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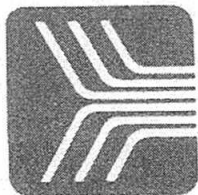
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BEECHCRAFT ART

By John Latour

David Baker's newest painting is of a vertical stabilizer from an old Beech he studied at Hondo Municipal Airport. The texture difference between the fabric covered tail structure and the riveted an oxidized aluminum surface was of great interest to him. He appreciates the vast sweep of Hondo's taxi-way sadly blocked by this close-up interior surface, extreme foreground mixed with extreme background. He especially likes the clunky looking trim tab. They are apparently rigged out of galvanized metal and look a bit weathered.

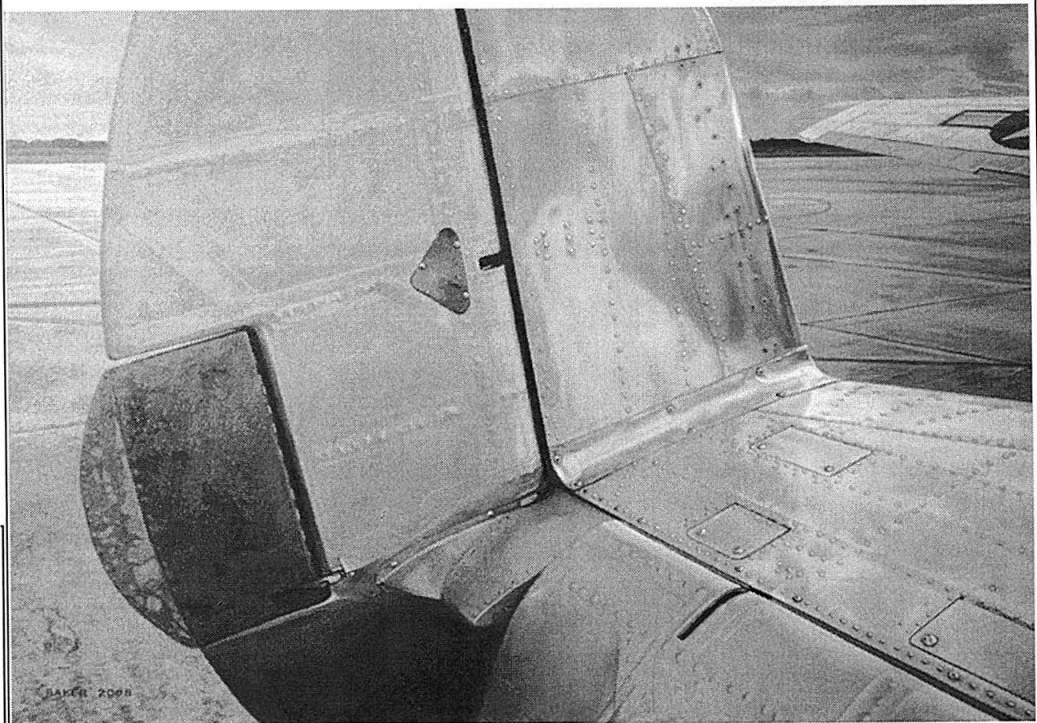
DIRECTOR'S PHOTOS

By David Baker (Artist)

I'm planning to bring out a camera, tripod and a couple photo floods to the August meeting to begin to document all the major players in the Chapter, including the directors where we can catch them. I could set up in our hangar and see how the lighting works in there.

This might also be a good general thing to use to update that 35 website "who's who" page. Wish I had more time to play, and get some of these duties and commitments addressed.

David (art) Baker
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OUR CHAPTER AIRCRAFT TRAILER—A REAL ASSET

By Norris Warner

A couple of years back, the chapter was offered a trailer specifically built to haul airplanes. The price was \$500—about one-fourth of the cost to build it, and it has been busy serving our membership ever since. Moreover, at only \$10 per day to use it, this eight foot by sixteen foot, triple – axled trailer is a real chapter membership bonus. It has been to both coasts, along with numerous shorter trips.

