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**Mike Huffman—Sport Aviation Specialties**

**Collin County Community College**

**7:00 PM, Pike Hall**

**Collin County Community College, McKinney, Texas**

## **Airplanes, Old and New**

*By Bob Rogers*

Experience the magic of bringing a classic airplane back to life; explore the mysteries of constructing a cutting-edge experimental; and see the future of aviation through the new Light Sport Aircraft category.

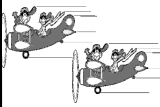
The presentation for this month will be from Mr. Mike Huffman, the owner of Sport Aviation Specialties, a Missouri based company that does a number of things related to experimental aircraft. The reason Mike is available to meet with us is because, on the weekend of April 14-15, he will be in the area conducting one of many seminars that his company is holding around the country to train and qualify owners of Experimental Light Sport Aircraft (airplane class) (“E-LSA”) to obtain the FAA Issuance Rating, which allows them to perform the annual condition inspection on their own E-LSAs.



Mike is a Designated Airworthiness Representative (“DAR”) and one of the few who specializes in certifying Experimental Light Sport Aircraft. He can explain what is involved in getting an E-LSA certified and in keeping it airworthy. Mike has also been involved in building, modifying, and/or restoring a wide range of experimental and production aircraft for the past 35 years and has a fascinating presentation involving approximately fifteen aircraft projects on which he has worked, many of which have won awards at Oshkosh. You can look forward to an entertaining and informative evening by someone who shares a love for flying and building/restoring experimental aircraft. Mike has shared his knowledge and experience at numerous other EAA chapters and aviation gatherings. We are honored to have him visit with us at our next EAA Chapter 1246 meeting on April 12, 2007.

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You can view the Sport Aviation Specialties website at: <http://sportaviationspecialties.com/>



## "TRAFFIC IN THE AREA, PLEASE ADVISE"

**Mel Asberry, Safety Officer EAA Chapter 168**

As many of you know, one of my "pet peeves" is unnecessary chatter on the radio. One of my complaints, which, in the past, has raised some argument has been clarified in the 2007 Airman's Information Manual. Under 4-1-9, paragraph g, states; "Traffic in the area, please advise" is not a recognized Self-Announce Position and/or Intention phrase and should not be used under any condition.

## Simulator Flight Training in a 737

*by Tom Ferraro*

For some, to fly a Boeing 737 is just all in a day's work. For some of us, however, to fly a large transport category aircraft is a dream come true. That dream came true for Juli, Jeff and me recently. Thanks to a very creative group at Juli's school, she received a gift certificate for Christmas from an organization called FlyASim.com. It's marketed for Holidays, Birthdays, Achievements, Graduations, etc. My initial thought was a vision of a room with some computer simulation set up to look and fly like a Boeing 737. I was wrong! We contacted the number on the certificate to set up a time slot for the flight.

The folks that run FlyASim were extremely professional and made it very clear from the start that this event is designed to be fun for the participants. It was very much a real 737 simulator. Actually, the facility is a full time training facility with 3 full motion Boeing 737 training simulators. It is located on the west side of DFW near American's maintenance hangar. During most of the week, they spend time working out airline pilots and providing training for professional pilots to get their type ratings. During the non-scheduled hours, they set up sessions in the simulator for anyone else.

The preliminary work was very detailed and fully secure, as you might expect these days. We needed to send in our applications, copies of birth certificates, passports and signed legal paperwork. We also had to produce the official documents the day of the flight. Charley contacted Juli several times ahead of our flight to gather information. They seem to tailor the session based on our skills and interest.

Once there, we were greeted by Greg, our instructor. He is a full time Sim instructor for Southwest Airlines and does this work for fun. We spent an hour (seemed like about 15 minutes to me) going over the posters of the cockpit, all the systems, how they work, etc. Greg assured us that we



## EAA Chapter 1246 Fish Fry

Saturday, Apr 28, 2007; starting at 10:30 a . m . [McKinney, TX](mailto:McKinney.TX@TKI)

(TKI) The annual fish fry is our first big chapter event of the year. All family and friends are welcome, come rain or shine. We will gather at Pete Huff's hangar in the MHOA area, next to the fire station at the Collin County Regional Airport. Gate attendants will let you in. Garry and Janne Ackerman will cook up some of the best fish you have ever eaten. Don't miss it!

We may still need some volunteers to bring desserts. If you can help, please contact: Bob Rogers 972-761-2280, or by e-mail at [president@eaa1246.org](mailto:president@eaa1246.org).

didn't have to really understand or be prepared to deal with this stuff since we only had one hour of actual simulator time. (Good thing, I think it might have taken Juli, Jeff and me an hour just to figure out how to start the engines!) The overview was very interesting. I was really quite amazed at how automated many of the systems and interfaces are (ATP's, don't take that wrong - I know your job isn't easy!) Ever wonder how the flaps, slats, spoilers and wing parts all work so smoothly together? Automated! We learned about how braking can be automated once you hit the runway by pre-setting a switch. We also learned how reversers really work. Lots of cool stuff for us little airplane guys!



Time to get into the simulator. First thing we noticed when we entered the building was the size. It's probably 4 stories high and we were told that these units use much of the open space once they are operating. Upon entering the rear door, it quickly became apparent you were entering a real  
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## EAA Chapter 1246 Member Profile

**Name:** Bruce Pauley

**Nickname:** Boomer

**Place of birth:** Herington, Kansas

**Family:** Wife Kathy and 5 kids 17-27

**Occupation:** Sales Manager

**If I had the perfect job:** I'd be an Astronaut.

**I fly/build:** Piper Archer II and am building a RV-7A

**I became interested in aviation :** When I was about 7 and flew in an Eurocoup 415 with my brother.

**My favorite place to eat:** Saltgrass.

**If I had a week off:** I'd probably be in the garage building or go fishing

**If money were no problem:** I'd buy G-V and see more of the world

**Fantasy vacation:** My guests and I would be going to Cabo in my G-V and fishing and then flying to Hawaii and doing it all again. I would have to take Kathy and then the guys. She can't stand to fish too long. Might have to make a few trips to get all the guys down there though.

**The last book I read :** Flying Tiger's Diary by Charlie Bond and had the opportunity to have lunch with Charlie. Great guy. OH General !!!

**My hero :** My Dad and Granddad (94), they both had time for me when I was growing up and taught me a lot about mechanics. I would have not even attempted to build an airplane without the knowledge that I received from them.

**My greatest aviation experience:** when I attended a water survival class in 1978 and the first of six women astronauts showed up at the same class. They were: Sally Ride, Rhea Sheddon, Kathryn Sullivan, Anna Fisher, Judy Resnick (Challenger), and Shannon Lucid. Also included was Stephen Hawley who married Sally Ride. There were two more

Challenger victims, Ellison Onizuka and Ron McNair. A total of twenty people were in the class and were taught how to survive in an ocean environment. All were astronaut trainees except for the six of us that were Boom Operators. Jodi Hartell was the first female Boom Operator. Enough of that. I just want a ride in a F-18 or the shuttle and make me sick!!!!!!!



Susan Wilson made her first flight in their new Glasair Super II S FT on Saturday, March 17, 2007. As you can see from the pictures, she is pretty happy about the flight



**The thing people don't know about me:** I was a KC-135 Boom Operator for 4 years and that I flew around the world 2 times by the time I was 21. I also flew a support mission for the Iranian hostage crisis back in 1979. I also flew support for the first F-16's to go to Israel.

**I'd like to be remembered as :** A great guy that always found time to talk or help out when I was needed



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**Calendar of Events**

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

- Apr 11      **7:30 Officer's Meeting TKI**

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- Apr 12      **7:00 PM Chapter Meeting CCC  
Mike Huffman—Sport Aviation Specialties**

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- Apr 14      Durant, OK (DUA) Hamburger, Hotdog  
lunch from noon-3:00

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- Apr 17-23    Lakeland, Fl (LAL) Sun 'n Fun Fly-in

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- Apr 21      Gladewater, Tx(07F) Gusher Days Fly-in  
Pancake breakfast & Gumbo lunch.  
Contact Jerry

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- Apr 27-28    Waco, Tx (KCNW) Fifth Texas Aviation  
EXPO 2007 Contact Margy Mahoney  
512-454-9476 margy@txaa.org

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- Apr 28      **1246 Annual Fish Fry Pete Huff's hangar .  
Contact Bob Rogers 972-761-2280**

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- May 10      **1246 EAA Meeting TBA**

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- May 19      Grandbury, Tx (0TX1) Pecan Plantation  
Airpark Spring Fly-in

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- May 16      **Officer's meeting TKI 7:30 pm**

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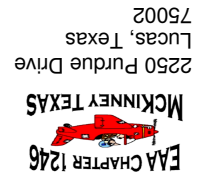
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New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**.

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