

Brazos Area Recreational Flyers Bragging and Gossip Chapter 983 Newsletter February 2008

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Chapter 983 meets every second Saturday at 10:00 am in The Houseman Hangar. N.E. corner of the runway

JANUARY MEETING NEWS

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New Chapter President Dana Segler was welcomed by the Chapter and he called the first meeting of the New Year to order. He complimented the Chapter on how well it has been run and offered the suggestion that perhaps the meetings could be shortened just a bit. Not a big deal but an area that might be improved upon.

He asked who our visitors were and **Doug Knapp** introduced himself. He's from Michigan and winters in this area. Doug started flying in 1939, was a test pilot, worked for American Airlines and retired as Chief Pilot for General Motors. Welcome Doug.

New Vice President John McComas announced that he has three meeting programs set up so far. In July, Bendix will be here displaying their avionics line. They will also host a crawfish broil afterward. As Homer would say: *Mmmm, airplane stuff and free food.* In February the folks from E-Mag will be here. They have a heck of a product which is being improved continuously and have a number of exciting things coming in the future. Also planned for later months is **Don Christianson** who will give a program on mountain flying. John also suggested we have an evening meeting (preferably in the warmer months). The program would be a presentation on the trip that he and a number of Chapter members took to Alaska this past spring. The evening hour would facilitate the viewing of photos from the trip. John also MC'd the program at this meeting which was having a number of us talk about how we got here professionally, aeronautically and personally. Do you know who our resident rocket scientist, Baptist preacher's kid, KC-135 boom operator and LSU flunkee are?

LATE FLASH Program for Feb. 9 is **William Guenon**, author of *Secret and Dangerous*. See the website for more detailed information.

New Secretary-Treasurer Debbie Dewey said that the Chapter is solvent with over \$2000 in the treasury. **Dues are Due.** Please don't make Debbie track you down. One of the most difficult jobs in the Chapter is trying to corral the herd of cats that make up those of us who just neglect to send in their dues. Do it now, please. Name badges are available from Debbie for \$9. Always try to wear yours at the Chapter meetings. If you have name loss syndrome, as I do, they are invaluable.

Debbie needs volunteers for refreshments at each monthly meeting and for the **Chapter pancake breakfast** at Granbury on **March 22**. Call her to help. Thanks to **John and Suzette McComas** for refreshments this time.



Seen at Fall 2007 Fly-In

Spring Fly-In Scheduled

Doug Crumrine has graciously offered to ramrod the Spring Fly-In again. He did a fine job this past fall and will be calling upon us for help. Say yes. It's tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in May.

Aviation Day at the Pecan Activities Center

At our last few Fly-In's, **Jim Cotter** has set up several flight simulators in the hangars and they have been wildly popular with the kids and a number of adults as well. He told us that he has built several modular units for those Sims that will make them seem even more realistic.

He and his Sims will be at a new event called Aviation Day at the Pecan Activities center. What was originally conceived as a small outing for the kids has morphed into a large event. He will be joined by other displays, a trailered in full size helicopter sim and food will be available. This will be indoors with CAP volunteers to assist.

Jim has asked us to support him by attending. He also requested interested parties to help him monitor the sims because he's not able to give each visitor enough attention. Aviation Day will be March 15th. Please come and help make it a great event.

Ray Nasypany had the only project report. He's making great strides and hopes to be flying this spring.

Young Eagles Program

Karen Tucker had this report on the Chapter's accomplishments in the Young Eagles program. Since the inception of the Young Eagles in 1992, we have flown 2,174 youngsters. This has been done through the generous contributions of 72 Chapter pilots. Here's a list of those with more than fifty YE notches on their belt. **D.R. Bales, Gene Chiappe, Larry Henney, Marv Jensen, Gene Keyt, Roger Lessard, Bonnie Lewis, Bill Mainord, Dave Moore (original Young Eagles Chairman), Margaret Siedschlag, Paul Siedschlag, Doug Steen, Sid Tucker, Roe Walker, Bruce Wilson and Steve Wilson.** Thank you to a great group of folks.

Website Update

Web and Newsletter Editor Bill Eslick received a suggestion from **Ben Wilson** asking if we might start a Chapter Forum on our website. It would provide us with an opportunity to share knowledge, supplies, rumors and anything else we'd like to talk about. He invites your input. Chapter members Gene Chiappe and Les Staples recounted stories about how they spent weeks searching Trade-A-Plane, E-Bay and other places looking for parts for their planes. Just by chance each found those pieces after mentioning it through casual conversation with neighbors. A forum would have saved each of them a whole lot of time and \$.

It was a great first meeting of 2008. It's going to be another great year.

Oh yeah, Ed Brown, Dana Segler, Suzette McComas and Don Saint. (Ed Note: whatever that means.)