A recent trip to Florida, however, revealed a weak point in the trailer—the hitch. Fortunately, the trailer was empty when it came off of the two inch ball, and the safety chains were called on to negotiate an uneventful, safe stop. The trip was completed successfully, and upon return, a new, heavy-duty “Bull Dog” hitch was installed. In addition, stronger and more easily managed hooks for the safety chains are now in place. And yes—while we had one spare tire mounted on the tongue, we felt having two spares for these longer trips made good sense, and so now there are two brand new spares.

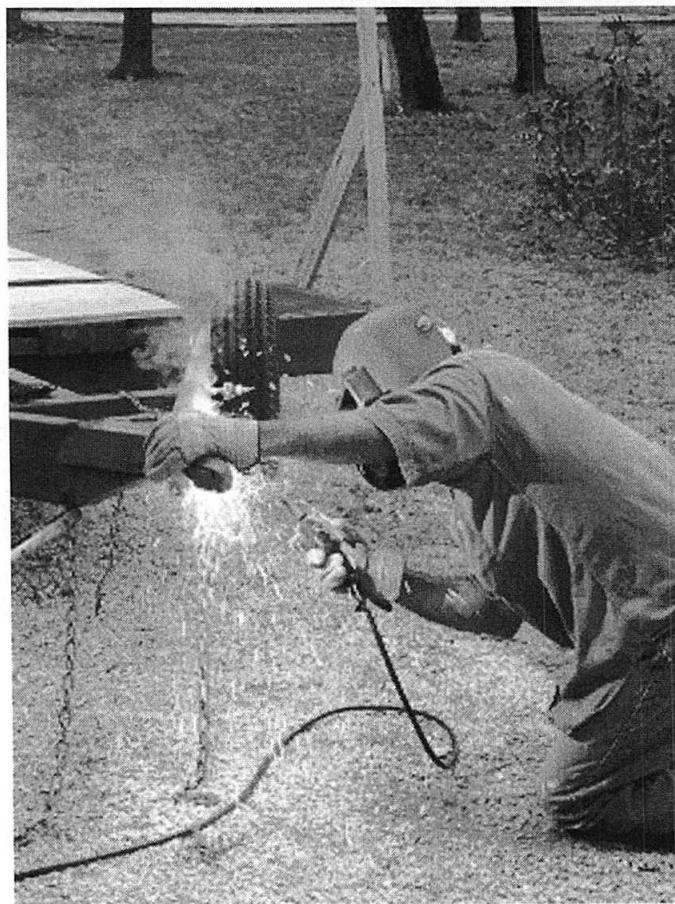
One drawback that is inherent in a three-axle trailer is ensuring the correct hitch height. Since all tow vehicles utilize a two-inch square draw-bar receptacle, we were fortunate to find an infinitely adjustable draw bar that really permits adjustment to the height that insures tire/road contact on all three axles. There still may be a need to reverse the ball from one side of this drawbar to the opposite, so a large pipe wrench should be part of the renters’ tool kit.

Like anything else a person rents, if you damage the trailer---you fix it. And, in these past two years, no one has had to be asked to repair this valuable asset.

If you have used the trailer in the past without paying the rental fee, do so today by sending a check to our treasurer, Dee Brame. A clear con-

science is your reward.

Since we no longer can find an indoor storage space for the trailer, it is parked alongside Ed Seurer’s hanger, and Ed can show you the various features of our deluxe, custom transporter. There’s not a finer one around—so use it!



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PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

By John Latour

EAA Chapter 35 was established in 1957 by a handful of airplane operators, fine engine craftsmen and people who had an interest in aviation. Fifty-one years later, we still crave to learn more about airplanes and aviation as exemplified in July meeting. We are an airplane outfit. Airplanes are the name of the game. Our talk is about airplanes and more airplanes. We are committed to airplanes. Wow, did we see, hear, smell, feel and / or ride an airplane at July's monthly meeting? My hat is off to those of you who flew to EAA Chapter 35 meeting at San Geronimo Airpark; also to you who are building a quality flying machine.

