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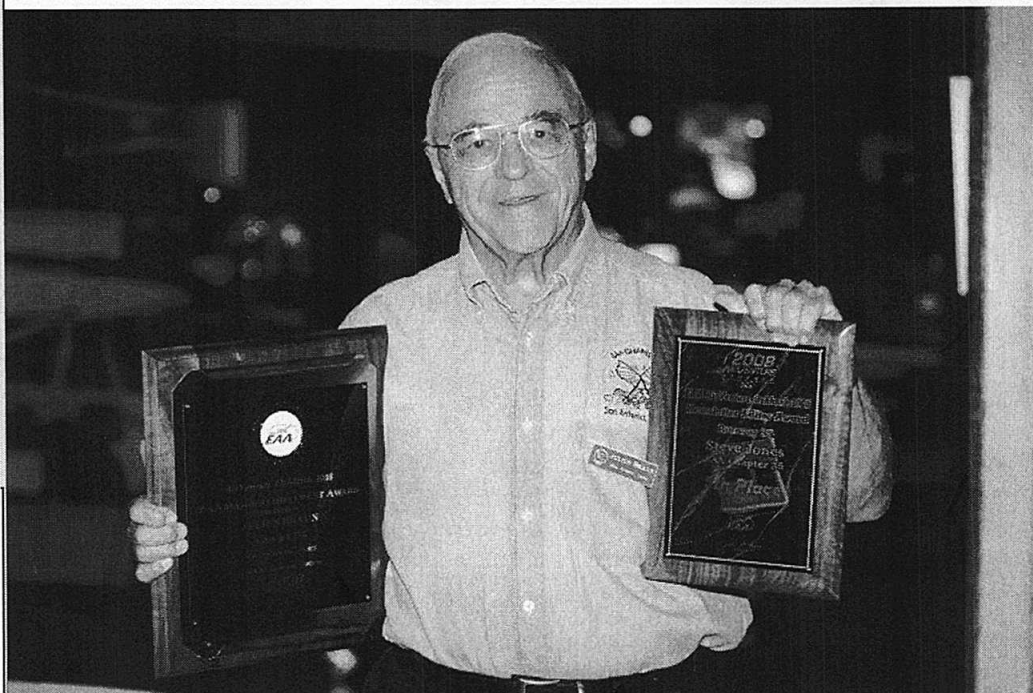
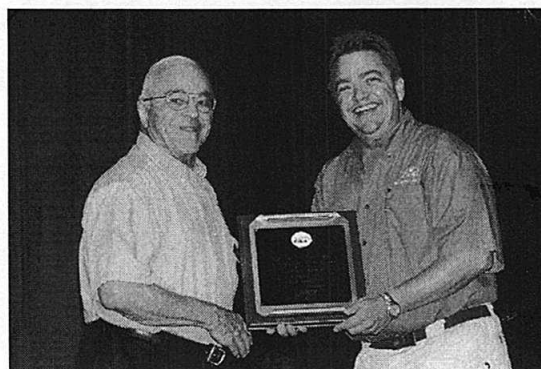
JULIUS BRAUN REPRESENTS CHAPTER LEADERS

By Brenda Anderson

Our congratulations to Steve Jones for his 5th place award for the chapter newsletter as well as to Julius Braun for his selection as a Major Achievement Award recipient. It was our honor to recognize both of these men during the Chapter Leaders Breakfast here at AirVenture. We were sorry that Steve couldn't join us but were pleased that Julius could accept on his behalf.

We thought Steve and Julius may enjoy seeing photos from the morning and that they may be of interest for your chapter newsletter and website.