(Many thanks to Damon Berry for taking these notes!)



John McComas Vice President

One of the more fascinating aspects of an EAA Chapter is the wide variety of life experiences we find among our members. We are all connected by the aviation thread but took different paths to get here. John's introduction to flying came from the U.S. Navy where he flew several a/c including the A-4 and was a Vietnam veteran.

After the military, the business world called and the next thirty years saw him working with the Standard Register Co. of Dayton and retiring from them while living in Sacramento.

John cites his work with a California non-profit organization, Walden Environment, as his "most rewarding volunteer endeavor". Walden provides group and foster homes to level 5 abused and neglected children. He's rightly proud that during his tenure, they grew from 6 group homes to 17 group and 346 foster homes. In addition to serving as VP at Walden he was a past VP with the Aerospace Museum of California and is affiliated with Women in Aviation.

A nationwide search for a residential airport brought he and wife Suzette to Pecan. Suzette is a professional pilot who has been in the Utah Guard, currently flies a CRJ for Pinnacle Airlines and is awaiting her class date with Southwest.

John is a self-professed "Beechcraft guy" and has a very nice Baron in the hangar. Not surprisingly, it is surrounded by evidence of a wide variety of interests. A couple of ultra lights, a very fast looking ski boat, a race car and motorcycle point to a life of energy, motivation and participation.

(Next month, our new Sec-Treas.)

Member Forum is up!

The screenshot shows the EAA983 Member Forum interface. At the top, there's a blue header with the EAA logo and navigation links: Home, Forum, Sign Up, and Member Login. Below the header, the main content area is titled "EAA983 Member Forum". On the left, there's a "Discussion Boards" section with a table listing various boards. On the right, there's a "Search" bar and a "Forum Tags" section.

Discussion Boards	Topics/Posts	Last Post
General Discussion General Discussion for 'eaa983.org'	4 Topics 12 Posts	NAV-12 or NAV-122 (View) Date: Jan 17, 08 11:15 AM By: Les
Technical Discussion	0 Topics 0 Posts	
Training and Flying	1 Topics 1 Posts	Aerobatic "Trainer" Wanted (View) Date: Jan 16, 08 6:29 AM By: YoungerNotWiser
Building Issues	0 Topics 0 Posts	

You, the members have spoken, and as a result, our very own EAA983 Forum is now available on the website.

Please take a minute to sign in and become a member so that you can post new topics and reply to those messages already posted. This is a process most forums use to keep unauthorized users from taking advantage of the system.

We will begin in an un-moderated mode and see if y'all can behave. If not, a couple of you might expect a call asking you to be moderators. It's just so much easier if your posts can go directly to the board. Enjoy!

NAME* _____ NATIONAL EAA NUMBER _____
 SPOUSES OR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS NAME* _____ EAA NUMBER _____
 STREET* _____ YEAR JOINED NATIONAL _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP* _____ YEAR JOINED CHAPTER _____
 HOME PHONE* _____ WORK PHONE _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS* _____ (PLEASE!)
 ARE YOU A (X if applicable) CFI ___ A&P ___ AI ___ GOOD OL' BOY ___
 INTERESTED IN HOLDING A CHAPTER OFFICE? YES ___ NO ___
 I WILL RECEIVE MY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: BY U.S. MAIL ___ OVER THE CHAPTER WEBSITE ___

AIRPLANE INFORMATION*

Make/Model	Category	Year	Status	Based At
(Cessna/T18)	(Standard/Exp)	(1995)	(Flying/Building)	(Pecan/Nassau)

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION/RENEWAL AND A CHECK FOR \$20 TO EAA CHAPTER 983, P.O. BOX 5191, GRANBURY, TX 76049 OR GIVE MONEY AND THIS FORM TO DEBBIE DEWEY.
 Members need to pay dues by 31 Jan. 2008 in order to maintain membership status and continue receiving chapter newsletter.

▲ One last chance to re-up before “Vinnie and the boys” come calling. ▲



Light Chop
 (things to “bump” your brain)

- January 2, 2008 - Dateline: Granbury, TX

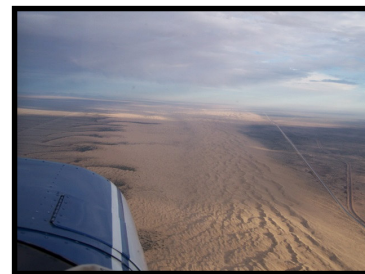
Damon Berry earns CFI reinstatement and adds Instrument-Airplane Instructor in same day. - Damon Berry passed his check ride to reinstate his CFI from years earlier

and becomes a CFII with a second check ride. Congratulations Damon! Thanks to Don Saint for recommending him and spending several hours on the ground and in-flight to spool him up.