Lew Mason's tire kicker sums up our pride in building an airplane. His Bowers Fly Baby is taking shape. And yes, we still have wooden airplanes being built. Mark Brown and Paul McReynolds critique Lew's work. They are using their vast knowledge of airplane building practices and process. The exchange led to a lively discussion of acceptable airplane building processes. They talked about vast improvements in use of available material, tools and equipment. I thank you Lew for sharing your project for the July tire kicker.

On the business side, the Board of Directors met at Lackland AFB Gateway Club, July 09. We enjoyed a lively discussion of Chapter 35 issues followed by an exquisite lunch. A committee & chairperson are in place for our club house roof repair, participation in grand opening of terminal building / refueling center at Hondo Municipal Airport, October 24-25 and 2009 Chapter 35 Fly-In at Hondo. Other areas addressed are a review of 2008 / 2009 Directors, cursory look at chapter treasurer and membership and to plan activities for last six months of year. The Christmas Party and Awards Banquet, December 13, led us to a new and creative outlook for enjoying Christmas Holidays. Read about Christmas & Awards on a separate writings.

Watch for the August general meeting. Dee and Charles Brame promise us a top notch spaghetti meal. Col. Dan Fulgham, PhD, is our guest speaker. His address is on Operation Bolo, a famous air battle fought in Vietnam, January 2, 1967. Bolo pits a new American F-4 Phantom II against Soviet MiG-21 Interceptor. Let us relive Operation Bolo through the eyes of Col Dan Fulgham at EAA Chapter 35 meeting, August 9.

P-51 Pedal Fighter – Ted Eckhardt donated a P-51 Pedal Fighter airplane to EAA Chapter 35 at general meeting, July 12, 2008. This is his second donated airplane this year. Raffle is scheduled for December 13, 2008.

Congratulations to Julius Braun, Steve Jones and to you EAA Chapter 35 members. Julius Braun won the EAA Outstanding Achievement Award. Steve Jones won the EAA Editor of the Year award. Chapter 35 members reaped the benefit and recognition of having these two outstanding individuals as members.

Saturday, August 16th, is the next regularly scheduled Builder's Academy gathering for construction on the Dream Classic Ultralight. They start at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until 12 noon. Please call or E-mail to inform us of your availability. We are in the final steps of Dream Classic construction. This is a very interesting part of airplane construction. Airplane covering is coming up real soon followed by Engine Installation. Young person, male or female, interested in learning how to build an airplane should contact Bob Severance (sapropbuster@satx.com) or Maarten Versteeg (marteen.versteeg@sbcglobal.net). You are invited to visit and check out EAA Chapter 35 Builders Academy.

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NATIONAL AWARDS

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT

By John Latour



July 15, 2008

Julius Braun
EAA Chapter 35

Dear Julius,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have been selected as one of the recipients of the 2008 EAA Major Achievement Awards. The members of EAA Chapter 35 submitted your name in recognition of your EAA and chapter dedication, service to the aviation community and personal achievements in aviation. The Experimental Aircraft Association is pleased to honor your contributions by presenting you with the 2008 EAA Major Achievement Award.

The award will be presented to you on Saturday, August 2, 2008 during the Chapter Leaders Breakfast at the EAA AirVenture Museum's Cessna Restoration Center. We ask that you contact the EAA Member and Chapter Relations Office at 888-322-4636 ext. 4876 to advise whether or not you will be present for the awards ceremony. If you are unable to attend, please select a fellow Chapter member to represent you at the ceremony to receive your award. If someone else will be accepting on your behalf, please pass their name onto us in the Chapter Office so that we know who to expect in your place.

To confirm your presence at the ceremony, we ask that you arrive at the breakfast at the Restoration Center on August 2nd and check-in at the awards registration table no later than 7:45 a.m. (note breakfast begins serving at 7:30 a.m.). Once you have checked in please enjoy the breakfast and have a seat in the audience. Once the presentation for the EAA Major Achievement Awards begins, your name will be announced to come up and receive your award. Please remain "on stage" for the entire presentation of the EAA Major Achievement Awards.

