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Amateur Rocketry with Jack and Suzy Sprague

Collin County Community College

7:00 PM, Pike Hall

Collin County Community College, McKinney, Texas



Amateur Rocketry

...Three...Two...One...BLAST-OFF!!! Our May 10th meeting will feature a presentation on Amateur Rocketry by Jack and Suzy Sprague.

Jack and Suzy have been flying model rockets at least as long as they have been married - and even a while beforehand in Jack's case. They are supporting members of the local rocket club, the Dallas Area Rocket Society, and of the national organizations that support rocketry in the US; the National Association of Rocketry, and the Tripoli Rocket Association.

Their presentation will explain the types of rockets, the levels of amateur rocketry, and the support available to the public for these activities through the DARS and the NAR.

Hobby rocketry ranges from the model size available at hobby stores, through high-power and amateur levels all the way up to experimental. Some examples of these types of rockets will be available for display and discussion.

The DARS supports several kinds of activities associated with rockets and rocketry. They hold a regular schedule of launches for both model and high-power rockets. DARS is also very active with outreach to the schools, scouts and youth groups in our area.

You can learn more by visiting the DARS website at:
www.DARS.org



Meet the Secretary

Name: Charles Henson



Family: Wife, JoAnn, sons, Tyler (15), and Connor (10). **Job:** Left geology to be a stay-at-home dad.
Airplane: Presently, none. Previously, Colt, Tri-Pacer, and Pacer.

Building experience: Restored Colt in 1995 and the Pacer in 2006.

How you became interested in aviation: I watched a television show that made it seem exotic and exciting.

Most memorable experience in aviation: First flight of my restored Colt.

Claim to fame?: I make a killer pot of chili. (ed. Note: Have you entered the cook-off? We love killer chili!)

Anything else we should know about you? I hope to select a "Next Project" soon. I enjoy working on them as much as flying them.



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

2007 FISH FRY A GREAT SUCCESS!

By Bob Rogers



Saturday, April 28, 2007, dawned bright and beautiful. The weather was perfect for our Annual EAA Chapter 1246 Fish Fry and everyone was ready. All the volunteers came early and pitched in to set up tables and chairs and prepare for a huge crowd, estimated at 200 or more.

Many thanks to Pete Huff for once again making his hangar available at the McKinney, Texas airport. We are especially grateful to Garry and Janne Ackerman and their team of chefs and helpers. Without them, we could not have had the fish fry. They generously provided all of the cooking equipment, drinks, and side items, such as baked beans, hush puppies, cole slaw, and curly fried potatoes and onions. Russ Henson, arranged for our fish purchase and served as master hot dog cooker (the alternative food). Jim Smith supplied the PA system and music. Mel Asberry parked airplanes and James Redmon coordinated auto parking. Sue Cowan graciously collected all the donations. Thanks to everyone who brought desserts and to all the others who helped to make the fish fry a success. Actually, this was a group effort in which almost everyone made important contributions.

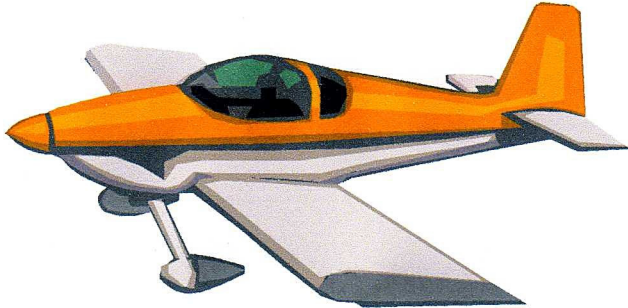
We have a wonderful group of people in our Chapter and it is events such as this that demonstrate how everyone makes a difference. Thank you for being a part of EAA Chapter 1246.

Several interesting planes showed up, including two new Diamond Star aircraft, a new light sport aircraft, and an amphibious Cessna floatplane. Interested persons got demo rides in the Diamond Star planes. We had a really good turnout, lots of excellent fried fish, and several hours of fun and fellowship. You can see more pictures of the event on page 4 of this newsletter and on our website at EAA1246.org – click on Photo Gallery.

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Chapter 1246 Annual Fish Fry



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Calendar of Events

Items in **Bold** are Chapter 1246 Events

May 4-6 Carthage, Tx (4F2)
Celebration of Flight
Contact: Shelley Caraway 903-986-0933

May 5 Henderson, Tx (F12) Breakfast Fly-In

May 10 1246 EAA Meeting TBA

May 16 7:30 Officer's Meeting TKI

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

May 16 Officer's meeting TKI 7:30 pm

**May 19 1246 Fly-out Mt. Vernon
Contact Jim Smith 214-906-7701**

May 19 Taylor, Tx (T74) Fly-In 10:00am
Food & contests!
Contact Mike Thompson

May 26 Hobart, Ok (KHBR) Aviation meet & Fly-
In Breakfast.
Contact Skeet Fixico 580-726-2719

Jun 2 Midlothian/Waxahachie, Tx (JWY)
8:00 - 11:00 am Pancake breakfast
Contact: Tammy 972-923-0080

Jun 22-23 Gardner, KS (K34)
Greater Kansas City Vintage Fly-In
Contact: Jeff Sullens 816-729-3151



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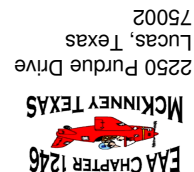
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New Member: _____ or Renewal: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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.

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