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April 2024

President's Message

Steve West

Spring has arrived, and AirFest is rapidly approaching. Much planning and coordinating have been done by the AirFest committee led by our own Steve Krazer. He is leading a group including representatives from Dyess, Abilene Airport, Control Tower personnel, Civil Air Patrol, and others.

Another one of our members, Charlotte Rhodes, has taken on the job as Air Boss, (and I define this in a very simplistic fashion) having the responsibility of conducting the airshow in the designated airspace in a safe manner. Having been a participant in the meetings I am in awe of the skills that each of them display in the preparation of this event.

Our chapter will share in the aerial festivities by hosting the EAA Tri-Motor on May 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. I will be circulating a signup sheet for those willing to help out with the Tri-Motor on those dates. Depending on how many tickets are sold, we might be looking at a couple of 4-hour shifts per day with 4 people per shift. Instructions will be provided. Please volunteer if you can! I enjoyed the experience during the 2017 visit.

There will be opportunities to help out during AirFest on Saturday, May 4th as well. I'll keep you informed as details emerge.

As part of our breakfast activities this Saturday, we get to celebrate the accomplishments of one of our fellow members, Charlie Ross. He will receive the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, which recognizes at least 50 years of flight experience. Congratulations!

On a more somber note, I've included some news concerning another of our members, Chuck Miller, from Eddie Eichler:

This is from Chuck Miller's son Cody. I have been in contact with Cody for several months keeping Cody up to date on his father's progression of memory loss or Alzheimer's disease.

I'm happy to let you know that I was able to get my dad, Chuck Miller, into a place in Lubbock that is really going to be great for him!

I'm sure he'd love to hear from folks from time to time, and cards would be most welcome too! Thanks for what you've meant to him and to our family.

Chuck Miller

6556 43rd Street #205

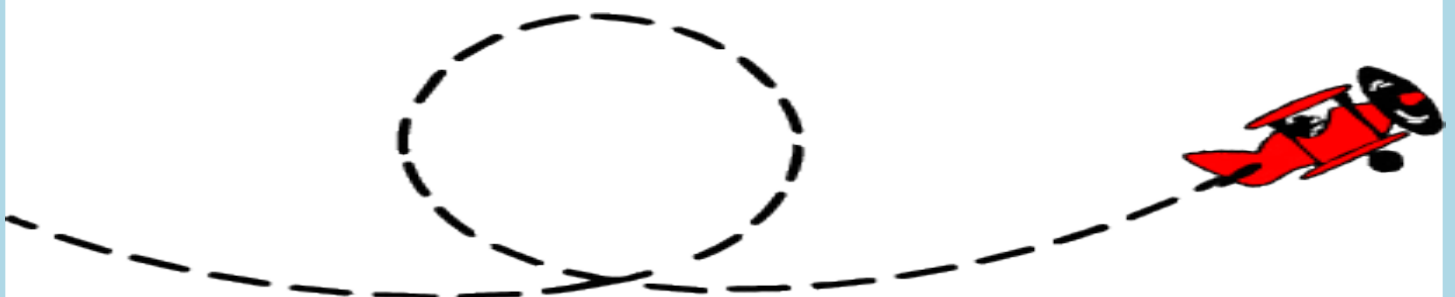
Lubbock, Tx. 79407

Keep the Miller family in your thoughts and prayers!

See y'all Saturday!

An Open Invitation from your Newsletter Editor in Chief and her Family

To anyone in Chapter 471 heading down this way to and/or from Sun N Fun either by car or by plane and need a place to stop, stretch, get fuel, or stay overnight...we welcome you! We have a comfortable guestroom and hangar space, and golf cart use, all at our home located right next to the airport. 66Y has fuel, basic FBO, and a couple of restaurants within a golf cart drive from the airport. We'd love to offer you a nice place to make a stop as you head that way or make your way back.



Monthly Meeting and Breakfast for the Month of April



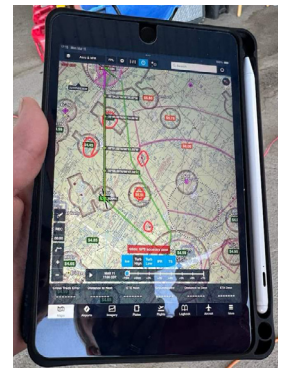
Topics Discussed / Notes from Meeting

- * First I would like to congratulate David Bradshaw and Bobby Richardson on receiving Chapter Service Awards.
 - * EAA Chapter 471 50th Celebration Suggestions..... (July)
 - * Potluck Dinner
 - * Smoked Pulled Pork
- Any other suggestions are welcome!