Again, our most sincere congratulations on being a recipient of the 2008 EAA Major Achievement Award. Your dedication and support of your local chapter, EAA and recreational aviation have not gone unnoticed. We are pleased to be including you as part of this recognition and hope to see you at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008!

Sincerely,

Experimental Aircraft Association

Brenda Anderson
Chapter Administrator

cc. John Latour

July 28 - August 3, 2008

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Julius Braun promotes service to the aviation community and the Spirit of Aviation. He produced documentary film of "Wings over the Alamo", which aired by National Public Television on KLRN. He produced nine tapes which were given to the Institute of Texas Culture in San Antonio, Texas. He is a regular career day guest speaker promoting aviation in the South San and Edgewood School Districts. He is active in many national and local aviation associations. He lectures on the history of space travel. He is a registered speaker.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

By Steve Jones



July 15, 2008

Steve Jones
EAA Chapter 35

Dear Steve,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have been selected as one of the recipients of the 2008 EAA Chapter Newsletter Editor Awards. We are pleased to have this occasion to recognize the exceptional quality of your chapter newsletter. The creativity, consistency and high standards that are exhibited in each edition are evidence of your hard work and dedication.

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Once again, please accept our congratulations! Placing so highly in the EAA Newsletter Editor Awards is truly an outstanding accomplishment.

We hope to see you at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 where we will be enjoying the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration!

Sincerely,

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Brenda Anderson
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cc. John Latour

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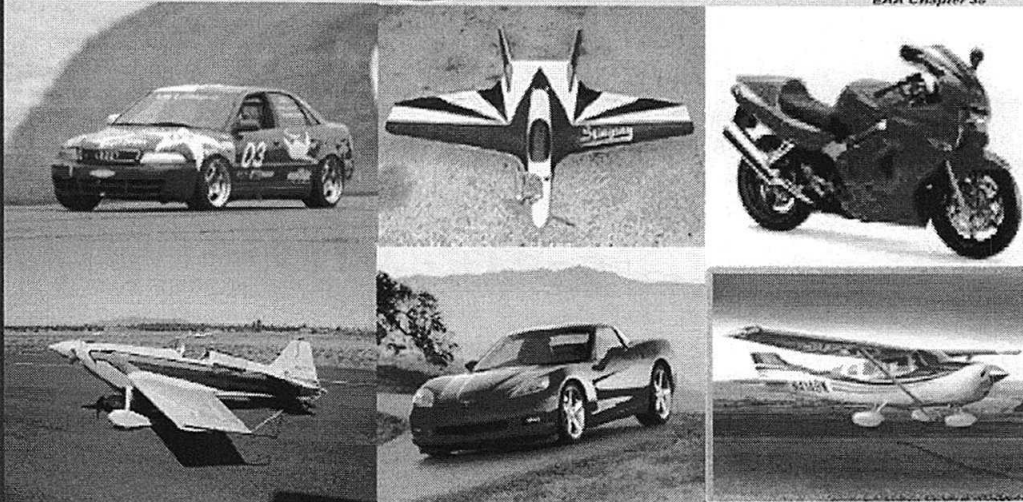
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As this issue goes to press, we're not sure where the Chapter 35 Newsletter placed, but it shares accolades with only four other newsletters, selected to represent the five best in EAA for the year 2008.

I'm honored, and very grateful to receive this recognition, and I wish everyone to know that in no way do I consider this an individual achievement. It represents the hard work and dedication of a group of like-minded aircraft enthusiasts. As I see it, this truly is a Chapter 35 award. Congratulations on sending *another* newsletter editor forward to national acclaim.

