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Richard Graham - SR-71



Chapter member Colonel (ret) Richard Graham will take the audience on a complete SR-71 mission from start to finish. Numerous slides will make everyone feel as if they were in the cockpit (as much as possible) flying the plane at Mach 3+ speeds, refueling, and takeoff and landing. He will also have copies of both of his books available for purchase - "SR-71 Revealed" and "SR-71 Blackbird: Stories, Tales and Legends" - and will be autographing copies. A veteran of 15 years of assignments within the SR-71 community including those of Pilot, Squadron Commmander, and Wing Commander, Richard is uniquely qualified to tell the

Blackbird story. In 2005, the Blackbird Association awarded Richard the Kelly Johnson trophy, a lifetime achievement award for his work to perpetuate, foster and improve the SR-71. See page 2 for more background information. The meeting is:

**January 12, 7:00 PM, Pike Hall,
Collin County Community College, McKinney, Texas**

Great Holiday Party !

By Dick Flunker

If you missed the chapter holiday party you missed a tasty meal and a very enjoyable evening. The party committee chaired by Vice President Tom Mitchell did an excellent job in selecting a new location.



President Susan Wilson Welcomes The Chapter

Everyone agreed that the chapter should return to the Eldorado Country Club for the 2006 party. In addition to the great meal, Tom coordinated a "stump the crowd" story telling event. Several of the chapter members told hangar stories with the audience voting either true or false. Only Gary Kirby outwitted the chapter telling his true story about how he asked a

charter passenger "when she wanted to make LUV...."

A highlight of the evening was presenting the "Outstanding Volunteer" award to Anson "Hop" Hopper. Hop is always helping whenever and wherever. He is always there when a table needs to be setup or a chair moved, and he rarely misses

selling raffle tickets at the monthly meetings. Hop received a standing ovation.

Tom Moore coordinated an "Identify the owner/airplane" contest by showing 5 second views of 24 chapter member planes. Each table collaborated on the results listing the owner and aircraft type/model. Two tables tied, so Mel Asberry and Gary Kirby got to do a playoff round. Dave Wilson presented a special zooming-out playoff photo (of his plane) and Gary identified it with only a bit more than the spinner being shown.



Outstanding Volunteer "Hop" Hopper

The evening ended with a raffle including the leather jacket donated by EAA national and the SR71 painting donated by Rich Graham. While all of us had a place for both items in our personal collections, only Wayne Williamson got to take

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January Meeting Speaker



Rich Graham

After receiving his commission from Air Force ROTC, Colonel (ret) Richard Graham entered pilot training at Craig AFB, Alabama. In 1965 he graduated from pilot training and remained as a T-37 instructor pilot and flight examiner. In August 1970

he began F-4 training, and upon completion was assigned to the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron ("Triple Nickel") at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand. From March 1971 to March 1972 he flew 145 combat missions over North Vietnam and Laos in the F-4C/D aircraft.

In 1972 Rich volunteered for the 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron as an F-4C "Wild Weasel" pilot. From September 1972 until February 1973, Colonel Graham was deployed to Korat RTAFB, Thailand, to augment F-105 "Wild Weasel" aircraft. At Korat he flew 60 combat missions suppressing enemy surface-to-air missile sites in North Vietnam.

Colonel Graham was selected to enter the SR-71 strategic reconnaissance program in 1974 at Beale AFB, California. After several years as a crew member, he became an instructor pilot, and in 1978 was selected as the Chief, Standardization/Evaluation Division, which included the SR-71, U-2 and T-38 aircraft. In January 1980 he became the SR-71 Squadron Commander, 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron.

In June, 1986, Colonel Graham became the Vice Wing Commander, 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (SRW), Beale AFB, California. In that capacity he was able to fly all of the wing's aircraft, the U-2, T-38, KC-135Q, and SR-71. In June of 1987 he became the Wing Commander of the 9th SRW, where he remained until November 1988. He was assigned to the 14th Air Division, Beale AFB, until he retired in September, 1989.

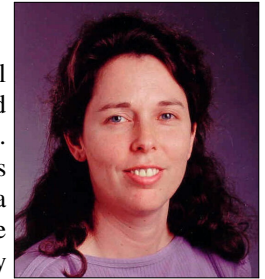
Colonel Graham was a command pilot with more than 4,600 military flying hours. His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 18 oak leaf clusters.

His book, "SR-71 Revealed, The Inside Story" tells the crew's story of how they lived and flew the world fastest and highest flying aircraft in the world, the SR-71 Blackbird. Col. Graham's most recent book, "SR-71 Blackbird: Stories, Tales, and Legends" compiles an abundance of Blackbird stories from 17 former crewmembers, maintenance, and flight test engineers. He will make himself available after his presentation to autograph his books for those who wish to purchase copies.



From The President

Happy New Year!



The coming year is sure to bring a full supply of EAA events, both local and national, that you won't want to miss. Mark your favorite calendar as dates are announced so you can keep "fun" a priority. Our chapter is continuing the tradition of a monthly event (typically on the third Saturday) of either a chapter flyout or organized fly-in. This will be an exciting year with many chapter member projects close to completion. Keep a lookout for these new planes in the pattern! We are also lining up some great programs for our chapter meetings. If you have any suggestions for our chapter programs and events, please pass them on to any of the chapter officers. See you at the January chapter meeting!

