNERS WANTED** Two experienced pilots wanted to share cost of a new Thorpedo Trainer Light Sport Aircraft (LSA). Initial cost: \$25,000 per person. Ed Eades, 2400-hour retired Air Force Pilot. 830-612-2227 or 210-683-5942. Steve Cerwin, 1000-hour Instrument-Commercial Pilot. 830-612-3911 or 210-289-9592. Aircraft to be kept either at Castroville Municipal Airport or Medina River Ranch Private Airport near Pipe Creek.

David 'Artist' Baker and Ed Seurer display David's latest painting — Ed's plane "Carol Ann"



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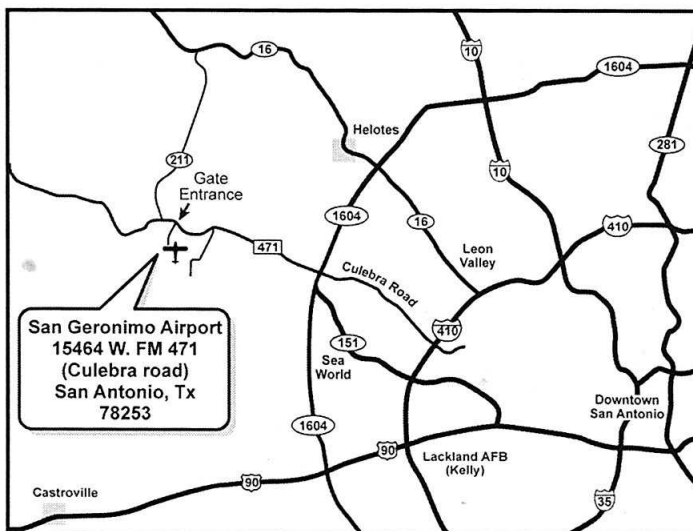
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#### When Do You Meet?

Second Saturday of the Month

October 10 GENERAL MEETING Social @ 5:00 p.m.

DINNER: 5:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: World Record Flight for ALS 6:45 p.m. CarolAnn Garratt