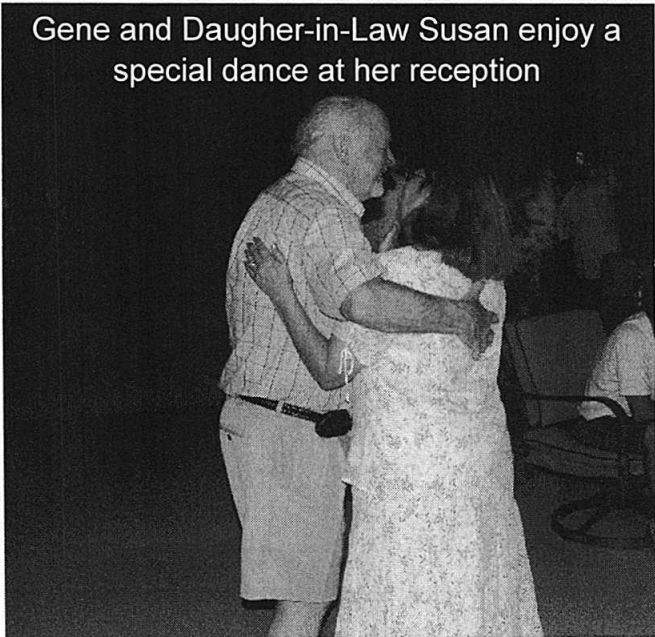
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GENE NISWONGER OF AIR GRAPHICS HEADS WEST

[Editor's Note: The aviation community lost a pioneer recently. Gene Niswonger passed away shortly after visiting San Geronimo Airpark to attend Kris and Susan Niswonger's wedding reception. Gene and his family built Air Graphics from a garage business to a multi-million dollar operation. Along the way, he provided graphics solutions for Cirrus Design, Eclipse Aircraft, and even Patty Wagstaff's Extra 300. Gene was quick with a complement. As I excused myself from our last meeting to take a lesson, Gene remarked to Freda, "You have a pretty Cessna. When you're through training and want to sell it, please let me know."]

Gene and Daughter-in-Law Susan enjoy a special dance at her reception



By Mike Van Staagen

Dear Eric, Deb and the entire Air Graphics Family.

It is with great sympathy that I write you today regarding the passing of an amazing man, a tremendous father and husband, and a one-of-a-kind friend. Gene was all that and a whole lot more, as all of you know very well. His passing is too early as I had many things I wanted to do with him in my life.

Gene is a man who will never be forgotten, as he was a sincere man who lived every day demonstrating dignity, morals and principles in everything he did. He selflessly gave his time to all of us and genuinely took interest in our lives. So much in fact, that he made it a point to call me just to see how "I" was doing from time to time. He truly cared, he remembered everything I told him, and was always excited to see me, my wife and my family.

His outreach to me over the years broke down the typical barrier that exists between a supplier and a buyer, but what was most amazing is that the barrier fell during the first few moments with Gene, many, many years ago. And since then, I looked forward to every new project, every visit, and every single phone call and e-mail. It was fun knowing Gene, it was fun to catch up and to share ideas and experiences. And as I look back, I remember laughter, craziness, fun and most importantly, a friendship that was wonderful and unique.

I will miss my "Buddy-ole-Pal" as I am sure everyone that knew him will as well. I will remember him for making my life better, for believing in me, for inspiring me to carry on, and for showing me that I have it in me to be the best person I can be for all that know me. How did he do that???

I hope that one day I can look back and realize that I was to someone else as Gene was to me...as that will be no small feat.

Sincerely,
Mike Van Staagen
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PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

By John Latour

Chapter 35 August activities are filled with attractions. I want to thank Col. Dan Fulgham, USAF, Ret. (Ph.D.) for his briefing on Operation Bolo. I thank you Dee & Charles Brame for sponsoring the Spaghetti meal. The donated sauce by Gail Latour, Bob Masters & Norris Warner made for a totally successful meal. The Texas Fly-In donation, Dr. Dan's briefing, spaghetti dinner and EAA Chapter 35 awards were the center of attention at August meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, EAA Chapter Directors and members, for nominating Julius Braun for 2008 Major Achievement Award and Steve Jones for 2008 EAA Newsletter Editor Award. It is rewarding to announce that Julius Braun, #6386, won a 2008 Major Achievement Award and Steve Jones, EAA #795965, won a 2008 Annual EAA Newspaper Editor Award. Thank you Texas Fly-In for funding two Air Academy Scholarships. Your choice for choosing two outstanding Air Academy scholarship recipients, Collin Cherry and Danny Mills, for trip to Air Venture is rewarding. Selecting one recipient from all the superb volunteers who make Chapter 35 happen is always difficult and this year was no exception. Congratulations Julius Braun, Steve Jones, Collin Cherry and Danny Mills for proudly representing EAA Chapter 35. Let us also congratulate our EAA Chapter Young Eagles Chairman, Brad Doppelt. He received an EAA Award for flying 600 Missions. This is truly outstanding.

