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Mel Asberry - Safety Topics



Chapter member Mel Asberry will lead an interactive discussion on various safety topics at the October meeting. Mel has many years of experience as an EAA Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor. He is a private pilot, A&P Mechanic, homebuilder, and a Designated Airworthiness Representative for the FAA. The meeting is



Oops!

**October 13, 7:00 PM, Pike Hall,
Collin County Community College, McKinney, Texas**

My Pipers

By Russ Henson

All of the articles I read document how somebody in love with



aviation from birth, eventually gains their private pilot license and then went on to own a string of exotic airplanes. I must be the exception to the rule. My interest in aviation was formed well into my working life. A television show about a couple of kids who found an old biplane in a crazy uncle's barn

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EAA1246 Chili Cookoff Saturday, October 22

By Patti Morris

Time: Chili Setup: 10 AM

Serving/Judging: 11 AM

Place: McKinney Airport (TKI)

Pete Huff's Hangar

North/West End of Airport



The hangar is #2529 at McKinney Airport. If you are flying to TKI, ask ground for directions to the west MHOA (Mow-a) hangars. If you are driving in, turn left just before the fire station, which is the first building on your left as you enter the airport. There will be signs directing where to turn and go through the security gate. Pete's hangar is on the west side near the north end. Visit our website at www.eaa1246.org and click on the link www.eaa1246.org/ktki.jpg for a detailed map to the hangar.

The theme again is **HAVE FUN!** Even though you may not consider yourself to be a good chili cook we want to make this another **fun** event so take the plunge and try your hand at fixin' a "Bit of the Red". The more cooks, the merrier!! All chili should be cooked at home and brought to the event.

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From The President

Greetings All!



I'd like to take this opportunity to let the membership know about our increased operating costs for 2006. Our meeting room costs are more than doubling to \$70 a month effective Jan 2006. This change is Collin County Community College wide. After considering other facilities in McKinney, the chapter officers have agreed that Pike Hall is our best option at this time. In the past, our chapter typically breaks even over the course of a year \pm -\$100. Our budget for next year will have a cost increase of \$440 for our meeting room.

Also, as announced at our last chapter meeting, the chapter will be promoting aviation in the community through a writing contest at a local high school. Junior level (11th) grade students will compete for a \$100 cash prize by writing a three page paper about a homebuilt plane. We will start this effort out small and if it is successful we can expand on this idea by offering it to multiple schools with multiple prizes or twice a year, etc. This program will depend on how much money our chapter activities generate above our operating expenses.

We are fortunate to have a generous, active chapter and I'd like to thank all of you for your volunteering contributions and participation at our events throughout the year. We have a lot of fun and will be finishing out this year with our annual Chili Cookoff event, a Turkey Trot Flyout, and our annual Holiday Party. For this year's Holiday Party, we will be raffling off a SR-71 Painting (pictured below) donated and signed by chapter member and Ret. Col. Richard Graham and an EAA Leather Jacket provided by National EAA's Chapter office. Funds raised for the chapter by raffling these two items (2 individual prizes) will be earmarked specifically for our additional meeting room costs and prize money for the writing contest. Raffle tickets will go on sale at the Oct. Chapter meeting and will be available at our upcoming chapter events.

Blue Skies,
Susan Wilson



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My Piper

planted the seed for me. I wanted to build and I wanted a certificated plane, so I bought several boxes of parts that were once a Piper Colt. The O-235 and tube structure were still on the gear, but everything else was in boxes. The cables were rusted through, windows were shot, the interior had mice, and a large bundle of wires hung on the yokes. But it had no rust, so I took the plunge.

I worked out of town, which left only weekends to make progress. I was fortunate to have been assisted on Sunday afternoons by Kurt Redinbaugh, an engineer and aero enthusiast, who kept an eye on me and made sure my project was a success. Thanks Kurt !!! Four years later I started flight training in *my* plane.

I bought my present plane, a PA22-20 150 Pacer west of OKC about 5 years ago. After 3 years of flying the windshield cracked in half, convincing me that the time had come to give it some attention. Fifty years of improperly used airsickness bags, and globs of grease on inaccessible places lent an aroma that I was looking forward to leaving behind.



My initial efforts were spent uncovering it and looking for those little money sucking surprises that lurk in dark places. There were a couple of surprises, but nothing that doomed the project. I have since remade cables, replaced the interior, installed an IFR stack with GPS, rebuilt the panel, replaced bungees, rewired the whole plane, installed soundproofing, and replaced about 10 pounds of misc hardware. All of the metal parts are primed and ready to paint except the brakes (which will be soon).

I received my IA's OK in July, and will start covering soon. I'm happy to report that I can no longer smell that old '63 Buick smell. Hopefully, it's because the smell is gone....





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MEMBER PROFILE

Ron Myres



Nickname: Ron

Place of Birth: Lubbock

Family: I have parents in Lubbock, as well as a brother and three nephews. In Albuquerque, I have another brother and a nephew and niece. In Murphy and in Rowlett are my sister and brother-in-law and their

daughter and her husband and my grand nephew and grand niece. And I have yet another niece, her husband and a nephew who live in Jayton.

Occupation: Aviation operations consultant

If I had the perfect job, I'd be... I think that once upon a time I did have the perfect job. Back in the late 1980's one of my duties was to find a copilot, reserve one of our "company" jets at Washington National and fly to an air show every weekend.

I fly a Cessna 310J with the Colemill IO-520 conversion. Over the years, I've added IFR GPS, a leather interior, new paint, etc. However, it looks like it's getting about time for some more refurbishing to take place. Right now, I'm keeping the plane up at Grayson County because I've been unable to get a hangar here in McKinney.

I became interested in aviation when my Dad started flying in the late 1950's.