Achievements turn into Bigger Achievements for EAA Chapter 471 Member Dawson Mullins

Congratulations to Dawson Mullins who not only received a chapter service award but also completed his solo cross-country flight from Abilene to Wichita Falls then on to Graham then back to Abilene. This is one BIG step closer to getting his pilot's license. As a friend to Dawson and a member of Chapter 471, I am very proud of you as the whole chapter is as well I'm sure. Keep up the great work!



And the Celebration Continues.....

Congratulations to Alex Nicholls on earning his Private Pilot on March 5th. Awesome job Alex.





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History of the Ford Trimotor

Henry Ford revolutionized transportation with his iconic Model T "Tin Lizzie" from 1909 to 1926, mobilizing millions of Americans. But his innovation didn't stop there. Recognizing the potential of air travel post-World War I, Ford introduced the Tri-Motor, designed by Bill Stout and affectionately known as the "Tin Goose," aimed at creating a new market for airline travel.

With its three engines and passenger-focused features like enclosed cabins, Ford's Tri-Motor addressed concerns about reliability and comfort, challenging the skepticism of pilots accustomed to open cockpits. From 1926 to 1933, Ford Motor Company produced 199 Tri-Motors, with EAA's model 4-AT-E being a standout, first flying in 1929 and later becoming the flagship of Eastern Air Transport, precursor to Eastern Airlines.

EAA's Tri-Motor's journey didn't end there. It ventured to Cuba, served the Dominican Republic, and underwent various transformations in the United States — from crop dusting to firefighting to carrying smoke jumpers. Surviving a harrowing thunderstorm in 1973, the Tri-Motor was eventually restored by EAA staff, volunteers, and Ford Tri-Motor operators nationwide after an intensive 12-year effort.

Its triumphant return to the sky in 1985 at the EAA fly-in convention marked a new chapter.

Displayed briefly in the EAA Aviation Museum, the Tri-Motor resumed its mission of enchanting passengers on annual tours across the United States, embodying the spirit of innovation and resilience that defined Henry Ford's legacy.



Big Country AirFest 2024

Women in Aviation

Get ready for AirFest 2024 coming up on Saturday, May 4th (also known as “Star Wars Day.... May the Fourth be with you!”) The theme of this year’s AirFest is “Women in Aviation. Gate admission and parking are FREE!

As in years past, the primary attraction at this year’s show will be the ability of attendees to purchase a flight on a variety of vintage aircraft.

These include the EAA’s 1929 Ford Tri-Motor and the WWII B-25 “Devil Dog”.

Selected other aircraft may also be offering flights. To book your flight, go to www.bigcountryairfest.org and head over to the “Performers” page. Click on the Ford Tri-Motor or the B-25 photos and you will be taken to their respective registration pages.

The Ford Tri-Motor will be offering flights from Thursday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 5th. The B-25 will offer flights Friday, May 3rd, and Saturday, May 4th.

In addition to offering vintage aircraft flights, we have a great airshow planned! We’ll have performances by a WWII P-40, an SB2C, Spanky Galloway in his Extra 300, Mark Mastren in his “Super Stearman”.... and crowd favorite, Ron Cain, in his de Havilland Chipmunk. There will also be flybys by several military aircraft... including a B-1B and C-130J from Dyess Air Force Base.

There will be a variety of static display aircraft from home-builts to restored classics....

And who knows what. It’s always easier to list the variety of static displays the day after AirFest.... Because a lot of pilots/aircraft just show up!

Be prepared to enjoy a variety of great food, great fun, and a day designed to entertain the whole family. The gate will open at 9 am Saturday, May 4th. See you there!

For additional information go to www.bigcountryairfest.org



Cisco Municipal Airport Burger Burn Fly - in for their New FBO

Come join us as we celebrate the opening of the Cisco Municipal Airport FBO. Airspace Auctions will be hosting a Fly-in and Burger Burn on Saturday, April 27th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Fly or drive, either way, we'd love for you to come join us for a burger and to view the new facility. Head on over to our Facebook page to let us know if you'll be coming, or you can respond to this email. Fly-In and Burger Burn | Facebook We hope to see you there!



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The Homebuilders of Chapter 471

Progress Reports

Builder: Raymond Jornd
Aircraft: RV - 10



Prepping one of the elevator skins for primer.

