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## Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be back in the classroom at US Aviation. It is on the field at KDTO at 4850 Spartan Drive. The meeting will start at 1200 on the first Saturday of the month, 2 November 2024. The meeting will be up the stairs, the first door on the right, in Classroom Bravo.

Our guest speaker will be Andrew DeLaTorre. You may remember his talk in April 2022 about flying to Antarctica. Andrew is the Director of Safety and a senior international captain for a large Part 91 flight organization that operates six large cabin Gulfstream 550/650 aircraft and two Bell 429 helicopters. He has spent the majority of his career in the business aviation world with a focus on international operations and safety related issues. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California's Aviation Safety and Security Program and sits on the National Business Aviation Association International Operators Committee. Andrew has spent twenty-two years as a professional aviator, flying numerous aircraft in both Part 91 and Part 121 operations. He has accrued ten thousand accident-free flying hours. Prior to his current position with Blue City Holding, LLC., Andrew worked for many years as a pilot here in Fort Worth, flying for the Bass Family. He also helped to start and grow the flight department for Google, Inc. Andrew has flown all over the globe and visited



some amazing places. Nevertheless, he is proud to call Fort Worth his home.

## At The Last Meeting:

As you likely know, our last meeting was a cookout at 52F, formerly known as "Northwest Regional Airport," heretofore referred to as "Aero Valley Airport." We were graciously hosted by Grill Meister Kevin Hartman. Thank you, Kevin. With twenty-four souls in attendance, there was much raucous jocularly, plenty of good food, and lots of hangar flyin'. "There I was... flat on my back... I ran out of airspeed, altitude, and ideas, all at the same time." Andrew flew his helicopter in, so rotary wings and fixed wings were represented. However, most of us arrived in those 'zero clearance ground effect vehicles.'











## Hallow-Wing

Your EAA Chapter 661 was represented at this year's Hallow-Wing event at KDTO. Our thanks to Harper Carr, Ted Bate, and Ben Troutt for doing most of the meeting and greeting on behalf of the

chapter. In addition to handing out scads of candy, our booth featured our miniature F-117 Stealth Fighter.



You say "tiny pumpkin," I say "future young eagle."



Unfortunately, these two were found at the north end of the airport. They were number one for departure since sometime in early August.







Ben found Waldo found wandering around the ramp. Y'all can stop looking now.



"Captain, the number one engine appears to be dead!"



Apparently, this aircraft has not moved in a long time.





## Around the Patch at KDTO

There are some things happening around the airfield. Here are some highlights:

### Runway closures:

At the time of this writing, runway closures continue to be an issue. Check the NOTAMs for the most up-to-date information

### Food Truck Friday:

Food trucks on the field on alternate Fridays continue through the fall, Denton Enterprise Airport is bringing a variety of food trucks to the terminal parking lot every other Friday. From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, enjoy a rotating selection of local food trucks offering a diverse range of tasty options.

