



Brazos Area Recreational Flyers **Bragging and Gossip** EAA Chapter 983 Newsletter JULY 2007

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

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June Chapter Meeting at Matlocks Ranch

Once again, our June Chapter meeting was held at Jim and Pam Matlock's Ranch, located about 3 miles Northeast of Pecan. It's always a pleasant change from the hangar meeting and gives us an opportunity to fly in, relax, fly RC airplanes and enjoy the country atmosphere. In the pics you can see Jim's new O-360 powered RV 4, some of the crowd that enjoyed the Matlock's hospitality, a few of the ships that flew in and a darn fine picture of Pam and Jim and Jim's hat!



More Matlocks...



Dyess Big Country Airfest

For several years now there has been a terrific Fly-In/Airshow/Car Show at the Abilene Regional airport (ABI) it has a small town feel but like the successful SWRFI it has been increasing in size and scope.

This year Dyess AFB has combined its military Open house with the Big Country show. It should be a great collaboration with static displays and fly-by's to augment the Airshow. The car show, which is held on the airport property, is an interesting diversion from a day full of airplanes. To top this off, it's all free.

Flying in is as easy as can be. Half of the airport is given over to the Fly-In activities and the folks in the control tower are helpful and understanding of our rustiness when it comes to dealing with controlled airports.

Don't miss it. Check the website: www.bigcountryairfest.org . See you there.

From the Right Seat: CHIP MULL

Vice President Chip has been very active in getting some very interesting programs for us in the coming months. Here's what he has to say about the future presentations:

"July will be E-Mag, August will "hopefully" be Cub month. I have a friend " (Dr. David Coates) restoring a J-3 I hope is finished in time to bring it and show his work. September is Dallas Air Salvage. October is the fly-in and November may be another Dallas Air Salvage presentation. He has several very interesting programs."

JULY Chapter Meeting Program: Representative from E-Mag

Polen Update

As most of you know, the troublesome landing gear on Dick Keyt's Polen Special caused a very expensive and time consuming mishap a while back. Dick has been in Oshkosh mode for months now, trying to repair it for the AirVenture Race. A number of neighbors and friends have offered their help to speed along the project. Pictures are worth a whole bunch of words and the enclosed ones point out the scope of the job. The two fellows with Dick are magazine representatives here to do a story on the Polen for a German publication.



Maintaining Your Aircraft Windows

When I say I never wash my aircraft windows, what I really mean is that an occasional fresh water rinse can sometimes do the job. The key to washing your aircrafts windows is to minimize the amount of physical contact with the acrylic surface. By doing this you can greatly reduce the formation of those fine scratches that are the result of frequent and unnecessary abrasive rubbing. If the surface of the acrylic plastic has been properly maintained, then a smooth non-static surface exists and a simple water rinse may be all that's necessary.

However, on those occasions when only elbow grease will do, then good preparation and the use of appropriate emulsifiers and solvents is necessary. *(Mike Williaford swears that a quick application of MEK will remove overspray and smoke residue from a Bonanza windshield safely. Don't ask, it's a whole 'nother story)* Thoroughly rinse the windows with fresh water and use your bare hands to gently wipe away any stubborn residue. When the surface is smooth to the touch, with no debris or dried "bug squeezings" left, clean it with a mild soap and a 100% cotton flannel cloth saturated with fresh water. At no time should acrylics be rubbed dry, doing so creates scratches. It also allows a static charge to build up that attracts more abrasive particulates.

After completing the soap and water wash, pat the windows dry with a damp cotton flannel or real chamois cloth. When the surface is thoroughly dry, polish with an acrylic approved cleaner/polish applied with longitudinal strokes. Never rub the surface in a circular manner because this creates surface spirals and cause annoying glare.

To further protect the transparency (windshield) from aging, you should avoid placing objects, especially vinyl objects, on the glare shield. It can promote crazing. Items made of other plastics release plasticizers when they are exposed to heat and sunlight. When these items are in close proximity to transparencies they can easily damage the acrylics. Cleaning and waxing the surface will make it easier to remove subsequent debris and will also promote a static free finish. The final result will be a pristine and well protected surface that provides lasting results for years to come.

Ed. note: I stole this article from an aviation magazine. I just don't remember which one, who wrote it, what my name is or where I live.

Notices to Airmen

- FLIR pods on your RV? Forward looking infrared systems may be coming to your neighborhood. EFIS went from Gulfstreams and million dollar price tags to the panels of almost every new experimental built today. Can FLIR be far behind? There's a \$100,000 system available for your a/c right now.
- Up until 10 years ago, certified GA a/c were appreciating at an average rate of 5% a year. With few exceptions (Aeronca Champ and Grumman Tiger the most notable) the last ten years have seen just the opposite. Anyone have any data on homebuilts?
- ANR Headset shootout. Between Sennheiser HMEC 460, Lightspeed Thirty 3G, David Clark X11, Bose Headset X and Telex Stratus 50-D. Who won? Umm, the thousand dollar one.
- Just a reminder: The Chapter owns or has members who own just about every tool you can think of. They welcome your using them. If you need something, check the list on the website or call Gary Bricker. It doesn't matter what it is, someone has it.
- Want to see a heck of a video? Visit YouTube and search out the 1991 Reno Air Races prop failure.
- The newsletter is short this month because... Well, it just is.
- All of our Meeting programs are terrific but the ones by Air Salvage of Dallas are particularly fascinating. They have dozens of interesting tales of salvage and recovery. They've been from the bottom of lakes and oceans to the tops of mountains. Don't miss any of them.

There are certain aircraft sounds that can only be heard at night or over large bodies of water.



Calendar of Events

July	14	Chapter Meeting	Housemans Hangar, Pecan Plantation (0TX1)
	23-29	Osh Kosh	Whitman Field, (OSH)
August	11	Chapter Meeting	Housemans Hangar, Pecan Plantation (0TX1)
	17-19	Dyess/Big Country Airfest	Abilene, TX (KABI) www.bigcountryairfest.org
September	8	Chapter Meeting	Housemans Hangar, Pecan Plantation (0TX1)
	12-16	Reno Nat'l Championship Air Races	Reno, Nev. www.airrace.org
	22-23	CAF 50 th Anniv. Airshow	Midland, TX. (MAF) www.airshow.org
	29	Hilltop Lakes Annual Fly-In	Hilltop Lakes, TX (0TE4)
October	13	Chapter Meeting	Housemans Hangar, Pecan Plantation (0TX1)

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