- January 2, 3754 - Dateline: Deep Space

Very funny, Scotty. Now beam up my clothes.

- 50 points to Gryffindor if anyone can identify this lonely stretch of air. (If you don't get that, congratulations. You have a life.) E-mail your guesses to webguy@eaa983.org.



Bob and Judy Avery's grandson Julian 'Juju' Avery has passed away. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor (medulloblastoma) in March of 2007, as you were probably aware if you followed his treatment online at www.juliansworld.org. He was four and a half years old. After his service on Jan. 24th, they released hundreds of yellow balloons (his favorite color).

If you are so led, the Averys noted that donations could be made to:
 Cook Children's Hospital in Fort worth (www.cookchildrens.org) or to
 Make A Wish Foundation (<http://www.wish.org/>) or to
 Give Kids the World (www.gktw.org) --- in Julian Avery's name.



Gearhead History

ANYBODY REMEMBER “SMOKEY” YUNICK?

There has been some discussion lately of HCCI technology (Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition Engines). These engines combine the advantages of gas and diesel engines, whereby a mixture of gasoline air and recycled exhaust are ignited spontaneously as in a diesel engine, resulting in lower peak temp, low nitrous oxide emissions and a 15 to 20 % increase in fuel economy. They require high compression or intake heating.

About 30 years ago a guy named Smokey Yunick built a V-2 from part of a small block Chevy. It had a small turbo to maintain positive inlet pressure and the exhaust system strung through the inlet manifold. It was mounted in an old Mercury Capri. It would pull away from a stop at near zero RPM in top gear. It had the Capri carb. Got great mileage. Never detonated. Was quiet. GM engineers drove it with him in the seat beside them. One couldn't believe that the exhaust system was coiled inside the intake, so he put his hand on it and burned himself comprehensively.

Smokey was paid to work on various projects for GM. This car and engine were not on the GM list, and was all Smokey's ideas. He wanted to maintain control of the idea, and GM wanted to buy it outright. So instead of buying a license from Smokey and being the top of the heap today, GM shoved the pistol down behind their belt buckle and pulled the trigger.

Smokey disassembled the engine and crushed the car. The superheated intake idea and its refined effective systems died with Smokey. And still the struggle goes on to achieve what has been done so long ago. http://www.fireballroberts.com/smokey_yunick1.htm

My thanks to Lynn Hanover for this info.

New Arrival



Speaking of smoking', check out the beautiful new paint scheme on this little number.

Proud parents are **Tom and Bonnie Lewis**.



If you would like your pride and joy featured here, just shoot me a photo.

CLASSIFIEDS

Hartzell C/S with spinner and governor. IO or O-360. Certified and current, 800 hrs.TT. \$3500 Sam Tillman 817 326-6293. saber@itexas.net

1944 PT-19. 1070TT, 325 SMOH, Electrical system, starter, Garmin GNC 300, GPS/COM. Mode C, Canopy for all-weather flying, Ceconite 101 in 1991, All logbooks and support equipment. Flies like a Cub! \$69K Tom 817 579-1850

For Sale F.8L Falco TTAF 230; SMOH 230. Italian design – looks great, flies fast, based 0TX1. Plans built excellent construction. IO-320 Lycoming, 8.5 g/hr, cruise @ 155 kt, aerobatic design loads. **\$85,000.** Contact Roy Henderson @ 206.399.6980 or ifraviator@aol.com.

Exxon Elite Aircraft Oil. I am now a distributor. It sells for \$48.00 per 12 quart case. It has the best ratings for both wear protection and corrosion prevention. I am donating the profits from sales to the Dennis N. Polen educational foundation. Contact Dick Keyt 817-279-7590 flykeyts@charter.net

1/4 Share 1979 Cessna 172N. Annual completed in November 2007. Based at Pecan. \$10,000.00 or reasonable offer. Mike Bradley 817-279-9359

For Rent: Brand new contemporary home with open floor plan, 3-bed, 2-bath + office with 2-car deep garage on Briars Court, PP. Excellent landscaping, granite, gas fireplace, etc. Non smoking, **\$1,625** + Security Deposit. Please phone John McComas @ 817.736.



Calendar of Events

Feb 9	Chapter Meeting - <i>Secret & Dangerous</i> by William Guenon	Pecan Plantation, TX (0TX1)
Feb 23	Pancake Breakfast	Granbury Airport, TX (KGDJ)
Mar 8	Chapter Meeting - Mountain Flying with Dr. Don Christiansen	Pecan Plantation, TX (0TX1)
Mar 15	Aviation Day at the Pecan Activities Center	Pecan Plantation, TX (0TX1)
Apr 8-14	Sun-N-Fun Fly-In	Lakeland, FL

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