



# EAA Chapter 595 Newsletter \* September 2012 Issue La Feria, TX, in the Rio Grande Valley

Check out our super website!

New photos added! <http://www.595.eaachapter.org>

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Would you send your latest flying events and adventures with photos for our Chapter 595 newsletter? Just a few sentences from you folks would make this a fascinating read for all of us, such as what **Byron** submitted. I WILL be calling on people to submit photos or the latest on their flying events. Thank you, from **Teresa**, Temporary Newsletter Editor.

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*From **Byron Engle**: Probably the most interesting thing I'm doing right now is I finally have time to do some more work on my homebuilt airplane. I've been working on the instrument panel (painting it), installing the brake cylinders and lines and trying to finish up the fuel tank. I spoke to the designer yesterday about the way I did the tank and he approved it, so I can now finish it and install it.*

From **Teresa**: During the premier episode of the TV series, 'Hotel Hell,' with world-renowned chef Gordon Ramsey, who also stars in "Chef Wars: Hell's Kitchen," **Teresa Markle** noticed Chef Ramsey uses Rimowa luggage.



*From **Teresa**: Eleven people showed up at Arturo's in Weslaco on August the 19<sup>th</sup> for the Meet and EAAt. It seemed we had the whole restaurant to ourselves. Food and service were excellent, we could hear one another talk, and had the room with the bar all to ourselves. Attendees were **Don and Geneda Schwanke, Robert Carter and his wife Jan, Beverly Klebert, Gerry Close, Teresa Markle, Ted Miller Jr., Sunny and his wife, and what a great surprise to see Bob Allen!***



**Beverly Kelbert's** bio / Member Spotlight will be available for your reading pleasure soon on the website <http://www.595.eaachapter.org/memberspotlight.htm> .

Be sure and read the other fascinating bios of **Richard (Dick) Smith, Max Cover, Francis (Nick) Lung, and William (Bill) Gardner.**

***Don Schwanke**: I was thinking about a groovy new toy announced at AirVenture, I just had to have one to install in Air Force One. **Byron** is borrowing it to help lay out his panel so he can have one in his homebuilt, and then will flight test it for me since I have nothing flying right now. This is the new toy: [http://dynonavionics.com/docs/D1\\_intro.html](http://dynonavionics.com/docs/D1_intro.html) . Since it is brand new most don't even know it exists yet. Pretty cute toy really. The D1 Pocket Panel Portable EFIS is a real, portable attitude indicator that can be used by ALL pilots.*

The D1 Pocket Panel  
Portable EFIS

\$1,425



### **Buzzing Burch's Perch:**

**Ted Miller Jr.** took **Teresa** for a ride in his shared airplane. They buzzed BP, where **Ted** learned to fly, flew over La Sal del Rey Lake, then over Teresa's home in Weslaco



**Don Schwanke:**                    *A shortened story...*  
*Once upon a time,*  
*one of these flew to Oshkosh.*  
*I got to know the pilot, and later visited him in Moscow;*  
*he gave me a wristwatch that Boris Yeltsin had given him*  
*with Boris Yeltsin's picture on the face.*  
*One of my very precious possessions!*



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonov\\_An-124](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonov_An-124).

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**WILLIAM P. (PHIL) BOWERS:**                    **PHIL'S LOVE OF FLIGHT:**                    Have loved airplanes more than 60 years. Built 100s of plastic static models. Built dozens of balsa and tissue rubber powered models. Flew u-control, free flight, and radio controlled models. First flight as a passenger in an Aeronca Champ duster/conversion. First solo in a Cessna 120. Flight crewchief on UH-1 and CH-47. Got away from flying for some years after going down in UH-1. Helped rebuild Thrushes, an Aeronca Chief, and an Ercoupe. Joined CAF and crewed on PBJ-1J. Joined TAM and helped build a Taylorcraft L-2, a Curtiss Flyer, a French Christofferson, a FW-190, a Team Minimax, and more. Resoloed in a Piper Tomahawk. Got 2 hours in left seat of AN-2. Flew right seat in PA-28 and helped maintain it after health stopped my left seat flying. Further health matters stopped my flying completely until about 6 months ago. Got the "Bug" again and I'm thinking about LSA.

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*Timeless Voices Interview Database*                    *From eaa.org*                    *Anderson, Charles "Chief" (1907-1996) (Tuskegee, AL)*

*Unable to find a white instructor, Chief borrowed money and bought a Velie Monocoupe in which he taught himself to fly; earned his private pilot certificate in 1929; became the first black to hold an Air Transport Rating in 1932; became friends with Dr. Albert Forsythe, and together became the first blacks to fly a transcontinental round trip in 1933; in 1934 completed ¾ of a highly publicized Pan American Goodwill flight; recruited to start the Civilian Pilot Training Program at the Tuskegee Institute in 1939; gave a ride to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, which significantly boosted the Tuskegee flying program; became the chief flight instructor of the "Tuskegee Experiment", in which black pilots were trained for the military, who became known as the famous Tuskegee Airmen; following the war opened an FBO and aircraft sales business; passed away in April 1996.*

**S.M.A.S.H.**

*Small Model Aircraft Society of Harlingen*

Check out the link below for some of the amazing replicas of most any type of planes, helicopters and a few war birds!  
<http://www.smashrc.com/Photos/SMASH%20member%20planes.htm>  
 They have a great webpage, lotsa photos of their events, nice maps and neat graphics.

