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CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 10TH 7:00 PM COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Noted Aviation Author Jay Miller To Speak At April Meeting

Jay Miller makes his living writing about and photographing airplanes. He's authored 33 books and over a thousand magazine and newspaper articles on aviation subjects. In his spare time he consults for the movie and television industry. In recent years he has worked as a script writer/editor for Discovery Channel's *Wings* series, he's been the Director of the American Airlines C. R. Smith Museum, and he's worked as the Director of Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen's Vulcan Warbirds operation in Seattle, Washington. He is now semi-retired and back to free-lance writing and consulting. At our chapter meeting Jay will make an interactive presentation on "weird and wonderful" aircraft, including historical, rare, and extinct flying machines from both civilian and military ranks.

From the Office of the Vice President *by Calvin Coffey*

Once again we were reminded how precious flight is. Saturday 02/01/2003 was a very sad day for all as we got the news of the Columbia space shuttle breaking up over Texas. Somehow, this same morning, we still found the spirit to share our passion for flying with 15 new Young Eagles from the Allen Boy Scout Troop.

My particular boy scout informed me that his father was an airline captain for American Airlines and he really doesn't like to fly for very long. He asked how long a flight it would be? As we got him seated in my Cessna 170, I let him know it would be as short as he would like. Shortly after takeoff, he could see Dallas and Ft. Worth in the still clear blue sky and started to ask how the airplane controls worked. So I turned over the controls to the youngster and started his first flight lesson. We learned how to climb, how to make coordinated turns, make descents, and how to stay away from other aircraft in the area. I pointed to his hometown and he made a turn towards it like he had been flying his whole life (must have been his instructor). Soon he recognized a church, a high school and stadium, then made a turn south and found his house! He was only disappointed nobody was home to see him fly over. He never once asked how long we were up, and his dad was really surprised to see his son smiling after the experience. During the flight, he said, "I could see getting one of these". Maybe someday he'll be sharing a ride with another young future aviator?

If you know of another potential Young Eagle you would like to fly, let me know. You don't have to wait for a Young Eagle event to participate. I have all the forms necessary for you to fly the very next Young Eagle. The EAA needs nearly 120,000 more Young Eagles to make the goal of 1,000,000 Young Eagles

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Young Eagle Flights *by Dick Flunker*

The last I checked, EAA is approaching 90% of the goal to fly 1 million Young Eagles by the end of 2003. We had a great Young Eagle event on February 1st, adding 15 Young Eagles to the tally. Seeing those wonderful smiles as the Young Eagles tell their friends and family about the flight makes every flight very memorable. Providing a positive experience and encouraging interest in aviation should be incentive enough for all of us, but as I was browsing the EAA web page I came across some additional information you might find useful. According to the EAA web page:

"The IRS has ruled that volunteer Young Eagle Pilots can deduct direct, out-of-pocket expenses incurred in direct connection with and solely attributed to the Program. If these conditions are met, volunteers can deduct direct out-of-pocket expenses such as (1) fuel and oil directly consumed by the aircraft in the demonstration flight, not to exceed 200 miles; (2) fuel and oil to another airport within 50 miles to meet a young person; (3) transportation, not to exceed 30 miles one way, to and from the airport; (4) the rental charge for a bus or van to bring a group of young people to the airport; (5) the rental expense of an airplane used only for the Program; (6) postage for mailing registration records to the Young Eagles Office; (7) extra liability insurance purchased solely for flights for the program; (8) landing and tiedown fees at a non-home-based airport; (9) aeronautical education materials; (10) meals for the young person (*but not the volunteer*); and (11) film and development of pictures for the young person. Indirect expenses, such as hangar fees and annuals, are not considered deductible. Please maintain reliable records (receipts or a contemporaneous diary) of the out-of-pocket expenses. For the purposes of computing the expense of transporting the volunteer and/or young person to and from the airport

Nuclear-Powered Planes On The Horizon? *From Australian Aviation Digest 4/1/03*

Skeptics in the Australian aviation community were amazed recently when Brisbane Nuclear Aviation (BNA) demonstrated the endurance of their radio-controlled, unmanned test vehicle, nicknamed Proton. Proton, which is essentially a motorized glider, is powered by a small, lightweight nuclear reactor. The heat generated by the reactor is converted to electricity, which in turn powers an electric motor that drives the craft's two-bladed prop. Operating from the Keller airstrip outside of Alice Springs, Proton was launched on March 10th and stayed aloft for three weeks. BNA co-founders Ron Sloof and Walter Lirpa said Proton could have stayed up much longer than that, but had to be brought down due to approaching bad weather. Commercial applications of nuclear-powered flight are unclear, but BNA is currently aiming at the military market for ultra-endurance high-altitude observation platforms. Sloof and Lirpa estimate that BNA has one to two more years of research and development work before it will be in a position to seriously market the technology to the military community.

Catch and Release Program

The US Navy today announced that it has released a senior Al Qaeda terrorist after questioning him extensively for 27 days while he was held prisoner aboard a US aircraft carrier in the Arabian Sea. In a humanitarian gesture the terrorist was given \$50 US and a white Ford Fairlane automobile upon being released from custody. **Check out the photo on page 4** that shows the terrorist on his way home just after being released by the Navy.



Chapter 1246 Pilot Profile

by Susan and David Wilson

Name: Jeff Greenawalt

Nickname: Never really had one

Place of birth: Ligonier, Pennsylvania

Family: Wife Debbie and Daughter Michelle

Occupation: I've been an Aviation Insurance Adjuster / Accident Investigator for 16 years, currently employed by CTC Services Aviation (LAD Inc).