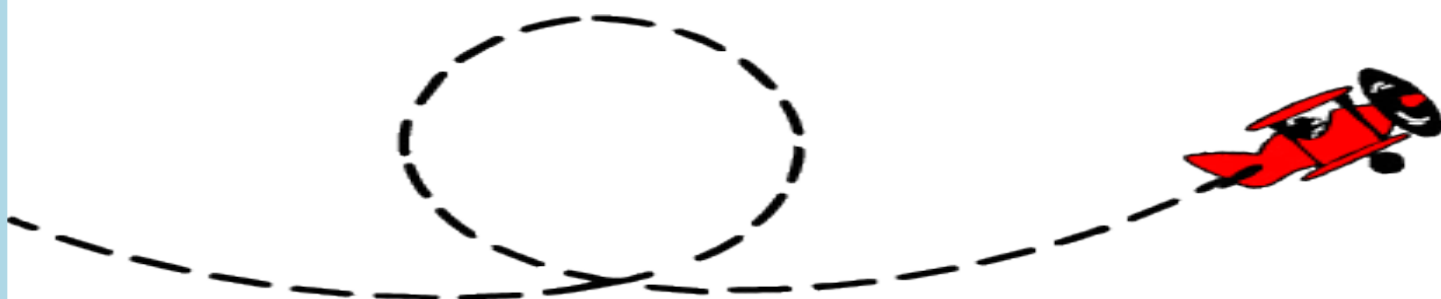


Working on building the horizontal stabilizer.....

Builder: Benjamin Whiford
Aircraft: Zenith CH650B
Engine: Viking 150
Build Start: September 2021
Current Build Hours: 550



The last 2 months I have spent focusing on installing the engine fuel lines and electrical system. It appears I was successful because on March 30th I started my Viking 150 for the first time. In celebration, I had my N number placed on the tail! Another set of major milestones accomplished! Next step will be cowl and canopy.





Webinars

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EAA WEBINARS SCHEDULE

April Webinars

Date	Time	Title	Presenters
4/2/24	7 p.m. CDT	The Van's RV	Chris Henry & Dick VanGrunsvan
4/3/24	7 p.m. CDT	Ending the War on Jugs	Mike Busch
4/17/24	7 p.m. CDT	Fueling VFT - Learning from Mistakes to Prevent a Tragedy	Keith Clark
4/18/24	7 p.m. CDT	Mr. Bearhawk's Wild Ride: A Surprise Encounter With Extreme Turbulence	Russ Erb & Karl Major
4/24/24	7 p.m. CDT	Four Ways to Save Fuel, Time, and Money With Better Flight Planning	Andy Matthews

May Webinars

5/1/24	7 p.m. CDT	Borescope Initiative	Mike Busch
5/8/24	7 p.m. CDT	Slip Slidin' Away - All About Uncoordinated Flight	
5/22/24	7 p.m. CDT	Solid Edge Synchronous and Ordered Modeling	Doug Stainbrook
5/29/24	7 p.m. CDT	Building Your Dream Airport	Gary Stevens

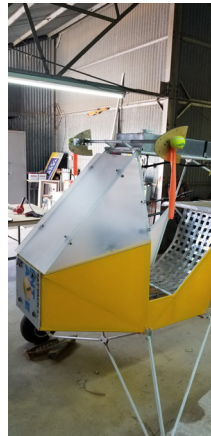
If you are interested in any of these webinars you can register for them by clicking the link below.

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Flight Schedule of Events


January	February	March	April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/13/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/10/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 2/12/24 VMC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/9/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4/6/24 - 4/7/24 The Great Texas Airshow 4/9/24 - 4/14/24 Sun N Fun 4/13/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 4/13/24 - 4/14/24 Fort Worth Air Power Expo 4/15/24 VMC 4/26/24 - 4/27/24 WASP Homecoming 4/27/24 - 4/28/24 Guardians of Freedom Airshow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5/4/24 Big Country AirFest 5/11/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 5/25/24 Breckenridge Airshow 5/26/24 National Paper Airplane Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/8/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting International Young Eagles Day 6/10/24 VMC
July	August	September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7/13/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 7/22/24 - 7/28/24 Airventure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8/10/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 8/12/24 VMC 8/19/24 National Aviation Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/14/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9/18/24 Air Force Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/4/24 - 10/6/24 Ranger Flyin 10/12/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 10/14/24 VMC 10/26/24 - 10/27/24 Wings Over Houston 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/9/24 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 11/2/24 - 11/3/24 Alliance Airshow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/16/24 VMC

In The Bat Cave



Well! Robin (Lon Beasley) finally got back on his LEXL (Legal Eagle XL) project. Fitted the windshield last week and put the engine back on. His next step is to start hooking things up and get it ready to untracked on its own soon... he hopes.



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Reminder!



VMC Club Meeting will be this coming Monday Evening April 15th. Hangar will be open by 6:30 usually for tall stories and meeting at 7:00pm in the Hangar 3 meeting room. Food and refreshments (tea and soft drinks) will be provided and its also BYOB.

The VMC club and meeting is open to all EAA 471 members. Hope to see you there.

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SATURDAY APRIL 13 9:00 . A . M . HANGAR 3 