Perhaps we can all meet up someday to talk planes!



**MERLE JENKINS BIOGRAPHY ON MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!**

Please be sure and check out his fascinating history!

<http://www.595.eaachapter.org/memberspotlight.htm> .

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**Don and Geneda Schwanke:** Taken on the way to Oshkosh



this year, most of you have already met our dachshund **Molly** and her companion cat **Max**. Found **Molly** at the Harlingen animal shelter. The cat just showed up at our door many years ago.

**Shirlene and Merle Jenkins:**



**Bissie** is the Jenkins friendly airport dog! She is a great companion for them, and keep her eyes out for critters on the farm, and loves her mama and papa! Her tail goes awaggin' when she meets new friends.

**Jerry Gifford:**



**Little Miss Mopsie**, a Shi Tzu. She is 10 years old now.

**Evelyn Urban:** **Nixy** is a black heeler/lab mix, a mild dog that seldom eats.



fun to watch and feed in her neighbor's yard.

**Rocket II** is a stuffed collie that looks like **Rocket I**, who died Dec. 31, 2011. In the back-ground are some of the many goats that are amusing and



**First Man on Moon, an Aviator at Heart** From eaa.org

The sad news that Neil A. Armstrong passed away Saturday (Aug 25, 2012) reverberated through the entire world, but even more so in the aviation community - to which Armstrong was a lifelong member. The first human being to set foot on the lunar surface died, according to a statement from his family, "following complications resulting from cardiovascular procedures."

Armstrong, an EAA member (EAA 301581), created one of those irrefutable "you-remember-where-you-were" moments in human history on July 20, 1969, when he made "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Yet he always considered himself "a reluctant American hero who always believed he was just doing his job," his family stated.

"He was a Navy fighter pilot, test pilot, and astronaut. He remained an advocate of aviation and exploration throughout his life and never lost his boyhood wonder of these pursuits."

In 1994 Armstrong's appearance at the Oshkosh Fly-In and Convention, where he joined 15 astronauts in EAA's Salute to Apollo program marking the 25th anniversary of Apollo 11 and the first landing on the moon.

During that week, he showed his pilot pedigree when asked the inevitable question, "What was it like, walking on the moon?" Neil's simple and eloquent reply: "You know, we pilots don't care an awful lot about walking. We like to fly."

Armstrong also appeared at the 1988 Oshkosh convention, where he received the highest EAA honor, the Freedom of Flight award, and at AirVenture 2003, where he was a major attraction for EAA's celebration of the centennial of powered flight. He gave a special evening program presentation at Theater in the Woods to a standing-room-only audience.

"I've always been interested in airplanes since I was a very little boy. I went to my first Cleveland Air Races when I was 2 years old. I took my first airplane ride when I was 6 and was an avid model builder in elementary school. I always wanted to be an airplane designer and it occurred to me that a good designer should know about airplanes from the pilot's perspective.

"So I started to fly when I was 15 and soloed on my 16th birthday. I've been flying ever since."

Armstrong's family concluded their statement with a simple yet poignant request for people wishing to honor their loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend: "Honor his example of service, accomplishment, and modesty, and the next time you walk outside on a clear night and see the moon smiling down at you, think of Neil Armstrong and give him a wink."

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER – BY DONALD SCHWANKE**

**Chapter Changes Considered**

Since becoming President, I have heard complaints and suggestions about our operation, subjects like when we meet, where we meet, and how often are often brought up. I will be sending out a questionnaire shortly, with multiple choices and asking for your input in those areas. Despite those that think otherwise, this chapter is run as a true democracy, with maximum weight given to the members desires.

Speaking of which, our bylaws require that we have an election of officers. The process requires that I appoint a nominating committee of three members, who will canvas the current members for nominees, and of course the membership can nominate anyone they desire as well. I need some volunteers to be the nominating committee, (or I will just have to tag someone) we will vote on new officers at the November meeting. We often slip the schedule a bit since we want the Winter Texans to be present for as much of this as possible. Most of all we need members to step up and volunteer for positions that need to be filled.

***FLASH!!! We just got our check for the eating at Chili's, a whopping whole \$50 for the chapter treasury!***

**CALENDAR**

*The September meeting will be Sunday, Sep 9<sup>th</sup>, (Grandparent's Day), at 1400 hrs, as the first Sunday falls Labor Day weekend.*

*The September Greet and Meet and EAA location will be a member selection at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will email you when we decide where we'll meet.*

15 Sep	Flights of Our Fathers Fly-In	Terrell, TX	<a href="#">link</a>	
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**October 2012 TEXAS**

Date	Event	Location	Website	Teams	Notes
06-07 Oct	Fort Worth Alliance Air Show	Ft Worth Alliance Airport, TX	<a href="#">link</a>	🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸	
13-14 Oct	Commemorative Air Force Airshow	Midland Int'l Airport, Midland, TX	<a href="#">link</a>	🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸	<u>Report 2010</u>
20-21 Oct	Amigo Airshow	El Paso, TX	<a href="#">link</a>	🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸	
27-28 Oct	Wings Over Houston Air Show	Ellington Airport, Houston, TX	<a href="#">link</a>	🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸	



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**Great link to some of the best old War Bird photographs ever seen!**

[Mission4Today > ForumsPro > R & R Forums > Photo Galleries > WWII Aircraft Photo's > USA](#)

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