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Paul Bailey, 301st Fighter Wing Carswell Air Force Base
Collin County Community College
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Collin County Community College, McKinney, Texas

Close Encounters of the Military Kind

by Bob Rogers

It's a beautiful day (in the neighborhood) and you are on a cross-country VFR flight in your favorite personal aircraft. Your path takes you across a Military Operations Area ("MOA"), which you have successfully navigated dozens of times. Soon after you enter the MOA, you see a speck on your windshield (or is that an airplane?). You are on a head-on collision course with an F-16 military jet fighter that is busy with a training mission and does not spot you. Your combined speeds result in a closure rate of more than 800 miles per hour! You only have seconds to react. Can you spell D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R? What do you do? Better yet, what should you have done?

The program for our March 8 Chapter meeting is presented by Mr. Paul Bailey, the air-space manager for the 301st Fighter Wing at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas. He will explain what you need to know before entering and while flying through a MOA or crossing a



Military Training Route ("MTR"). After attending this presentation, you should be more capable of avoiding a mid-air collision with military aircraft that may be maneuvering along your intended flight path, day or night. Since, in many situations, you have to share airspace with these extraordinarily fast military aircraft, you should know as much as possible about how to fly safely in such situations. You are invited to an informative presentation that can make you a smarter pilot.

Meet the Vice President James Redmon



Family: Wife - Sandy; Dog - Radar
Job: Enterprise Systems Architect - EDS
Airplane: Berkut 360 also known as "Race 13"

Building experience: I built the Berkut over the course of 11 years. I hold the distinction of being the only "non-professional" builder to complete a Berkut. I am now helping to finish Scott Charlton's Berkut.

How you became interested in aviation: My dad was an Air Force pilot and I grew up surrounded by airplanes and living on AF bases around the country. I've always had a fascination with both speed and flight. I guess that explains why I built a Berkut, too.

Most memorable experience in aviation: Well...there have been many starting with my first solo, passing the check rides (Pvt, Com, Inst, CFI, CFII), crossing the finish line at the AirVenture Cup race, other airshow/race adventures, watching SpaceShipOne reach space, flying family and friends for the first time in the Berkut, etc. But I can categorically say that NOTHING will beat the feeling of flying my Berkut for the very first time!

Claim to fame?: Famous, no. Infamous...perhaps. I do host a very popular web site that documents and chronicles the entire Berkut build process and all the mods and maintenance that goes with it as well as all the "adventures" Sandy and I have had in the Berkut. I also have some pretty neat flying videos on the website as well. Go check them out at www.berkut13.com

Anything else we should know about you? During college, I re-built and modified a 1970 Mustang Fastback into quite a formidable street racing/show car/daily driver. I guess I had the "building bug" early in life. Oh yeah, it's on the website too.

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Web Site of the Month

by Jim Smith



<http://www.EAA1246.org>

Homepage: Find out what's going to be presented at the next EAA Chapter 1246 monthly meeting, along with photos. There is also a new section for Aviation News & Special Interest.

Our Chapter Events: Detailed information about all of Chapter events, along with links for weather, sectionals and airport information.

Other Chapter Events: Local and special events that may be of interest to you, along with links for weather, sectionals and airport information.

Meeting Directions: New maps with directions and information about our Monthly Chapter Meetings.

Photo Gallery: See photos from current and past Chapter events, along with a cool automated slide show!

Newsletters: A complete listing of current and past downloadable newsletters in PDF format.

Classifieds: Got stuff in the back of your hangar? Trade it in for Cash! The Classified Ads webpage is available to all Chapter members.

Become a member: If you know of someone that is interested in becoming a member, you can direct them to this webpage and they can become a member of our EAA Chapter online!

Chapter Officers: A complete listing of Officers and Volunteers, along with email addresses and pictures.

KTKI Current Conditions: See the current Collin County Regional Airport information from NOAA, updated hourly. Also an AccuWeather synopsis for the McKinney Area.

Favorite Links: Links to various websites with the Pilot and Home Builder in mind. Updated often!

Members Section: Here you can update your own personal information directly to our Chapter Roster. There is also a Member Search function that allows you find other members phone and email addresses, along with information about the aircraft that they fly and any current projects they are working on.

If you have any ideas for improvements or changes, feel free to email the Webmaster at webmaster@eaa1246.org.

