

Hangar Flyin'



September 2006

President's Message Charlotte Rhodes

This year's AirFest was a success! A big hand goes out to Gray for doing the majority of the ground work and our members who participated and some members spouses who volunteered for the day. I could not have done my part without the help of Sue Krazer and Susan Bradshaw, thank you so much. I tried listing everyone I saw helping out in one way or the other and gave up. There were so many chapter volunteers I was afraid I would forget someone. You all know who you are and from the bottom of my heart, thank you! We could not have done it without you. This is what it is all about and this is how we succeed as a Chapter. We signed up four new members at AirFest, Glen Matthew, Raymond Reakes, Jerome Andino, Chuck Wilson and Gary Hockensmith re-joined. Welcome to all of you! We had a lot of positive comments on our hanger, be proud. We still have a long way to go and a lot of fundraising to do but we will

get there and have some fun in the process.

We have moved all the breakfast equipment from Pride to the lean-to and we are going to try and have some sort of a breakfast on Sept. 9th. Until we get hot water in, we will have to use paper plates and plastic utensils. When I figure out what we will have and what needs set-up, I or Sam will send out an email to those we have addresses for asking for help if needed. We plan on continuing "Movie Night" but moving it to probably the fourth weekend of the month. This is open for discussion. I think we are doing Young Eagles in Rotan on October the 14th so look for more information from Chris on that and if so there will be no breakfast that Saturday. We will have an annual business meeting the end of October sometime, look for the date and agenda in the October newsletter. If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, talk to Sam. I think that about wraps it up, see everyone at breakfast on Sept 9th.

~ Charlotte ~

★ Breakfast Set for September 9th ★

We will have a breakfast on September 9th at 9am in our hanger. Email will be sent out for set-up help. May not be our full breakfast but we will have something.

Young Eagles Brings Crowd to AirFest

By Chris Ulibarri

Hi All, special thanks to everyone who helped out with the Young Eagles event during Airfest 2006. It was a highly successful event where we flew 127 Young Eagles (after recount). Thanks to Debbie Ulibarri, Bobby Nichols, Becky Grant, Becky Hays, and Bobby's grandson Ethon (visiting from Champagne, Illinois) who all worked with registration. Mark Reed and new member Jerome Andino assisted by controlling and assigning Young Eagles to the various pilots who flew them. Mark came up with an ingenious system using wooden blocks he handcrafted and donated to the Chapter to keep track of awaiting Young Eagles. Tiny Malm, Wes Hays, and Justin Merritt braved the 100

degree plus temperatures along with many others who helped with marshalling our Young Eagles pilots and aircraft. FYI, it was also 100 degrees plus in the hangar even with shade. Thanks also to Rick Cevallos and Hank Morgan of Perfect Loop Photography for taking pictures of the Young Eagles as they entered and exited their Young Eagles flights. Incidentally, those photographs were of high quality and professionally done. Abilene Tower did an outstanding job routing Young Eagles flights on the ground and around the city while monitoring and controlling arrivals and departures at the same time. We appreciate your hard work and vigilance and especially keeping us out of trouble. Young Eagles event would not be complete without the pilots who gave of their time and flew their airplanes as true aviators ensuring the Young Eagles were safe and experienced the joy of flight. The pilots and number of Young Eagles flown are shown on the following chart.:

Young Eagle-01	Chris Ulibarri	PA-28-140	N95032	13
Young Eagle-02	Paul Fridrich	C172	N737SZ	15
Young Eagle-03	Steve West	PA-28-150	N502FL	17
Young Eagle-04	Don Bledsoe	Citabria	N1899G	5
Young Eagle-05	Dr. John Gullett	Supercruiser		3
Young Eagle-06	Brian Bauries	C-150	N2643J	5
Young Eagle-07				
Young Eagle-08	Steve Johnson	Husky	N765MA	6
Young Eagle-09	Ken Keef	Bonanza	N6120V	6
Young Eagle-10	Seymore Beitscher	C-310	N310AM	18
Young Eagle-11	Fred Novak	C-182	N9312G	18
Young Eagle-12	Larry Henson	BE-35	N3898B	12
Young Eagle-13	David Henson	C-172	N2514U	9
		Total Young Eagles		127



Was it Hot?

By Gray Bridwell

You bet it was! The cars were hot, the planes were hot, the airshow was hot, and the acrobatic team from Houston was hot. Big Country Airfest 2006 was certainly a success. From the vendors, to the young eagles, smiles were on everyone's face. A big round of thanks needs to go out to all who gave the 175% to make this happen. Our chapter gives so much to make this day happen. It takes all of us pulling together to make a special day in aviation. I for one am proud that we provided a

great educational experience to the residents of the Big Country. I am proud we provided a day of family fun. Are you proud to be a member of the great group of chapter 471? You can bet I am!

FLY-INS SCHEDULED AROUND THE REGION

Better flying weather is around the corner with cool fall air approaching. