July 2019
Chapter
732



#### July 14th Meeting

TruTrak
KASG
1:00 Food
2:00 Meeting
Bring a side dish to go with BBQ!

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## Pam Doughty & Ada Younkin



Don't forget your name badge!

Hello Everyone! This is an exciting month for us!

First, we have a Young Eagles event scheduled for July 13th at Beaver Aviation at the Rogers Airport. We are all praying for good weather so we can have a great turnout and get more youngsters excited about aviation!

Second, we have the monthly EAA meeting set for the next day, July 14th. The meal starts at 1:00 and the meeting starts at 2:00. Ada Younkin will be bringing barbecue for lunch so bring sides and desserts to go with it. Everyone needs to bring a chair as well!

Third, Airventure Oshkosh is scheduled for July 22-28 and everyone is encouraged to attend if possible. This is the 50th anniversary of Airventure at Oshkosh. There are lots of special events, flights, and even a special beer to experience. We look forward to seeing everyone at any event you are able to attend!!

Happy Flying! Pam Doughty President, EAA Chapter 732



#### **A TruTrak History**

Founded in 1999, TruTrak Flight Systems is a leader and innovator in the experimental and light sport aircraft autopilot market. TruTrak introduced the first digital autopilot and the now standard autopilot servo for use in this market. TruTrak autopilots are installed in a large variety of experimental aircraft, including, all Van's RVs, all Lancair, Cub Crafters, Epic, Rans with new models added regularly.

TruTrak was founded by Jim Younkin and Chuck Bilbe in 1999 and by March 2000 produced their first prototypes of the DFC 250 and Digital Basic Servo. Andrew Barker was hired as TruTrak's first employee in September 2000. In December 2001, TruTrak was visited by Steve Fossett and a few people from Scaled Composites. TruTrak was asked to build an autopilot for what was then know as "project Capricorn", which later became known as the "Virgin Atlantic Global Flyer". The Digitrak started shipping in June of 2002, it was the first of many single axis autopilot offerings.

TruTrak would continue introducing many new products over the following years, some of the most popular were Digiflight II (the best selling TruTrak product ever) and the Sorcerer. In the years since 2000, TruTrak has sold well over 10,000 autopilots and continues to bring out new and innovative products. The newest product release by TruTrak was in November of 2013, with the Vizion capitalizing on the success of the Digiflight II, but also added features and an improved user interface.

TruTrak will continue with both product enhancements and new product releases which will add new capabilities and safety features.

## **6 Experimental TruTrak Autopilots**



Gemini AP

Regular price

\$2,800.00



Sorcerer ATI

Regular price

\$6,500.00



Vizion-Flat pack

Regular price

\$2,100.00



Sorcerer AS

Regular price

\$6,500.00



Vizion- 2 inch

Regular price

\$2,100.00



Vizion- 3 inch

Regular price

\$2,100.00

#### **Airplanes are Special**

Submitted BY: Dale Mitchell

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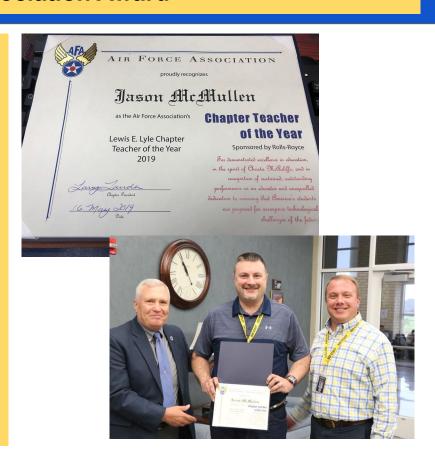


There I was in the middle of OSH when I returned to my plane for a much needed break. When I got to my plane there was a lady sitting in the grass in front of "Speedy" my Cessna 175. I could tell she was crying and I immediately said "Amanda is that you?". She looked up and said yes. You see, right after we bought Speedy Amanda had emailed us that her uncle had been in the flying club that we bought Speedy from. For ten years starting when Amanda was five years old her uncle had flown Speedy to the family reunion and taken Amanda for an airplane ride from the pasture that he landed in. Amanda dreamed of getting her pilots license as every year passed when she took to the skies with her uncle in Speedy. When Amanda came of age and was ready to start flying lessons she had a terrible accident when a car ran over her as she was driving an ATV. She thought she would never be able to fly because of her injuries. She so wanted to fly because her uncle had passed away and she wanted to remember him and all the joys that Speedy had brought to those family reunions. Amanda asked if she could touch Speedy again and show her young son the airplane that had brought her and her family such joy. I said of course. Amanda and her son sat in the seats. I showed her son how to move the controls and what they did. We laughed, we cried. We communicated to those near and dear to us because of this airplane, Speedy. This airplane has a special place in my heart as well. My wife had found Speedy on Barnstormers and called to see if it was still for sale. We looked at it and bought it right off. My wife really enjoyed riding along in Speedy and then she passed away. She still rides with me on every flight. Amanda was able to find some instructors to help her learn to fly and she acquired her pilots license. Every airplane at OSH has a history and stories to tell of the families that have owned them and the experiences they have had with each airplane ride. You see, if you are real guiet and listen real carefully, late at night when all the pilots are asleep and the night has settled in you can hear the airplanes telling their stories.

Jason McMullen stated that he was humbled and honored to have received this award from the Lewis Lyle Chapter of the Air Force Association!

Jason wanted to send out a huge thanks to all of his family, friends, colleagues, and aviation supporters for helping him promote aerospace and aviation education in Northwest Arkansas.

"We're just getting started!!"— at <u>Har-Ber High School</u>



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# Safety First with Bill Smith





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