Susan

Check those Wing Surfaces!

Submitted by Calvin Coffey

With the cold weather and the potential for frost and/or snow, here is a very good reason to be sure the wings are clean.

NTSB Identification: ANC06CA006.

**Accident occurred Sunday, October 23, 2005
in Naknek, AK**

Aircraft: Cessna 172, registration: N6832A

Injuries: 2 Uninjured.

The private certificated pilot was departing uphill from a 1,950 feet long runway on a Title 14, CFR Part 91 local area personal flight. The pilot indicated that prior to departure, the upper wing surfaces of the airplane had a layer of frost, but he smoothed the surface with a broom. During the takeoff roll, the pilot said the airplane became airborne in ground effect to an altitude of about 2 feet, about 300 feet before the end of the runway. The airplane then descended and collided with alder bushes about 75 feet beyond the end of the runway. The airplane received damage to the wings, fuselage, and engine.



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Holiday Party

home the jacket and Tom Moore got to take home the painting.



Wayne Williamson



Rich Graham Tom Moore

It has become a tradition that chapter 1246 take a collection for the Samaratin Inn. This year a total of \$245 was contributed in cash and gift cards. This will certainly help the efforts of the Samaratin Inn.

The best part of an evening like this is the wonderful company we all enjoy. It seems the evening always goes by way to fast and I never get to chat with everyone I would like to.

Have a very safe and prosperous 2006!



Spreading Christmas Cheer

By Dick Flunker

A week prior to Christmas Susan Wilson and Tom Moore delivered a basket of goodies to the TKI Tower staff. Jack Moyer was on duty to accept the basket for all of the controllers. All of us appreciate the fine job done by the TKI tower controllers.



Thank you for all that you do!



Media Training Course

By Dick Flunker

I expect that we have all seen general aviation related media coverage that is misleading, possibly inaccurate, or generally negative. Sometimes very innocent comments are presented in such a way to portray a situation in a manner that is not beneficial to general aviation. Since we are all involved with general aviation, it is important that we take a couple of minutes to think about what we should do to avoid negative coverage if we are approached by the news media.

AOPA has put together a 7 minute training session addressing this issue. The training session is on the internet at addr:

<http://aopa.org/mediatraining/AOPAMediaTraining.html>


The course suggests that if you are called for an interview that you get the persons name, telephone number, and company. Ask what the article is about, what's next, what's the deadline, who else have they or will they be talking to, and then setup a follow-up meeting for the interview. Then contact AOPA media relations (or I suspect EAA would also help) for assistance.

The course also discusses dealing with being "ambushed" by a reporter with TV cameras rolling. Try to defuse the situation by being calm – don't provide a shock reaction they might be looking for. Be cautious, **do not** say "no comment", **don't** block the camera or flee or any such thing. Rather say something along the lines of "I'll talk about that but not on camera". Be composed, look directly at the reporter, be concise. If you don't know the answer, say so and indicate you will get back to them once you have the answer. Once you've answered the question, stop talking.

Good Luck!



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2006 Dues

It's time to pay your 2006 dues. Once again chapter 1246 has stood firm against inflation holding your annual dues to \$20.

Make checks payable to:
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Pay at the meeting or mail to our treasurer,
Patti Morris
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Plano, TX 75024

Aviation Internet Sites

By Dick Flunker

Following is a list of aviation internet sites that I picked up at Airventure. I haven't checked all of these so if they don't work - wing it... Enjoy!

National Organizations

Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association – www.aopa.org
Air Transport Association: www.airlines.org
EAA Airventure – www.airventure.org
Experimental Aircraft Association – www.eaa.org
Flight Safety – www.flightsafety.com
Helicopter Association International – www.rotor.com
“Landings” General Aviation Database – www.landings.com
National Air and Space Museum – www.nasm.edu
National Assoc. of Flight Instructors – www.nafinet.org
Nat'l Assoc. of State Aviation Officials – www.nasao.org
Ninety-Nines – www.ninety-nines.org
Seaplane Pilots Association – www.seaplanes.org
United States Ultralight Association – www.usua.org
Women in Aviation – www.wai.org

Government Sites

Federal Aviation Administration – www.faa.gov
FAA Aviation Safety Program: www.faa.gov/avr/afs
National Aeronautics & Space Assoc. – www.hq.nasa.gov
National Transportation Safety Board – www.nts.gov
Notices to Airmen – www.faa.gov/NTAP/
US Department of Transportation – www.dot.gov

Aviation News

AirNav – www.airnav.com
Airport Business – www.airportbiz.com
AvWeb Group – www.avweb.com
General Aviation News – www.generalaviationnews.com
Texas Aviation Association- www.txaa.org
World Airshow News: www.worldairshownews.com