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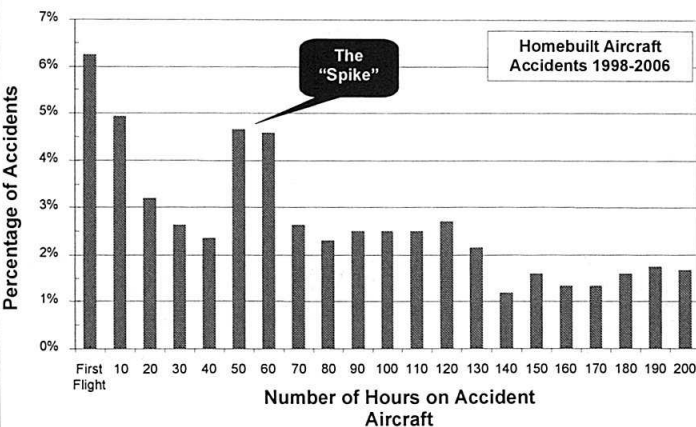
ACCIDENT STATISTICS AND HOW TO AVOID BECOMING ONE

By Ron Wanttaja, EAA Chapter 26 (Seattle)

That Ugly Spike – Updated

As most of you are aware, I occasionally download NTSB accident reports and analyze the trends in homebuilt aircraft accidents. I recently added the 2005 and 2006 reports to my database (Since the NTSB sometimes takes a year or more to come to a Probable Cause, the 2007 accident records weren't complete).

I've presented this kind of data to the Chapter several times. Many of you might remember that I usually marvel about the "Spike"...the rise in homebuilt accidents after the initial test period is completed.



The "Spike" is still there with the new data. As the plot below shows, about 6.2% of all homebuilt accidents occur on the first flight, but it tapers down until the magic 40 hours is reached (when the aircraft has completed its initial test phase).

Then the accident rate spikes again, practically doubling for the next twenty to thirty hours of aircraft time.

What is happening in this period? Let's compare the causes of accidents during the first flight, test period, and the 40-70 hour range on the next chart.

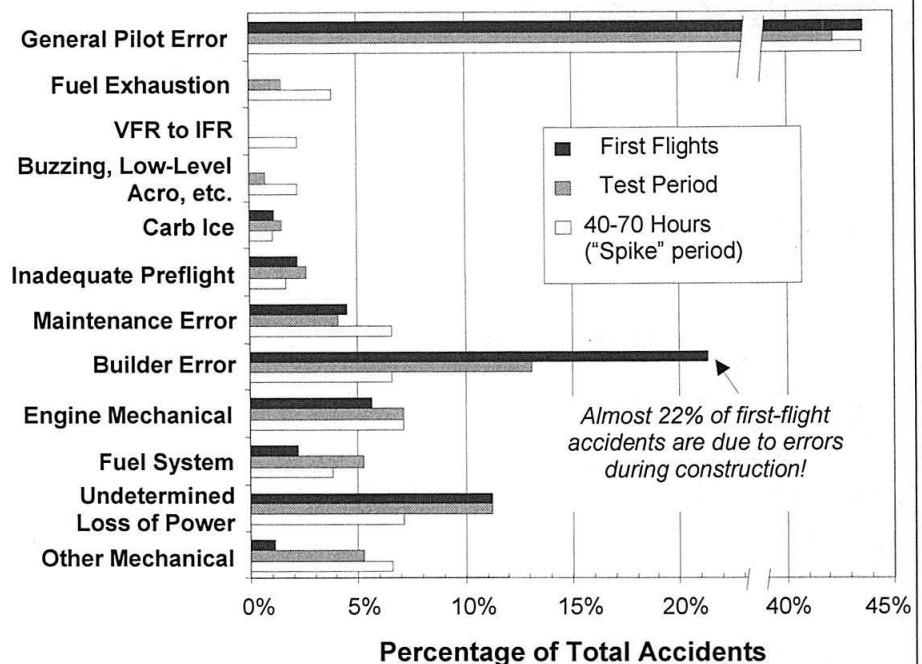
The bar chart below provides the relative frequency of typical of homebuilt-aircraft accident causes. The top bar in each set (Red for online readers, black for print copies) shows the frequency for first-flight accidents, the middle bar (striped) is the result for the 40-hour test period (including the first flight accidents) and the bottom pale yellow bar shows the results for aircraft with forty to seventy hours at the time of accident.

