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Sky Med Pilot - Stu Dietrick



Stu Dietrick has been involved in aviation for over 23 years. He started out in the U.S. Army as an attack helicopter mechanic, and then obtained his helicopter pilot qualifications through Army flight training. During a short break from military service he flew corporate aviation in the New York City area, then reentered the military as a search and rescue pilot for the U.S. Coast Guard. He retired after 20 years of government service. Upon reentering the civilian sector, he was a first officer flying Canadair regional jets for Comair Airlines. He is now employed with Petroleum Helicopters flying medical evacuations for Skymed 2 located at McKinney, TX. His qualifications include 7,000+ hours of flight time, ATP helicopter, Commercial instrument, single and multi-engine

fixed wing certificates. The meeting is: **July 8th, 7:00 PM, Pike Hall,**

Collin County Community College, McKinney, Texas.

Texas Hill Country Get-Away

By Calvin Coffey

Tired of the hustle and bustle? Need a weekend to rest and relax? I suggest a nice cross-country flight to Gillespie County Airport (T82) to enjoy the Texas Hill Country. The relaxing flight from Collin County Regional (TKI) took 3 hours in my C170, since I circumnavigated the president's ranch TFR (he was in residence). My route took us over Mexia, Cameron, Georgetown and the famous Horseshoe Bay Resort.

I tied down my airplane in front of the Hangar Hotel and checked in. The large two-story quonset hangar hotel is decorated in early 1940's style and has an old time looking switchboard in the office. They have a large porch with comfortable chairs that overlook the runway and



ramp allowing guests to watch the airport activities and beautiful Texas sunsets. The rooms are very impressive and comfortable. Once a month they have a Pilot Special rate. For more information check www.hangarhotel.com or call (830) 997-9990.

Lunch was a short walk away at the Airport Diner. This very popular restaurant has many local and fly-in customers. The restaurant and staff are dressed up like the old 1940's diners. The old-fashioned blue-plate specials and fountain treats are rather popular. They serve 8AM-4PM on weekends,

10AM-2PM on weekdays. You can reach them at (830) 997-4999.

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Message from the President

By Larry Spears

Have you or someone you know ever asked, "Why should I be an EAA National member"? There are several answers to this question. Let me bring to light a few. Have you seen the Sport Aviation Magazine? Great articles on current topics, builders tips, and great pictures (many as good as Jim Wilson's!). EAA has played a major role in working with government issues that impact all of us as private pilots. Our local chapter also benefits from your membership. Did you know EAA provides liability insurance for our chapter events? Every event we register with National HQ receives insurance coverage in case of accidents. If you are a National EAA member you are covered, if you're not....**you're NOT!** As part of the annual chapter enrollment, EAA National is asking for a roster of local members with their EAA member number and expiration date. If you have not provided this information please see David Norman at the meeting or send him an E-Mail at D-Norman1@Ratheon.com.



Poker Run Pics



Poker Run 2004

By Dick Flunker

As the dealers and run coordinator Calvin Coffey met at 8 AM there were scattered thunderstorms moving across the north Dallas area. Calvin was prepared and had airports selected and clues prepared that took the poker run to the southeast. Poker hand play sheets were sold starting at 9, with the run to be completed by 12:30. The timing was perfect. All players and the dealers made it back to TKI just prior to a thunderstorm at TKI. WingsPoint had cleared their hangar for the cookout, and we all watched the heavy rain as we enjoyed the food. I should mention that not everyone watched it rain. Chapter president Larry Spears had grill duty and he manned his task right through the downpour. The threatening weather may have kept the turnout a bit lower than recent years, but that just gave the rest of us a better chance to win. The winners were:

1st Prize - 30 gals 100LL donated by WingsPoint Aviation, and an autographed copy of "The Lucky Bastards Club - Letters to My Wife from the Left Seat" donated by Roy R Fisher and author Susan Fisher Anderson.

- won by Tom Ferraro (accepted by Jeff and Jodi Ferraro) with 3-Jacks and a 9.

2nd Prize - 20 gals 100LL donated by WingsPoint Aviation - won by Tom Mitchell with 3-Jacks and a 8.

3rd Prize - \$25 gift certificate donated by Tex-Air Parts - won by Mike Livesy with 3-10s and a Jack

4th Prize - \$25 gift certificate donated by Tex-Air Parts - won by Jim Payne with 3-8s and a 9.

Worst Hand - \$25 gift certificate donated by Aircraft Spruce & Speciality - won by Boyd Goldman with Jack-10-8 high.

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the setup and putaway, and special thanks to the dealers, cooks, and WingsPoint. The dealers were David Norman (TKI), Jeff Ferraro (TRL), Dick and Barb Flunker (F44), Andy and Sue Cowan (JWY), and Tom Mitchell (CRS). The cooks were Larry Spears and Russ Henson.

Thanks to everyone for a successful 2004 Poker Run!



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After lunch, I picked up a rental car at the Motor Pool (just north of the self-serve pumps). The car rental is \$35/day + gas for a late model Chevy Malibu, 1st 100 mi free, +\$.10/mi after, and is rather flexible on the Sunday return time. Their phone number is (830) 990-0562.