EAA Chapter 35 Purpose & Goals: Formal approval of purpose and goals by our Board of Directors is imminent. However, I believe that we agree on sharing knowledge, skills and resources with fellow chapter enthusiasts of all experience levels. We foster airplane building processes of the next generation of airplane builders. We help airplane builders solve their unique wood and / or metal problems. We act as a reservoir for of airplanes history and other flying vehicles (Ultralight, gliders, sailplanes,

gyrocopters, power-parachutes, etc.). We enjoy good times while doing all of the above. This is part of EAA Chapter 35's purpose and goals that we promote.

Roof Repair Project: Dan Cerna, Chairman, assembled a of highly qualified support team of chapter members for installation of two exhaust fans and louvers. The mission is to remove hot-moist air from ceiling with fans activated by temperature and humidity sensors. After a thorough research, Norris Warner bought two exhaust fans and louvers. Dan Cerna designed installation process. Lew Mason and John Kuhfahl cut two openings in west end of club house. Dave Baker moved fan assembly into ceiling area and installed electrical circuits and switch. Thank you Dan Cerna and team for your proactive approach in the instillation of exhaust fans.

Hondo Chamber of Commerce requested EAA Chapter 35 Fly-In plans for 2009 at Hondo Municipal Airport. Directors talked about supporting two Fly-In(s): First, Fifth Hondo Aviation Day (March 21, 2009) and second, a Chapter 35 Fly-In. The Hondo Aviation Day is in support of Boy Scouts Aviation Merit Badge and Chapter 35 Young Eagles Fly-In activities. Chapters 35, 1088 and 747 received an invite to join fly-in at Hondo Municipal Airport in October 24-25, 2008 & next year.

EAA Chapter 35 will host Wings & Wheels and Fly-In on Saturday, September 13, 2008. Chapter 35 joins the Alamo Area Corvette Club and Angel Flight South Central for event. We raise awareness and funds for Angel Flight. A total of nearly \$5,000 was raised for Angel Flight last year 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. I encourage your participation with your cars and airplanes. In the Spirit of Aviation & Chapter 35 Loyalty – See you @ Wings & Wheels.

PLEASE NOTE: With deepest sympathy at this time of sorrow, Gene Niswonger passed away August 14, 2008. Gene was our friend. He and Kris Niswonger are huge supporters of EAA Chapter 35. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Niswonger family during this difficult time.
John L.

