

Hangar Flyin'



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President's Message Charlotte Rhodes

On January 24th, ACU donated 264 stackable upholstered chairs, 5 solid wood doors and three tables to our chapter. We have been looking for more chairs to use at breakfast especially since the last one was standing room only. Well, thanks to Arlis Wright we now have plenty. The doors will come in handy for hanger 3 projects and we can use the extra tables and chairs for the various functions we will be having once the hanger can accommodate us. I plan to have some of our "new to us" chairs at the next breakfast for use. A big thanks goes out to Arlis, Sam, Bobby, Harold and Dave for helping with this project. It took two trailers and three pickups to haul all of it.

On another note, Jody Stevens of the Mineral Wells chapter called me that same day and invited our chapter to their fly-in on March 25th. They are still in the final decision process so I only have a little information for this newsletter. They have

invited 49 aircraft manufacturers and 18 EAA chapters from 4 states. Plans so far are for breakfast and lunch but subject to change. No fees associated of any kind and so far no discounted fuel, currently running \$2.95. Jody will send me the final information this next week and it will be in next month's news letter. Let's see if we can make a showing of some kind in support of their efforts.

~ Charlotte ~

February Breakfast Set for the 11th

Last month's breakfast was well attended, thanks for showing up and we hope to see you again this month, February 11th. Serving begins at 9:00 am. Set up is the Friday evening before at 5:15 with a cool drink, chips and camaraderie, come join us. The new gate code cannot be given out so if you get stuck give me a call on my cell, 669-9825 and someone will come let you in. This is a good time to get caught up on your membership dues and hanger rent if you haven't done so.

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!

Membership dues seem to be lagging behind and the postage rates are going up! If you haven't paid your dues yet, NOW'S THE TIME.

Only paid-up members will receive a newsletter beginning with the March issue.

A special note to hangar tenants: You **must** be a paid-up member for both 471 and national EAA to maintain occupancy. This is part of our by-laws and an insurance requirement.

~ Sam ~

HANGAR 3 LEASE SIGNED!

Finally! The lease for Hangar 3 has been signed by the City. After getting some insurance issues taken care of, the City of Abilene and Chapter 471 have an agreement for the hangar. Work can now begin in getting the 8000 sq. ft. structure overhauled. Barring any unforeseen delays, re-roofing should start this month.

Warbirds Squadron 5 Conveys Hangar 3

471 Board Meets

In a most generous gesture, Tiny Malm, on behalf of Warbirds Squadron 5, donated an amount of \$4606.64 to Chapter 471. Tiny requested that the funds be directed exclusively towards the construction of a meeting room in Hangar 3. He also requested the room be built in recognition of Willie Walker and Charles Screws. In a unanimous vote, the board of directors agreed to the request.

In related matters, the board of directors reviewed and approved Hangar 3 rules drawn-up by David Bradshaw, Hangar 3 manager. Additionally, Hangar 3 rates were set by the board.

☆ PROTECT THOSE ☆ GATE CODES!

Please be reminded that airport gate codes are issued only to authorized persons. Do not give out gate codes to un-authorized persons or you risk losing your airport entry privileges.



By Gray Bridwell

Plans are underway for this year's Big Country Airfest. The date was studied for over a month and the date that does not conflict with the balloon-fest, the fair, football

or another prominent airshow is **August 19th**. Airfest will be of similar scope to past years with the addition of RC models and flying demonstration of many models with wing spans just under that of the planes we fly. Work is being done to secure a regional acrobatic competition on that date as well....Much more as the months unfold... ~Gray~

Plainview Fly-in Scheduled

The following is from an email message from John Schmidt, Airfest Air Boss:

Chapter 19 is having its 22nd Annual Fly-in Breakfast. Saturday May 6, 2006 at Plainview, TX, Hale County Airport (PVW) Unicom 123.0 8 am to 10 am. All you can eat. Adults \$5 under 12 \$3 Proceeds to benefit Memorial Scholarship Fund. DOOR Prizes!!

Glide Distance: Half the distance from the airplane to the nearest emergency landing field. ☺

Pilot's last words:

What is that mountain goat doing way up here in the clouds? ☺

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The Golden Rules of Sharing the Sky

- Always allow a minimum of three minutes in trail of significantly larger airplanes. Five minutes is even better.
- Cross the flight path of large aircraft at least 1000 feet below, and note the direction of the wind.
- Fly the upwind side of any large aircraft's flight path.
- Remember what your instructor always told you about landing after and rotating before heavy aircraft.
- Enter traffic areas at pattern altitude. Climbing and descending airplanes simply can't see each other as well.
- Helicopter rotors create some remarkably ugly vortices. Warning: Don't fly under helicopters – ever!
- When acceptable, ask ATC for a short approach in lieu of landing behind heavy traffic.
- Every time possible, use the luxury of approach and departure services.
- After a controller points out traffic, don't be shy about asking ATC for updates on the traffic's location until you're sure it's not a factor.
- When arriving or departing, remember you can always ask for more time to allow any hazards to dissipate. One mistake might be all you get.

Source: Plane & Pilot