7 mi E of Fredericksburg on Hwy 290 is the Wildseed Farms. It is the largest working wildflower farm in the United States. They have a large selection of seeds, natural foods, flowers, gardening accessories and a new butterfly exhibit. The best time to view the wildflowers is April-Sept. For more information check (830) 990-1393 or www.wildseedfarms.com.

11 mi E of the Wildseed Farms is the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. They have a very enjoyable trolley tour through the park. The trolley tours LBJ's one-room schoolhouse, his boyhood home, his adult home (the "Texas White House"), his gravesite, 7000' runway, and several other dwellings on his ranch. The tour is very informative, relaxing and scenic. For more info visit www.nps.gov/lyjo.



Luckenbach

On the way back towards Fredericksburg, you just have to stop at Luckenbach to see the place made famous by "Willie, Waylon and the boys". Musicians gather for jam sessions under the huge oak trees behind the post office/bar/general store. A large chuck wagon was serving 2-alarm chili to celebrate Texas Independence Day. There is a large dance hall that regularly hosts live boot scooting music. Seemed like everyone here was just enjoying the hill country, a few beers and the free country music that seems to play on here. Check it out on www.luckenbachtexas.com.

German farmer immigrants built Fredericksburg in the 1880's. Now the town hosts a multitude of very nice shops, antique stores, restaurants, brew pubs, wineries, and the Admiral Nimitz Museum and Historical Center. There are over 2 acres of aircraft, tanks and guns on display there. Admiral Nimitz was born in a small boarding house on Fredericks-

burg's Main Street. Can't say there isn't something there to



Main Street

see for just about everybody that visits. Check out their website at www.fredericksburgtexas.com.

I definitely felt recharged and enjoyed this little vacation to the heart of Texas hill country. Hope you do too!



Protect Our Planes (POP) Gears Up for Flight Line Safety

From EAA Chapter Egram

People from around the world come to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh for primarily one purpose: to look at thousands of aircraft that converge on Wittman Regional Airport. To protect these airplanes - and spectators - the POP (Protect Our Planes) Team monitors flight line activities to make sure visitors abide by the time-tested Oshkosh rules: no smoking except in designated areas, and no food or drink within 10 feet of any airplane.

POP now seeks volunteers to join its team from Monday, July 26th the day before the convention) through Sunday, August 1st. POP patrollers must be at least 14 (ages 14-17 need a parent/guardian with them) and enthusiastic. No experience is necessary - all you need is a smile - and there's a place for people of all fitness levels. It's a great way for families and/or groups to enjoy EAA AirVenture "from the inside." If you're interested in volunteering, e-mail ProtectOurPlanes@yahoo.com or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ProtectOurPlanes>.



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EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004 is almost here!

Extractions from EAA e-Hotline

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh has always been the home of innovation, new announcements, and looking forward to what's on the horizon. That's why this year's theme, "Launching the Next Century of Flight," takes on even more meaning.

Every year much of the anticipation focuses on innovation, technology, and what will be the "next big thing." With forums and presentations, the likes of the X Prize's \$10 million race to space, Burt Rutan's leading contender SpaceShipOne homebuilt private spacecraft, and NASA's Mach 7 (soon shooting for Mach 10) aircraft X-43, there will be plenty of innovation to talk about.

An expected record number of exhibitors are coming with new technology both in the cockpit and aircraft design. EAA expects news on the rulemaking package before the start of convention, and when it comes EAA will be ready with the latest information and most learned industry and government experts at forums and the Sport Pilot Center, ready to answer questions from interested enthusiasts.

Burt Rutan to Present 'Fun at Mojave' at Theater in the Woods. Aircraft design pioneer Burt Rutan will present a very special evening program at Theater in the Woods entitled "Fun at Mojave," on Thursday, July 29, during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004. The presentation will most likely include the latest information regarding two major projects - White Knight/SpaceShipOne and GlobalFlyer - in progress at Rutan's aircraft design company, Scaled Composites, located at Mojave Airport, California.

White Knight/SpaceShipOne aims to become the first private aircraft to achieve feasible, repeatable suborbital space flight in the X Prize competition. With the GlobalFlyer, world aviation record holder Steve Fossett plans to become the first person to achieve a solo, nonstop circumnavigation without refueling, replicating the journey of Rutan's Voyager in 1986. Time of the presentation will be announced as we draw nearer to EAA AirVenture.

NASA Evening Program to Discuss the Future of Flight. Any discussion about launching the next century of flight has to include NASA. At EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004 Wednesday (July 28), Theater in the Woods hosts a special NASA evening presentation that will highlight several of the agency's projects, most notably the X-43 Hyper X aircraft and its successful Mach 7 mission over the Pacific Ocean on March 27 this year. The X-43 was the first airborne test of a supersonic combustion ramjet engine (scramjet) and is scheduled to attempt a Mach 10 flight in the fall.



Feel The Need??