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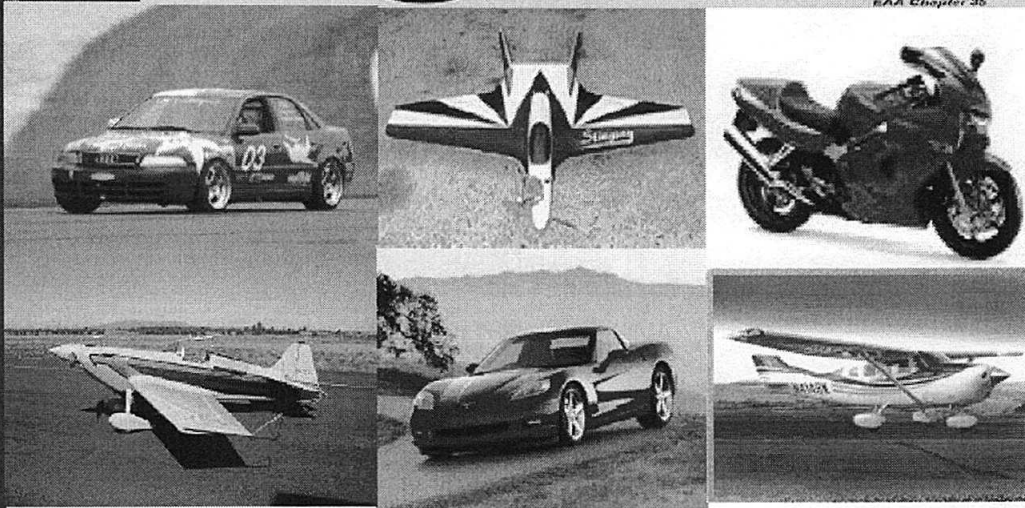
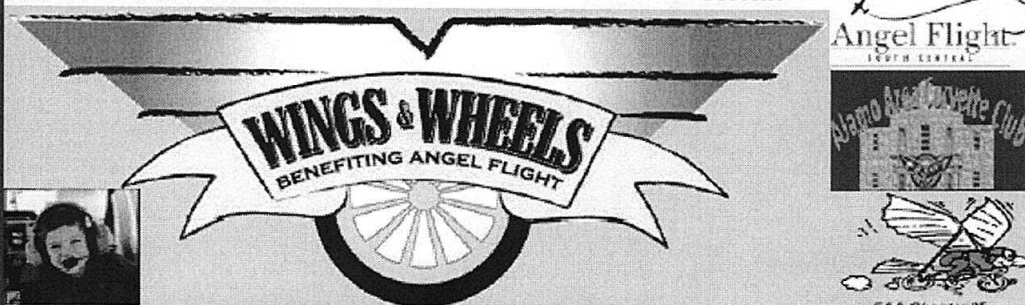
NEW FREQUENCY FOR SAN GERONIMO

By Ron Paduh

San Antonio TX (San Geronimo Airpark) [8T8]: August NOTAM #193 issued by San Angelo TX [SJT] Communications common traffic advisory frequency (CTAF) **122.9** instead of 122.95. (A/FD reflects otherwise)

WINGS AND WHEELS FLYER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 10 AM TO 3 PM The Alamo Area Corvette Club,
SAN GERONIMO AIRPARK Angel Flight, & EAA Chapter 35
 Present



COME JOIN AVIATION BUFFS, MOTORCYCLE AFICIONADOS AND AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS AT SAN GERONIMO AIRPARK FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN AND CAR & BIKE SHOW TO BENEFIT ANGEL FLIGHT.

THIS EVENT COMBINES THE BEAUTY OF CLASSIC & EXOTIC AUTOMOBILES, THE EXCITEMENT OF HIGH PERFORMANCE MOTORCYCLES AND THE ELEGANCE OF HOMEBUILT AND ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT IN RAISING AWARENESS OF ANGEL FLIGHT'S MISSION AND PURPOSE—PROVIDING FREE AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR PATIENTS TO DISTANT MEDICAL CARE.