My favorite place to eat is... This is the scenario: land at Brownsville on Saturday morning, get a car and drive to South Padre Island. Proceed north up the island to Blackbeards. It's usually very hot and humid by noon. The cool air conditioning is very relaxing and you can really start getting into the vacation mode. Order the Saturday tostado lunch special. Then go check into the hotel.

If I had a month off, I'd sail the Virgin Islands (BVI).

If money were no problem, I'd buy a 50' sailboat, anchor it in the BVI, and, oh I guess, a jet to get there.

My fantasy vacation would be, my guests would be... Well, again, I suppose a month sailing in the Virgin Islands. It would probably be politically correct to say that my guests would be all my nephews and nieces or Chuck Yeager, or Dick Rutan, or maybe Bob Hoover. However, the Swedish Bikini team would be given serious consideration.

The last book I read was *Ben Hogan's Five Lessons*; the modern fundamentals of golf.

My favorite all time book/movie is *Catcher in the Rye*; also *Wind, Sand and Stars*; *Casa Blanca*; and *Once Upon a Time in the West*

My heroes are all those in our history like Tex Johnson, who once decided that it would be cool to roll a brand new 707 on a Boeing demo flight for a bunch of spectators. His boss suspended him for a "moment" and later told him to knock it off and don't do it again. He shrugged and said, "okay." Those were the good old days.



My greatest aviation experience was... I've had several: About forty years ago, my Dad soloed me in his \$5,500 Cessna 180. One real experience was trying to fly a DC-3 load of Aggie alumni to an A&M/Texas game. The Marines gave me the DFC for flying gunship cover over one of their operations in the Ashau Valley. My first flight in a bottle-rocket Lear 24 was a kick I still remember. I flew some of the first instrument approaches to oil rigs out in the Gulf of Mexico. I flew the first (public) LORAN approach in Burlington VT. In the early 1980's, I flew the first Falcon 900 on certification flights in France. In 1990, I flew an FA-18 with the Blue Angels at El Centro.

The thing people don't know about me is I have a very short attention span.

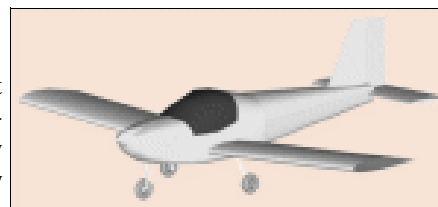
I'd like to be remembered as... Frankly, I have not come to a point to ponder this ponderous issue.



The RV-12 Is Underway!

By Dick Flunker

At the forums at Oshkosh, Van's Aircraft indicated they are working on a new airplane that falls



within the parameters of the Light Sport Category. At this time they are in the early stages of building a proof-of-concept prototype, and in a self-admitted giddy fit of originality have named it the RV-12.

The RV-12 is to be powered by a 100 hp Rotax 912S, is trailerable, has removable wings, an all-moving stabilator, and a cabin size similar to the RV-7 and RV-9 (side-by-side). Please see www.vansaircraft.com/public/rv-12int.htm#12 for design objectives and other information.



Board Meeting Minutes

By Tom Moore

The monthly EAA Chapter 1246 board meeting was held at the TKI terminal on September 14, 2005. Present: Susan Wilson, Tom Mitchell, Patti Morris, and Tom Moore. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

Fly-outs

September 17 - Fly Out to Byam Propeller
October - No Fly-out due to the Chili Cook-off.
Insurance has been confirmed for the Byam fly-out.

Monthly Meeting Programs

October is Don Saint - Air Racing
November - Bo Case - Paint and Finish .

Chili Cook-off

Preparations were discussed for the Chili Cook-off.

Community Interest

Discussions on a writing contest to be held at local schools on an aviation topic with a cash award given to the winner.



GA Safety Challenges 2005

From FAASafety.gov

General Aviation Common Safety Challenges 2005 identifies key areas of concern and provides some tips to improve your safety in the air and on the ground. To view the full document please go to website:

http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/2005-Sep/19_General_Aviation_Safety_Challenges_2005_Rev_D.pdf

This information is provided by the FAA's Small Aircraft Directorate.



HOLD THE DATE

Chapter 1246 Holiday Party - December 15

Volunteers Needed - Contact Tom Mitchell

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Pecan Plantation Fly-In (0TX1)

Oct 8, 9:30-4:00

Expect to see 100+ airplanes, so there will likely be times of heavy traffic in the area. Lunch will be served by EAA chapter 983 (for a small fee). There will be a Kids Bounce House, Patches the Clown (balloons tricks for young kids), Young Eagle rides, and a Spot landing contest (usually between 11:00 & 1:30).



Pecan Plantation Airpark has a 3600 foot paved runway 18/36 located just 3 miles SE of Lake Granbury Dam. The Frequency is 123.05. The rain date is Oct 22. Fly-In chairman is Dick Carmichael (817-573-2505) or email Rcarmichael@charter.net



Land Of Enchantment

RV Fly-in Oct 14-15 Santa Teresa, (5T6)

The 5th annual LOE RV Fly-in has moved to Santa Teresa, New Mexico, just a bit west of El Paso. If you are interested in RV's and want to have a relaxing, no-hassle weekend, head out to LOE5. In addition to seeing several hundred RV's from all parts of the US, there will be a banquet on Saturday evening at the War Eagles Museum on the field, and a raffle with some great prizes to generate funds for local charities. Check out

<http://www.landofenchantmentflyin.com/>
for additional information .



Halloween Poker Run

Saturday, Oct 15 Mesquite (HQZ)

A Halloween Poker Run is being sponsored by the Dallas 99s with Mesquite (HQZ) being the starting and ending airport, with three intermediate airports. Dressing in costume is encouraged. Prizes will be awarded for best costume as well as other categories. Lunch and safety seminars will be available after the Poker Run.



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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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