

Hangar Flyin'



August 2006

President's Message Charlotte Rhodes

I hope everyone has had a chance to see our new home with its new face, what a difference! Thanks to Steve Krazer for volunteering to do the artwork and for the outstanding job he did. We have reached our short term goal of getting the hanger ready for AirFest. After AirFest we will determine our next short term goal and determine the path we need to take to get there. Remember, it will take our whole Chapter family working together to reach our final goal so please make it a point to volunteer your time.

Working Oshkosh this year was an experience I will never forget. I had the most fun I have had in a very long time. There were some very tense moments, hours and days but being around and working airplanes is always worth it. What makes it even more enjoyable is the other controllers you are working with feel the same way and want to be there working the same as you. For the eight days of Airventure we had \

over 16,300 operations. I would do it again in a heartbeat and hope I get to return next year. I met some really great people and made some new friends, which is always good. Our Chapter is planning on flying to Oshkosh next year so if you have an airplane and like adventure, join in. The arrival procedure is not difficult to fly, you don't have to talk to ATC, you rock your wings to acknowledge, you land, you park and then you begin an aviation smorgasbord.

OH WHAT FUN!



Volunteer for AirFest By Charlotte Rhodes

Part of our duty as members of this Chapter is active participation in Chapter activities. We have had many volunteer their time on the Hanger 3 project and look at the success we have had. Thank You! Now we need our members to step

up to the plate for AirFest to be held on August 19. If you have not volunteered your time up to this point please do so on August 18th and 19th. We need help with set-up on the 18th, with the gate (collecting monies), Young Eagles (registration and education), pilot registration and others on the 19th. Contact myself, Gray or Loren if you are available to help. The more volunteers we have the shorter period of time you will be needed.

IMPORTANT ABI ★ ENTRY GATE ★ INFORMATION

The following is the text of a memo sent to EAA Chapter 471 by Don Green, Assistant Director of Aviation:

As many of you are aware, the Airport has begun construction of the new fence and gates. These improvements will enhance the Airport's ability to control access to the airfield and increase security to better protect your property and civil aviation as a whole.

Within the next four to six

weeks, new gates will be installed at Abilene Aero (Gate T-2) and the Northwest GA Area (Gate N-1). These new gates will have card reader controlled access. Those of you who already hold valid Airport-Issued badges will have access through these gates automatically when we activate your badge in the access control computer. To access the gate, wave the badge within 6" of the front of the card reader and it will open the gate. There will no longer be a keypad to gain entry using a code. The gates will also be re-numbered. The new gates will also have a much better designed entry from the street-side that will reduce maneuvering to line up to enter the gate and reduce exposure to passing traffic. If you have difficulty using the new gates, call Airport Operations at 676-6369, the number is also printed on each badge.

Those who do not have an Airport-Issued badge, but currently have AOA access through an Airport-Approved badge, will need to get an Airport-Issued badge to have access through the new gates.

Those who still need to take the security class and get a badge, must complete a badge application and give it to your organization's Authorizer and attend badge class. The class is offered the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. and the

third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Classes are held in the conference room on the first level of the terminal.

We look forward to continuing to improve safety, security and other services at Abilene Regional Airport and appreciate your patience and cooperation as we make these changes.

Just a Shirt?

By Gray Bridwell

My family and I went to Ft. Worth this past weekend for a quick end of summer vacation. It has been too hot to be productive on the final items required to complete the RV-10, so away we went; of course I was wearing my **Big Country Airfest** Shirt. We hit all the fun spots and while on the miniature train ride outside of the Ft. Worth Zoo a voice from behind me said, "hey man, cool shirt, where did you get it?" I explained that I got it last year at a really awesome airshow in Abilene, Texas. Then he went on to ask if I flew, and I replied that I just sold my RV-6A and was building a RV-10. What a small world, as this guy has a RV-4. Of course we went on talking about planes for the next few minutes. He and his friends plan to come to **Big Country Airfest August 19th**.



T-Hanger Available

Bob Landrith has returned his hanger back to the Chapter and it is ready for a new occupant. Those that are on the hangar list will be contacted, in order, for their option of taking-over the hangar. Bob and his family will be moving to Travis AFB and we all wish them the best of luck.

A BIG THANKS

TO HEATH POLASEK and STEVE KRAZER

In case you were wondering how Hangar 3 got to looking so good so quickly, just ask some of the volunteers that were there to "make it happen". Among them was **Heath Polasek**, one of 471's newest members. Heath is the owner of **Light Storm Enterprises Inc.**, a contract painting company. When it came time to paint the hangar, Heath was there to the rescue. **With a donation of \$3800 in materials and equipment... and his time, the job was done in short order.**

To add the big "finishing touch", **Steve Krazer** completed the signage on the front of the hangar. Using his graphic abilities, **Steve projected the image on to the building and completed the EAA logo and lettering in one evening.**

The hangar looks nothing short of fantastic. Please take time to thank both of these members for their efforts.

EAA 471 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2006

Present:

Charlotte Rhodes
Tim McMurray
Seymour Brescher
David Bradshaw
Steve Krazar
Loren Hensen
Don Bledsoe
Grey Bridwell

Called to order 5:20

Old Business:

1. Discussion of Hangar 3 access for all members. Adopted an amendment to the hangar 3 rules to allow membership access to hangar 3:

Amend paragraph J. as follows

1. Only current Abilene Airport Badgeholders, that are members in good standing of Chapter 471 will be allowed access.
2. Aircraft and property of hangar tenants must be respected. No touching, boarding of aircraft and no "borrowing" of tools and other equipment.
3. Behavior and conduct of visitors and children will be the responsibility of the member.
4. Leave restrooms clean.
5. Make certain the door is locked

(including sliding doors) upon exit.

6. If any member violates above conditions, that member's hangar access will be revoked.

2. Discussion and debate of meeting room location. Motion by Tim McMurray to use space in the hangar to construct the meeting room. Second by Don Bledsoe. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Consideration of a dumpster for exclusive use for the T hangars and Hangar 3
2. Discussion of re-activating the aerobatic box of Don Bledsoe
3. Discussion of the future location of lighted American and Texas flags near or on hangar 3
4. Opened debate on possible adoption of new chapter logo

Meeting adjourned 1830

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

★ (still) ★
ON HOLD

MOVIE NIGHT

SET FOR AUGUST 12th

In order to make final preparations for AirFest, we will be getting together at Hangar 3 around 7:00pm on Saturday, August 12. If you would like to volunteer to help at AirFest, this would be a good time to get involved. Afterwards, we'll get some popcorn, refreshments and a movie going.

BE THERE!



DON'T PITCH THE POSTER!

The inside of the address page of this newsletter is an **Airfest poster**. Help promote the event by posting it at your place of work, at the grocery store or in any other high-traffic area. Thanks!



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If you have an aviation experience you would like to share in the newsletter, please send to me via e-mail at sjevans@cox.net.

Sam Evans
471 Newsletter Editor



**Now...it has a name!
Great job, Steve**

N996M gets a new paint job!

David Bradshaw recently had his Micco re-finished with a new paint scheme at GLO Custom in Fort Worth. When he got it back, he did a little "yank-n-bank" pose for the tower photographer.

What a beauty, Dave!