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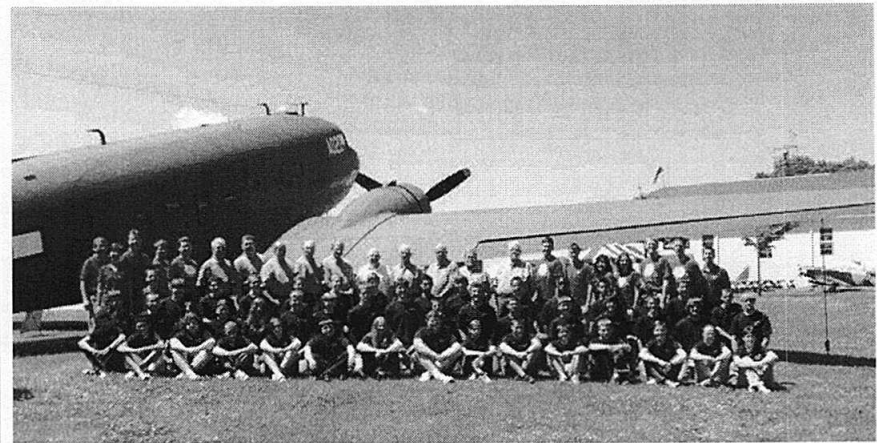
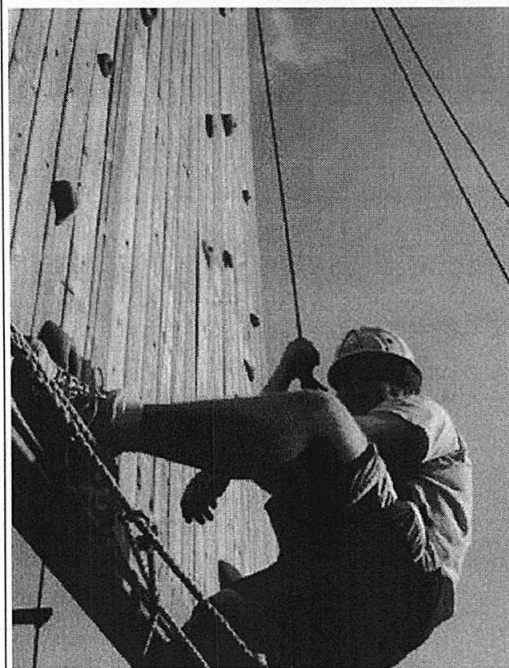
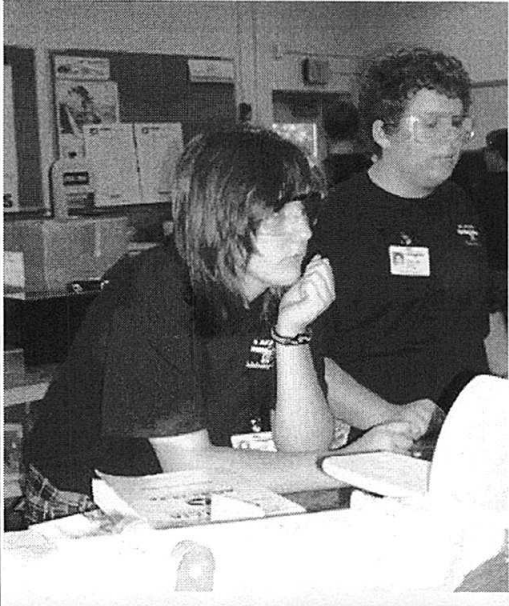
HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Car show with Corvettes, classic & muscle cars and motorcycles
- ♦ Antique & homebuilt aircraft
- ♦ Radio controlled aircraft demonstrations
- ♦ Multiple trophies for best car, best motorcycle, best aircraft, best model airplane
- ♦ Lunch & soft drinks
- ♦ Music & entertainment

San Geronimo Air Park
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 6 miles northwest of Loop 1604

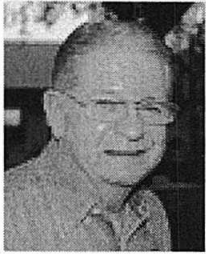
AIR ACADEMY PHOTOS

By Debbie Cherry



THE FLIGHT ADVISOR

By Norris Warner



Recently, we talked about the role of the Technical Counselor, and that one of his early priorities is to help you select the airplane that fits your need and is, at the same time, within your ability to build. This same mission is part of the Flight Advisor's (FA's) area, so

pick his brain early on as well.

The principle role of the FA is just that—advising you as you lead up to your first flight. This means that we help EAA members to evaluate their abilities to fly a given aircraft. They are also an asset to pilots who want to transition into a high performance or unfamiliar aircraft.

When your project is at the final approval stage and the FAA FSDO gent or a Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) of the FAA shows up to give your "baby" it's birth certificate, you will be expected to 1) have a reliable weight and balance report; 2) produce logbooks for the aircraft, engine, and propeller; 3) have a booklet of "Normal Procedures"; 4) booklet of "Emergency Procedures;" 5) a test flight schedule outlining what you wish to accomplish on each flight at least out to several hours and/or several flights. Your FA can assist you with all of these items, excepting perhaps the weight and balance, where your Technical Counselor is best equipped.