If I had a different job, I'd be a Fortune 100 CEO with a large flight department to look after.

I became interested in aviation because/when: I've been looking skyward as long as I can remember. Unfortunately I am the only member of my family with this affliction.

I fly a Cessna 182 during the week at work and I'm restoring a Rockwell 112 for personal flying, but I have owned a variety of different aircraft and

enjoyed them all.

If money were no object, I'd fly a Grumman Albatross outfitted as a flying yacht.

My favorite place to fly for a meal is any rural GA airport with a restaurant.

If I had a week off, I'd fly to Alaska and pretend I'm a bush pilot.

On my fantasy flight around the world, my 3 guests would be my wife Debbie, my daughter Michelle, and George W. aboard Air Force One.

The last book I read was Flight Physiology by Richard Reinhart, M.D.

My hero is Charles Lindberg.

My greatest aviation experience was: Well, I've had more than my fair share of great aviation experiences but one that really stands out occurred while in the US Navy in the late 1970's. I managed to get a back seat ride in an F14 Tomcat from an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean to a NATO base in Italy. Rushing along at low level, pulling vertical in afterburner, rolls loops. When the pilot asked if I was okay all I could do was laugh and ask for more, and he and his wingman were more than willing to oblige with a mock dogfight! Another was flying aerobatics with Jim Parker in a Pitts S2B, and a most memorable general aviation experience was flying solo from Van Nuys, CA to Catalina Island for lunch one Sunday afternoon last summer.

The thing people don't know about me is that I'm also an A&P and a former IA, have previous experience running an FBO, and enjoy just about

SWRFI 2003 *from Stan Shannon, SWRFI President*

The EAA Southwest Regional Fly-In will be held on May 16 & 17 2003 in New Braunfels, Texas (BAZ) - half way between Austin and San Antonio. This is our 39th year after being started by Tony Bingelis and we now are at the best location ever. BAZ is a great airport - 1000 acres of grass and lots of ramp for vendors and heavy aircraft. We'll have two days of forums, workshops, fly-bys and judging, coupled with Texas hospitality and a city that is a family travel destination. At this point we have in excess of 50 aviation vendors attending. This year the awards banquet is on the airport. On Saturday we'll have a full day of ladies' activities. There will be a breakfast on Sunday morning prior to church. The largest water-park in the world - Schlitterbahn - is giving discounts on Sunday after the fly-in. The hotel blocks are filling up so make your reservations by April 15 to get the best rates. For info see our website www.swrfi.org or call 800-572-2626. We hope to see you there!



Chapter 1246 Welcomes New Members

Chris Cormier, Anna; Boyd Goldman, Garland; Chris Heldman, Plano;
Scott Hill, Allen; Ken Morris, Plano; James Redmon, Frisco;
Mark Reid, Dallas; Len Santopadre, Plano; Carl Scheuneman, Plano;
Mike Schipper, Garland; Ken Wiegand, McKinney

!!Chapter Employment Opportunities!!

Program Coordinator - in this high-paying position you will work with the members to get and follow through on ideas for presentations at our chapter meetings

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Have you paid your dues??

Annual chapter dues are \$20, due at the beginning of the year. You can pay at a chapter meeting or fill out the form on the back and mail it with your check to our chapter treasurer, David Norman.
Thanks!

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The EAA **Chapter 1246 monthly board meeting** was held on March 27, 2003. Attending the meeting were Calvin Coffey, David Norman, and Dick Flunker. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

1. Calvin reported that the fish-out was a great success - a significant quantity of fish was caught. A big "Thank you." to Roy and Tom for coordinating the fish-out!
2. The chapter Fish Fry event is 4/26. Calvin confirmed Gary Ackermann has items under control for the fish fry. Calvin will follow-up with Larry regarding the flyers. Volunteers for setup / cleanup will be needed.
3. Dick confirmed the event notice is on file with EAA.
4. David provided a recap of chapter finances. There are currently 122 names on the mailing list, but only 77 paid members. David will send out email to those that still owe dues.
5. Calvin will confirm with Jeff Ferraro that things are set regarding the April program. The game night program may be rescheduled if we can get another program for May.
6. The Chapter is in need of a volunteer or perhaps volunteer team to be the program coordinator. The Board discussed several alternatives for upcoming programs.
7. It is David Norman's turn to submit an article to the newsletter.
8. Calvin reviewed the calendar - Fish Fry 4/26, May Fly Out is SWRFI 5/17, Poker Run 6/21.
9. **The chapter also needs a fly out coordinator.**

Calendar of Events

(Items in **bold** are chapter events)

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| Apr 2-8 | EAA Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL Linder Regional (LAL) |
| Apr 10 | Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM CCCC, McKinney |
| Apr 17 | Chapter Board Meeting, 7:30, TKI |
| Apr 26 | Chapter 1246 Annual Fly-In & Fish Fry, TKI |
| May 3 | Chapter 983 Fly-In, Pecan Plantation (OTX1) |
| May 8 | Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM CCCC, McKinney |
| May 15 | Chapter Board Meeting, 7:30, TKI |
| May 16-17 | Chapter Flyout - SWRFI New Braunfels, TX (BAZ) |
| Jun 12 | Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM CCCC, McKinney |
| Jun 17 | Chapter Board Meeting, 7:30, TKI |
| Jun 21 | Chapter Poker Run 9:00 AM |

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Notes/Comments/Projects:

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