

December 2017

Chapter 732



December Meeting

December 17th
Arkansas Air and Military Museum
1:00 Food
2:00 Meeting
Bring a dish to go with!!

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A Note From Randy

We will be having our Christmas gathering at the Air Museum next Sunday 12/17/17 at 1:00 pm. The Wimberly's are providing a turkey and the Daughty's are providing a ham. Please bring a dish to share. We will be primarily having a social gathering without the normal meeting. Look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday!

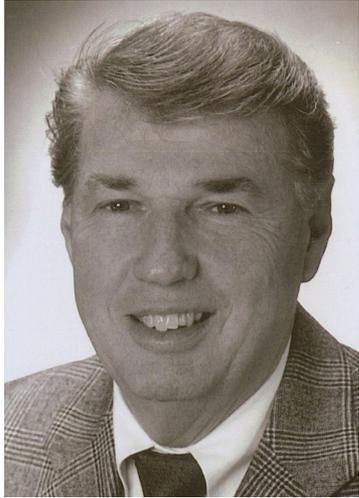
Thanks,
Randy

MEMBERS DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!!!



Gone West

Charles W. "Charlie" Harris (90) a 71-year resident of Tulsa, slipped the surly bonds of earth and went to his heavenly home on Friday, December 9, 2017. Charles was born September 30, 1927, in Pawhuska, OK.



Mr. Harris had a lifetime interest in aviation which was influenced from an early age by his father's ownership and activity in personal aircraft. Charlie learned to fly as a 16-year-old in high school and his passion and devotion to aviation spanned his entire lifetime. He was deeply involved in many aviation organizations including a 30-year chairmanship of the Tulsa Regional Fly-In as well as being a co-founder and chairman of the National Biplane Association from 1986 to its conclusion in 2009. His extensive collection of pristine antique airplanes is known throughout the nation. The specialty collection included two world class aerobatic Pitts Specials which Charlie flew in regional aerobatic exhibitions on a fly-for-fun basis. Charlie loved World War II aviation and naval history and was a well-known aviation author with his material published in various aviation periodicals and newsletters. He was also the editor of a nationally distributed monthly newsletter published by the EAA Vintage Aircraft Association Chapter 10 of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for more than thirty years. Charlie served the EAA Vintage Aircraft Association, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in various capacities including National Director, Treasurer, Chairman of Executive Committee, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and Director Emeritus from 1988 to the time of his death. He served as a Director on Tulsa's Jones-Riverside Airport Board for a number of years, was a member of the Downtown Rotary Club during 1970s as well as a member of Downtown Executive Club of Tulsa during that timeframe. During the 1970s he also served over 10 years in the downtown Nicholas Club supporting under privileged children. Charlie was an enthusiastic and lifelong ambassador for the City of Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma in his corporate and aviation travels. Mr. Harris was inducted into the Oklahoma Air and Space Hall of Fame in 2001 and was inducted into the EAA Vintage Aircraft Association Hall of Fame in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 2006. In 1984 Charlie was the first person the Oklahoma Aviator newspaper selected as the Oklahoma Aviator of the Year. In connection with his long-term aviation events in Bartlesville, Oklahoma the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce awarded him their Medallion of Honor in 1998, their equivalency to the Key to the City.

Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to Vintage Aircraft Association, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, or a charity of your choice.

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Coats for Pine Ridge

On Saturday November 25th, Dale Mitchell and Randy Resh met Thomas Sippel, Dennis Truax and Dale Weaver from EAA Chapter 1189 Brooksville, MS at the Air Museum to take delivery of the coats to be relayed up to Kansas on their way to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The three aircraft they flew up were an RV-6A, a Cessna 182 and a Stinson 108. Dale took the coats from the RV-6A and the 182 in his Cessna 180 and left for Moundridge, KS. Rick Wantz and Andy Anderson delivered the last of approx. 400 coats on Monday November 27th in Rick's Cessna 172.

Randy Resh would like to thank Dale Mitchell, Rick Wantz and Andy Anderson for volunteering to relay the coats up to Kansas.