By this juncture, you and your FA should be able to agree on your preparedness to make your own first flight—or NOT! If there is any doubt in your mind that you are not qualified to make the first flight(s) successfully, then it's time to either receive some appropriate flight training, or find an in-type experienced pilot who is qualified. The FAA has repeatedly said that fully 20% of all amateur-built aircraft accidents will occur during this test period, so having the best pilot available will certainly reduce the risk. And thanks to the Safety Program sponsored by EAA (the Tech Counselors and Flight Advisors), the statistics show that the overall accident rate is going down year by year, and is approaching that for factory built aircraft.

Having made a number of first flights and advising on many more, I have one standard rule for properly prepared first flights. Don't have a crowd! As far as I'm concerned, a minimum safety crew is all that should be involved. That crew should include the FA, who should ensure that a fire extinguisher equipped pickup truck be at the ready, ensure that reliable two-way radio communications are utilized, and see that the pilot is in the frame of mind to conduct the flight—as planned. A last minute review of both normal and emergency procedures should be held, and then take a five-minute break before starting the engine. Again—insist on a minimum assist crew—when you get more and more spectators involved, the pressure to proceed with the flight when either the aircraft or the weather is giving you—the pilot—some doubts can wrongly influence your decision. There is always another day!

The choice of airports is one other consideration. When my friends were faced with flying a restored antique biplane with a notoriously unreliable engine, we chose to disassemble the airplane and truck it to the wide-open Hondo airport. At that venue, the pilot had the choice of making some alternate runway after an engine failure at a very low altitude. As confidence grew, we eventually decided to fly the airplane back to our little grass strip here in the Hill Country. Well, almost. The pilot experienced a very rough running engine enroute but was able to coax the old timer to a runway—just barely. And, we recently had a first flight off of our 2400-foot grass strip, but in this case, the airplane was quite appropriate for the field. And naturally, there are cases between these two extremes. San Geronimo Airpark is a realistic first flight airport for most aircraft types, lucky for us.

Let me close by saying that FA's are just that—ADVISORS—we never say "fly" and we never say, "don't fly." We are there to assist you—the builder/pilot—in making correct, safe decisions.



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2008 CHAPTER CALENDAR

March 08	EARLY LUNCH MEETING & FLY-IN	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Hondo Aviation Day Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Hamburgers by J. Killian & M. Frerich	LUNCH @ 12:00 NOON
	Ken Gilmore Presents: Life of Fighter Pilot	PROGRAM @ 1:30 p.m.
	Frederick T. Pennell Memorial	
March 15	Hondo Aviation Day	FROM 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m.
	Boy Scout Merit Badge Program	Debbie Cherry - Director
	Young Eagles & Fly-In Program	Brad Doppelt - Chairman
April 12	HOT PANCAKE/Sausage Breakfast; Fly-In &YE	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING	BOARD MEETING: 10:00 a.m.
	Review Hondo Aviation Day Activities	PROGRAM @ 1:30 p.m.
April 26	Castroville Airport - Young Eagles Fly-In	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
May 10	GENERAL MEETING	SOCIAL @ 5:00 p.m.
	Steak, Potato/Green Salad by Johnny Becker	DINNER @ 5:30 p.m.
	St. Mary's Prof. Dell Toedt: P-51 / P-47 Story	PROGRAM @ 6:45 p.m.
June 14	ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING	LUNCH @ 11:00 a.m.
	PICNIC & FLY-IN & ORIENTATION RIDE	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 9	Board of Directors Meeting @ Lackland Gateway Club	BOARD MEETING: 10:00 a.m.
	Business Lunch After Board Meeting	11:30 a.m.
July 12	EARLY MEETING & TIRE KICKER @ LEW MASON	12:00 Noon
	Sausage & Pot Luck Covered Dish	10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
August 09	GENERAL MEETING	SOCIAL @ 5:00 p.m.
	Spaghetti & Hot Garlic Bread by Dee Brame	DINNER @ 5:30 p.m.
	Dan Fulgham Presents: Operation BOLO	PROGRAM @ 6:45 p.m.
September 13	WINGS & WHEELS & FLY-IN for ANGEL FLIGHT	8:00A.M. to 3:00P.M.
	Corvettes & Antiques Car Show & Airplanes	Best of Show Awards
	ANGEL FLIGHT FUNDRAISER, Dave Baker - POC	Open to Public: 10 a.m.
October 11	Kerrville EAA Ch. Old Time Gathering Fly-In	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
	Fly-Market - Fellowship - Lunch	Texas Fly-In Scholarship Fund
November 08	CHILI COOK-OFF, FLY-IN & BOARD MEETING	BOARD MEETING: 4:00 p.m.
	Program Speaker: Julius Braun & Air Academy Brief	PROGRAM @ 6:45 p.m.
December 13	CHRISTMAS PARTY / AWARDS BANQUET	Chapter 35 Club House
	Turkey & Ham Dinner Plate, Cornbread, Mash Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Roll	7 p.m. to 8 p.m