From Avweb

Well, now you can clear out the garage and put together a race-bred airplane from the folks who brought you the Nemesis F-1 racer (47 victories in 50 starts, 16 world speed records). The crew has translated their racing design into the [NXT](#), a two-place speedster that will have its official unveiling at EAA AirVenture in late July.



Designers and builders Jon and Patricia Sharp say the first of the kit-derived aircraft is ready for flight-testing and they hope to have it flying at Oshkosh.

Others hope (some with good reason) that the aircraft will eventually run better than 350 mph at 20,000 feet. With computer-finessed aerodynamics, a 2200-pound all-up gross (including 500 pounds of fuel) and a Lycoming 540 up front, the NXT may be the hottest homebuilt available. The Sharps are being coy about performance data, saying they want to state the real figures and not computer projections. They were a little less shy about such predictions a couple of years ago, however, when, [according to their Web site](#), they figured the little composite taildragger would hit 400 mph at 20,000 feet. That was with a similarly husky Continental 550 howling under the cowl. Lycoming has since become a Nemesis sponsor. There's a price for all that quickness. The kit will sell for \$129,000 and the engine, prop and electronics will put it over \$200,000.



AirVenture Arrival Procedures

By Dick Flunker

Have you checked the online arrival information recently? The EAA website has commentary and several pictures of what you the pilot will see along the arrival route, and what the controllers would like to see you the pilot doing - and not doing. The first several times I flew into EAA I had difficulty identifying Fisk. These pictures certainly help - especially on a day with limited visibility. Go to www.Airventure.org and click on "Airventure Flight Arrival Procedures" button on the left.



June Board Meeting

Minutes by Dick Flunker

The monthly EAA Chapter 1246 board meeting was held at the TKI terminal on June 17, 2004. Present: Larry Spears, Calvin Coffey, David Norman, Tom Moore, and Dick Flunker. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

Newsletter Advertisements - David will contact advertisers regarding fees. Existing advertisements will be continued until the contact is made.

May 22 Fire Extinguisher Meeting – Many positive comments were received. Thanks to Roy Matheny for a job well done. The chapter funded the cost of the extinguishers used at the meeting.

June 19 Poker Run – Calvin reported his coordination status. As always, Calvin has things under control. All arrangements and prizes have been confirmed including dealers and cooks etc. Calvin has two possible routes prepared in case weather dictates one versus the other.

Meeting Schedule

7/12 - Sky Med speaker Stu Dietrick
8/12 – Dick to make a contact and confirm with Calvin.
9/9 or 10/14 – Dave Seymour is arranging a tour of the TKI hangar, with the alternate date a safety program

Flyouts

7/17 – EAA Shakedown flyout to Stephenville to the Hard 8 BBQ. If weather becomes an issue, the alternative is to Sherman for their pancake breakfast.
8/28 – Granbury for their monthly pancake breakfast – Dick will confirm date etc prior to next meeting.
Dick has a question outstanding to EAA 168 whether they intend to do another Chili cookoff, and if so what date they are targeting.

Hats/Pins etc.

- David will contact Gary regarding pin creation.
- Tom Moore will contact Roy regarding hat ordering contacts and information and proceed to get cost and order qty information.

Nomination Committee – Larry has made minimal progress. Several potential candidates were discussed and contacts will be made shortly. Nominations need to be reported to the membership at the September meeting, with the election at the October meeting.

Advisory Board – Discussion tabled until after election of new officers.

Treasury Report – Not Available.

Meeting Reminders – Tom Moore asked if purchasing an autodialer to provide meeting reminders has been considered. Following discussion it was decided to get feedback from the membership at the next chapter meeting. In the interim Tom will pursue cost estimates.



Calendar of Events

(Items in bold are Chapter 1246 events)

- July 8 Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM**
Sky Med Presentation - Stu Dietrick
CCCC, McKinney
- July 15 Officers Meeting 7:30 PM TKI Terminal
- July 17 Chapter 'AirVenture Shakedown' Fly-out**
Hard 8 BBQ
Stephenville, TX (SEP)
- July 17 EAA 323 Pancake Breakfast
Sherman, TX (SWI)
- July 24 Pancake Breakfast
Granbury, TX (GDJ)
- July 27-
Aug 2 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
www.EAA.Org
- Aug 12 Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM**
AirVenture 2004 Review - Marvin Brott
CCCC, McKinney
- Aug 19 Officers Meeting 7:30 PM TKI Terminal
- Aug 28 Chapter Fly-Out - Pancake Breakfast**
Granbury, TX (GDJ)
- Sep 9 Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM**
CCCC, McKinney
- Sep 10-11 Chapter 1094 Fall Flyin
Sulphur Springs, TX (SLR)
- Sep 11 Decatur Municipal Open House 8-3
Decatur, TX
- Sep 9-12 Reno Air Races
Reno-Stead Airport, Reno NV
- Sep 16 Officers Meeting 7:30 PM TKI Terminal
- Sep 18 Chapter 343 Air Show and Fly-in
Shreveport Downtown

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Notes/Comments/Projects:

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