Coats for Pine Ridge

The planes from Mississippi



Dale Weaver, Dennis Truax and Thomas Sippel in front of Dale's Stinson with a load of coats



Dale Mitchell's 180 loaded with coats



Dale Mitchell with the coats he delivered



Rick Wantz and Andy Anderson with their load of coats

U.S. National Aerobatic Championships Returning to Oshkosh



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December 14, 2017 - The U.S. National Aerobatic Championships will be returning to Wittman Regional Airport in 2018 following a successful event in its first year in Oshkosh in September 2017.

The International Aerobatic Club made the decision to return to Oshkosh during a special board of directors meeting on December 6. The 2018 contest will be held September 22-28.

Prior to moving to Oshkosh for the 2017 event, the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships had been held in Sherman, Texas, since 1972.

IAC President Mike Heuer was pleased that the decision was made to return to Oshkosh and said that the facilities in place for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh played a large role, with the IAC using Press Headquarters, exhibit buildings, Boeing Plaza, and the EAA Aviation Museum among other locations.

“The outstanding facilities are very important,” Mike said. “All of these wonderful facilities have been built for AirVenture and we used them for our event.”

Mike said he’s anticipating about 90-100 pilots to compete in the event, similar to the number present in 2017. With the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships being held for the first time in Oshkosh this past September, a few minor issues arose that Mike expects will be ironed out for 2018. He’s specifically hoping to arrange for more social activities among the pilots and their families and have more community engagement surrounding the event.

With EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board Jack Pelton personally pledging his support for the event returning to Oshkosh, Mike was confident that the correct decision was made.

“Jack Pelton pledged full support to fix any problems,” Mike said. “That’s what excited me the most, is Jack’s personal commitment. To have that commitment, it means a lot.”

The contest director for the 2018 U.S. National Aerobatic Championships will be John Smutny. In addition, next year’s contest will be used as a qualifier for the 2019 Fédération Aéronautique Internationale World Aerobatic Championships in Chateauroux, France. The top eight pilots in the Unlimited category will qualify for the World Aerobatic Championships.



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UPCOMING EAA WEBINARS

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| 1/3/18 | 8p.m. CST | Liticaphobia (fear of being sued) Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit. | Mike Busch | 1/24 | 7 p.m. CST | When the Engine Goes Quiet Qualifies:FAA Wings and AMT credit. | John Tpwmsley |
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The litigious nature of aviation has created a siege mentality on the part of many aircraft mechanics. Terrified of being sued, they often engage in "defensive maintenance" in which they do work far in excess of what is necessary to make the aircraft safe and legal, and are reluctant to admit making mistakes for fear of legal consequences. Mike Busch discusses the chilling effect this has on aviation maintenance, and explores the question of whether the actual risk of being sued matches the perception of risk that most mechanics have.

FAA Team representative John Townsley will lead us through an in-flight engine failure he experienced on a 2013 nighttime cross-country flight. He will discuss performance issues and share some lessons from his experience. John also discusses NTSB accident statistics and other information that sheds light on the number of loss of power events that don't result in accidents.

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| 1/10 | 7 p.m. CST | Preflight Delight: Look Before you Launch Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit. | H. Paul Shuch | 1/31 | 7 p.m. CST | Midair Collision Physics, Gambles, and Myths Qualifies: FAA Wings credit. | Robert Patlovan y |
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FAR 91.3 states that responsibility for the safety of flight rests solely on the shoulders of the pilot in command. That means it is up to the pilot to make sure the aircraft is in a condition for safe operation. In this FAA Safety Team WINGS and AMT award qualifying webinar Prof. H. Paul Shuch will show you how.

Robert Patlovan will discuss midair collision safety and zero-cost techniques for stopping the triple-failure sequence that causes every collision. Robert will relate his extensive research on midair collisions and show analytically how it is possible to reduce the likelihood of a midair collision with another aircraft.

Photos from the November Meeting



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A photograph of a sunset over a city skyline. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that spreads across the sky. The city lights are visible in the foreground, appearing as a dark silhouette against the bright sky. The image is framed by a blue border at the top and bottom, with a thin yellow stripe in the middle of each blue section.

As days grow short and the sun sets low
A few minutes after work ... yes there's time to go.
Seize the moment ... just a minute or two
The sunset at dusk is a magical view!

MJM