Aviation Medicine

Virtual Flight Surgeons, Inc – www.aviationmedicine.com

Weather Sites

Intellicast1 – www.intellicast.com
AccuWeather - www.accuweather.com
Real Time Weather Data – www.rap.ucar.edu/weather
NOAA Aviation Weather - www.aviationweather.gov/
Unisys Weather - www.weather.unisys.com/
Weather Channel – www.weather.com
Air Sports Net - www.usairnet.com

FAA Instrument Procedures Handbook

http://www.faa.gov/library/manuals/aviation/instrument_procedures_handbook/

Are you aware of other sites that should probably be on this list? If so, please let me know via email:

Newsletter@EAA1246.org

Blue Pig BBQ Ardmore Muni

By Dick Flunker



Yes, Ardmore Municipal has a restaurant again. The Blue Pig BBQ is located in the terminal building right on the flight line. You can taxi and park next to the patio outside the restaurant so additional transportation is not an issue.

On the Wednesday prior to Jan 1st, several of the TKI regulars had the day off so Jim Sico, Wayne Williamson, Gary Kirby, Tom Ferraro and Dick Flunker flew to Ardmore to give it a try. All reports on the burgers and BBQ are first rate. The Blue Pig is open for lunch Monday thru Thursday, for both lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, and is closed on Sunday. The standard menu includes BBQ brisket, ribs, pulled pork, sausage, and a variety of burgers. The Fri/Sat



fare includes a catfish fry. Some of us talked about making a catfish run some Friday evening once the sun starts setting a bit later.

Ardmore Municipal Airport (ADM) is located 71 nm from TKI on a heading of 343 degrees. The Blue Pig phone number is (580) 389-5555.



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December Board Meeting

By Tom Moore

The monthly EAA Chapter 1246 board meeting was held at the TKI terminal on December 13, 2005. Present: Susan Wilson, Tom Mitchell, Patti Morris, Dick Flunker and Tom Moore. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

Donations

Members contributed \$245 in donations to the Samaritan Inn

Fly-outs

January fly-out will be to Hill Top Lakes

February fly-out will be to Spinks

Treasure's Report

Patti Morris presented a draft of 2005 expenses and will finalize a report for the first meeting in January.

Monthly Meeting Programs

January is Rich Graham - SR-71

February - A&P Open Forum

2006 Events

Possible events and schedules for 2006 were discussed.

Future Presenters For Monthly Meetings

Possible choices for presenters were discussed for 2006.



For Sale: 1/3 Share of a Cherokee 180D

One-Third share of a 1968 Piper Cherokee hangared at TKI. Benefits of shared expenses with the control and availability of ownership! \$150 a month, \$67/hr "wet" tach time, covers everything! Internally managed co-ownership, online scheduling, written partnership agreements.

Contact Walt Lammert 214-642-4522.

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Hanger Space For Rent

Half of a 60 foot hangar at TKI for \$287.50 per month. Room for a high wing or short low wing aircraft with lots of space for storage and work area as well.

Call Walt Lammert 214-642-4522.

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For Sale: Garmin GPSMAP 195

\$400 with 2 year old database, \$435 with new update. Includes all standard items plus RAM mounting system and updating cable. Call Mel 972-784-7544.

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Calendar of Events

(Items in bold are Chapter 1246 events)

- Jan 12 Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM**
Col. Rich Graham, SR-71
CCCC, McKinney
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- Jan 14 EAA Chapter 1219 Fajita Fly-In 10-2
Angelina County Airport (LFK)
Lufkin, Texas
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- Jan 18 Officers Meeting, TKI, 7:30PM
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- Jan 21 Chapter Flyout - Hilltop Lakes (0TE4)**
Meet there at 11 AM
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- Feb 9 Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM**
A&P Open Forum
CCCC, McKinney
-
- Feb 15 Officers Meeting, TKI, 7:30PM
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- Feb 18 Chapter Flyout - Spinks (FWS)**
Meet there at 11, walk to Restaurant
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- Mar 10 Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM**
CCCC, McKinney
-
- Mar 15 Officers Meeting, TKI, 7:30PM
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- Mar 18 Chapter Flyout TBD**
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- Apr 4-10 Sun 'n Fun (LAL)
Lakeland, FL
-
- May 12-14 EAA Southwest Regional Fly-In (SWRFI)
Hondo Airport (HDO)
Hondo, Texas
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- Jul 24-30 EAA 54th AirVenture Oshkosh 2006
Wittman Regional Airport (OSH)
Oshkosh, WI



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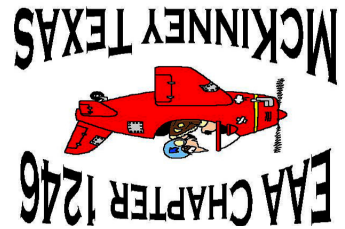
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New Member: _____ or Renewal: _____

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Address: _____

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Phone: Wk () _____ Hm () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

* EAA Number: _____ * Exp. Date: _____

Pilot/A&P Rating: _____

Notes/Comments/Projects:

Membership dues are \$20 per year due Jan 1. New memberships pro-rated to Jan 1. Make checks payable to **EAA Chapter 1246**.

Mail applications to:

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* National EAA membership required. National EAA Offices:

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