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Dave Wilson's First Flight

January 26, 2007



Susan and Dave before take-off



Ready for take-off, Susan in chase plane



Up, up, and away!



One happy fella! Congratulations, Dave & Susan

February 2007 Officer Meeting Minutes

1. Status of the bank acct. was discussed. Members will be notified of late dues on the next newsletter.
2. The March Officer Meeting has been rescheduled for Mar 7 to accommodate schedule conflicts.
3. Status of the website and operational changes were discussed.
4. PayPal will be operational soon, allowing members to pay their dues on-line.
5. Numerous future speakers were approved.
6. Many fly-out events and chapter events were discussed, and coordinators appointed.

Old Pilot Sayings

Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.

There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.

When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.

It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.

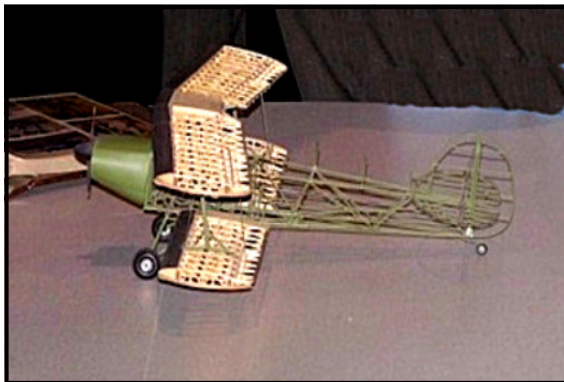
"Both optimists and pessimists contribute to the society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute."--- George Bernard Shaw

Texins Flying Club is holding a Private Pilot ground school starting March 15, with registration on March 13. A flyer with all of the details is located on the TFC web-site at:

http://www.texins.org/flyingclub/PVTPFLYER_S07.pdf

Chapter 1246 Homebuilders Display 2007

To see more pictures, go to: [http:// www.EAChapter1246.org](http://www.EAChapter1246.org) and click on photo gallery.

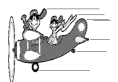


February 8 Chapter1246 Meeting

Attendance at last month's meeting was great! We had 12 or 13 guests, most of which were from a class interested in our aircraft building exhibition. There was so much interest in the displays that President Bob Rogers had a difficult time corraling everyone into the main room for the meeting.

The above pictures are but a small example of what goes into the construction of a home-built airplane.

All in all, it was a very successful evening! (And thanks for the popcorn, Bob!)





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Calendar of Events

(Items in **Bold** are Chapter 1246 events)

Mar 7 **7:30 Officer's Meeting TKI**

Mar 8 **7:00 PM Chapter Meeting CCC
Paul Bailey, 301st Fighter Wing
Carswell Air Force Base**

Mar 10 10 am-2 pm Lufkin, Tx
Angelina County airport (KLFK)
Free Fajita Fly-in. Discount Fuel
Jack Porbeck 936-674-6370

Mar 24 Angels & Airplanes Gala Fundraiser
Houston Hobby Airport
Cindy Palmer 972-458-0020

Mar 31 Open House & Air Show
Slidell, LA Airport (KASD)
985-641-7590

Mar 31 8:00 AM Temple Pancake Breakfast
Draughon Miller Central Texas Regional
(TPL) Every 5th Saturday
Rayford Brown 254-718-4910

Apr 1-8 Marfa, Tx. Marfa Municipal. ([MRF](#))
30 gliders gather to explore thermal and
mountain wave soaring between Carlsbad
Caverns and Big Bend National Parks.
Burt Compton: texasgliders@aol.com

April 28 **1246 Annual Fish Fry**



San Francisco Wine Tasting Tour

Mar. 15th - 18th, 4 Day / 3 Night
The Hilton Fisherman's Wharf
Napa Sonoma Wine country Tour
\$280.50 ppdo

Breckenridge, CO Beaver Run Resort

Mar. 30 - Apr. 3 5Day / 4 Night
\$179 .00 per night

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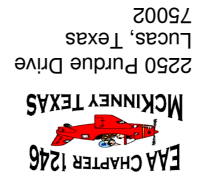


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* EAA Number: _____ * Exp. Date: _____

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:
 Sue Cowan
 2250 Purdue Dr.
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* National EAA membership required.

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