

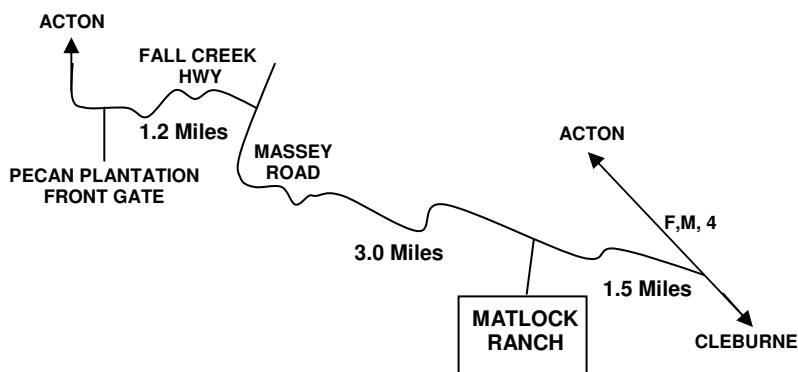
Brazos Area Recreational Flyers Bragging And Gossip

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NEXT PROGRAM IS:

**ATTENTION!!! – THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
JUNE 11 AT 10 AM AT JIM MATLOCK’S FIELD. WE WILL HAVE
HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS AND RC AIRPLANE
DEMONSTRATIONS. FLY-IN OR DRIVE IN FOR THIS EVENT.**



**MATLOCK RANCH HAS A 3000' TURF RUNWAY LOCATED 056° – 5.5 SM FROM PECAN
PLANTATION**

SPRING FLY-IN A GREAT SUCCESS



FLY-IN VISITOR, A COLORFUL RV-8A

The EAA Chapter 983 Spring Fly-in under the leadership of member Hal Dean was a tremendous success. Dean estimated that over 500 people attended the all-day event on Saturday, May 7th. There were almost one hundred airplanes on display and about sixty-five of those were visiting Pecan Plantation. Hamburgers and hotdogs along with chips, soft drinks, and delicious homemade cookies were served and the crowd apparently enjoyed the fare. After 300 hamburgers were cooked and there was a line still waiting, a fast trip was made to Pecan Foods for fifty more hamburgers. These were soon

gone, along with 200 hotdogs. Gary Bricker coordinated the food service and many volunteers worked in this area. Proceeds from the food sales support our Air Academy attendees and other Chapter activities.

As always, safety is the most important aspect of our Fly-ins, and things went well in this area. Jim Kucholtz, who was assisted by a cadre of experienced chapter members, coordinated ground operations. All parking and aircraft movement was handled very well. With the large number of aircraft present, it was a challenge for the ground crew to place the planes in a timely and efficient manner.

Jason Hutchinson, who was also assistant fly-in leader, directed the Chapter 983 ritual Spot Landing Contest. There were numerous participants in the contest, and as usual there were some landings that were real close to the line and some that were closer to Glen Rose. The outcome was a mixture of 'deja vue' (Don Saint won second place again) and a new twist. That new twist



SID TUCKER IS CLOSE IN SPOT LANDING

was that a visitor in a new kind of airplane won first place. He is Ed Bandy from Mansfield and he was flying the new LSA eligible Thorp 211 Sky Scooter. We will try to get Ed to come to a future meeting and tell us about this neat airplane that is produced in Dallas.

Gene Keyt did a great job in putting together rides for about one hundred fly-in visitors. The riders included both adults and young people. Chapter pilots who sprung for fuel, airplane time, and their own labor were Steve Wilson, Roe Walker, Margaret Seidschlag, Paul Seidschlag, Sid Tucker, Dick Keyt, Hal Dean, Joe Sasser, Don Saint, and Bonnie Lewis. This is no small

expense for these people and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. This activity is very popular with the local folks, and the Chapter as well as the Airpark community benefits tremendously from it.

Jackie Bricker, along with some helpers, staffed the kid's play area. This is an important function because it gives the small children something to do and thereby minimizes their potential exposure to hazards in the aircraft parking area.