Four main categories are contributing to the "Spike". The first two are Fuel Exhaustion and "Continued VFR flight into IFR Conditions." These are what I call 'Cross-Country' accidents they aren't likely to happen on a local pleasure hop (or test flight). So it makes sense that the frequency of these accidents increases just right after the airplane is allowed to leave its local test area.

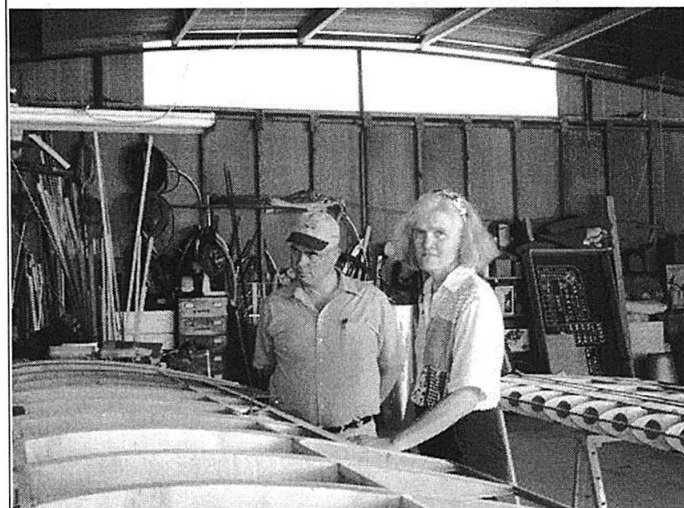
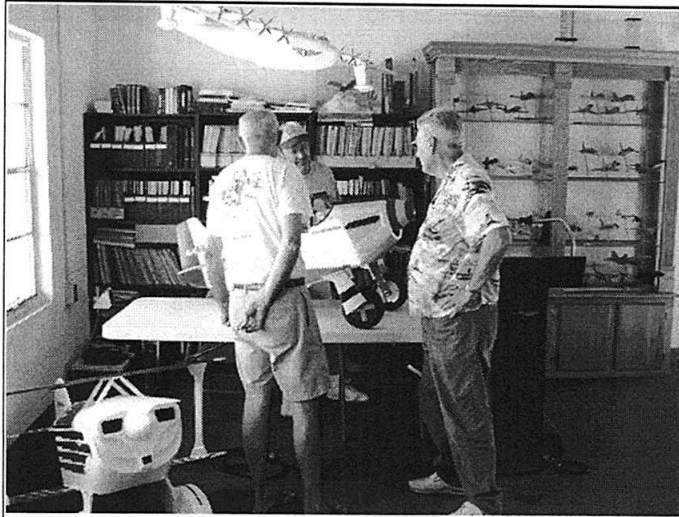
The second category is basically "Buzzing". Pilots start feeling their oats, I guess, after the Test Period is done. It's interesting to note that the percentage of accidents in this category is even higher after the 40-70 hour range....

The big item, to me, is the "Maintenance Error" category. It's more than a 50% jump from the test period rate. Even more telling, the rate in the 40-70 hour range is even higher than the overall rate for homebuilt accidents (6.6% vs. 4.4% for overall). Two things here: First, just because the airplane survives its test period doesn't mean all the bugs are out of it. Second, that 40-70 hour point pretty much coincides with when most homebuilts will be undergoing their first annual inspection. Looking at the reports, most of the accidents appear due to the owner not securing things properly after working on them or making modifications that cause problems.

The message? Just because you completed the test period doesn't mean you're out of the woods. Don't slack off just because things are going well!