WANTED AND FOR SALE

MORE ACADEMY PHOTOS

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

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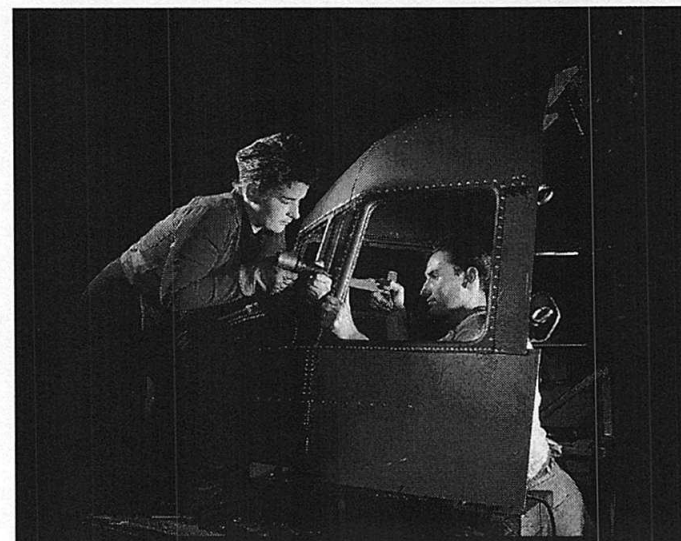
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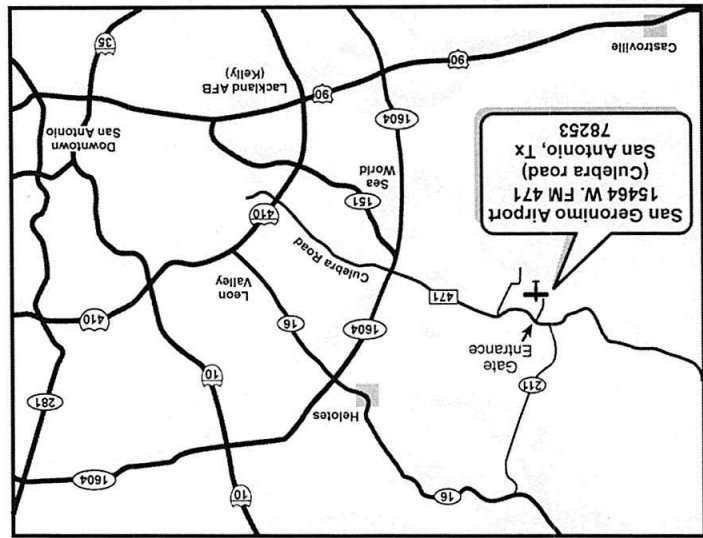
FOR SALE: Scot Chesler, 37HP 1/2 VW Engine Zero time, still in shipping container. Paid \$3,275 (Shipping container not included) Price negotiable. Please contact Jim Munro at (210) 685-9306.

FOR SALE: New fiberglass cloth/tape and foam (from a Cozy project) that needs to find a new home. Contact Randall Klint at email rklint@sbcglobal.net or (210) 695-6624 (home).

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When Do You Meet?
 Second Saturday of the Month
September 13
 WINGS & WHEELS & FLY-IN for ANGEL
 FLIGHT 8:00A.M. to 3:00P.M.
 Corvettes & Antiques Car Show & Airplanes
 Best of Show Awards
 ANGEL FLIGHT FUNDRAISER
 Open to Public: 10 A.M.



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