Ray Nasypany and a group performed the setup and teardown activities. These are the first people to arrive and the last to leave at every fly-in.

All things considered, this was a great and very successful fly-in. Steve Wilson will have a report on the income and expenses at a future meeting, and it won't be long before we get the opportunity to do it all again at the Chapter 983 Fall Fly-in. When you see Hal Dean, be sure to tell him thanks for a job well done.



AVIAT HUSKY AMPHIBIAN



GARY BRICKER ASSISTS RIDERS

Message from the Chapter President



JAY PRATT WITH FIRST FLIGHT JACKET

Chapter 983 member Jay Pratt was presented with a somewhat belated First Flight Jacket at the recent Spring Fly-in. Although Jay has built or participated in the construction of about twenty homebuilt aircraft, this jacket was for a Northstar that he completed in April of 2004. Hard as it is to believe, we had a management oversight problem and failed to get Jay his jacket at the last Christmas Party. Congratulations to Jay on the successful completion of his Northstar.

Speaking of management, Chapter Officer elections are not that far away and we will be looking for a few good people to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If anyone has an interest in any of these jobs, please let me know. We have an obligation to the EAA National to fill these four positions in order to maintain our Chapter Charter.

The June meeting should be a lot of fun. It will be held at Jim Matlock's Ranch and Dave Christman is working to get some R/C airplane demonstrations. We will also have lunch.

Note: We still have an opening for Newsletter Editor. Surely we have someone out there interested in picking up this vital position. If so, please contact me and I will help you get started.

Hope to see you all at the June meeting, and thanks for all that you do...Dick Jones

DAVID RAFFA SELECTED TO ATTEND 2005 ADVANCED AIR ACADEMY



**AIR ACADEMY CANDIDATE
DAVID RAFFA**

With the help of Chapter member Marty Sidener, Chapter 983 has an outstanding young man to send to the Advanced Air Academy in Oshkosh in July. David Raffa has been selected by the Chapter Board to be this year's attendee. David is an eighteen-year-old Pecan Plantation resident and is a 2005 graduate of Granbury High School.

David will receive round trip airfare along with paid tuition to the nine-day aviation related educational camp. Proceeds from Chapter Fly-ins are used to make this program available to area young people with an interest in aviation.

David will enter Texas Tech this fall on an Air Force ROTC Scholarship and will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

FOR SALE or TRADE

Yamaha Golf Cart and Small Sailboat – Golf Cart is in good condition and has brand new batteries-\$1200 OBO; Grumman “Teenee” aluminum 9 Ft. Sail Boat and trailer. Includes sails and 1.2 HP engine-\$950 OBO, Contact Jean Houseman at 817-579-1913

¼ Interest – 1979 C172N (N3135E), 3400TT, 1450+ 180HP Penn Yan Engine, Dual Radios, ADF, Mode C Transponder, Lowrance Airmap 500 Yoke Mount GPS, Intercom. \$11,500.00. Contact Mike Bradley, 817-279-9359, p_bradley@charter.net.

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

Fisher Avenger project All wood low-wing. Cute, honest design. Can be built in ultralight cat. Complete kit. Fuse boxed. Ribs completed. Some feathers completed. Name your price - no offer refused. Come & Get it. Call Rich Chiappe w 817-573-2250 or h 817-579-1641.

7GCAA Citabria, 1950 TTAF, 295 SFOH. Stits in 96, new factory metal wings in 2002. GPS, XPNDR w/encoder, intercom, 8.50 X 6 tires, 8.5 in and out. \$59,500 OBO. Richard. RLOVE32537@aol.com

Cleaning out Dads shop: Craftsman 16 gal. Shop Vac w/all attachments. Used once. \$95. Damon Berry 578-3358

Hanger Space Needed - Moving to Pecan with a Falco 8L (27' Span low-wing). Would like to rent some hanger space. Roy Henderson 206-399-6980, ifraviator@cox.net.

Power Tow EZ-40 very good condition, low TT, NDH, \$350. **Small refrigerator.** Perfect for drinks in the hangar. Like new: \$100. Contact David Guinn at 817-279-7186 or Quinti@aol.com

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