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2008 CHAPTER CALENDAR

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

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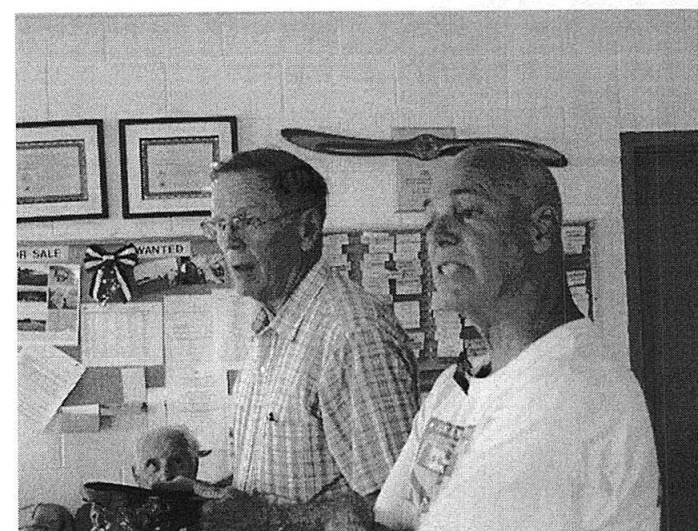
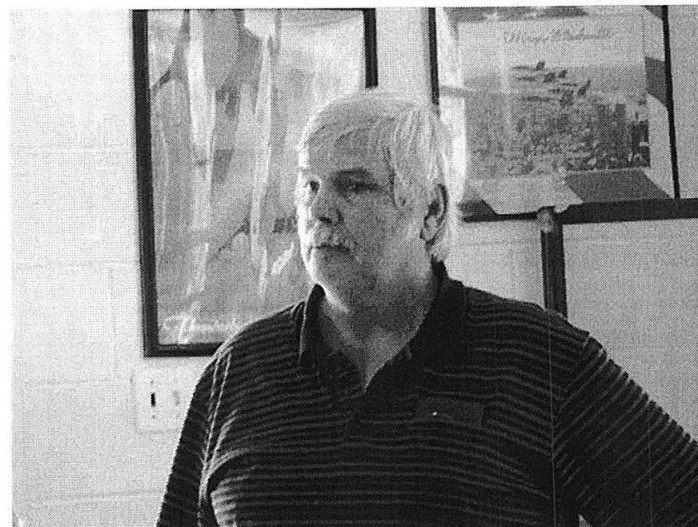


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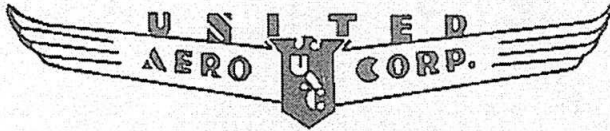
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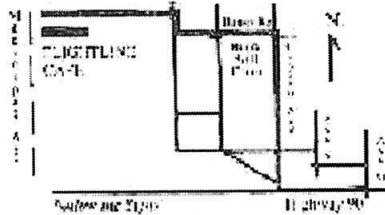


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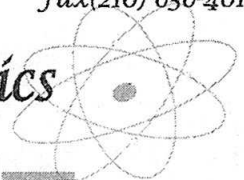
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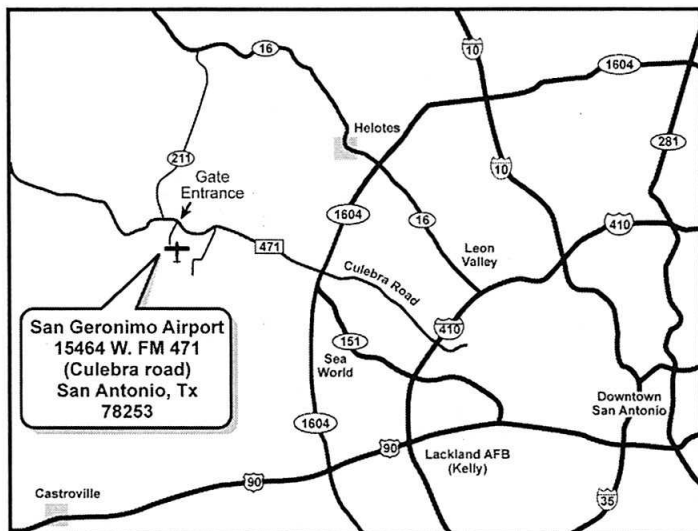
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Second Saturday of the Month

AUGUST 9th, 2008

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GENERAL MEETING SOCIAL @ 5:00 p.m.

Spaghetti & Hot Garlic Bread by Dee Brame

DINNER @ 5:30 p.m.

Dan Fulgham Presents: Operation BOLO

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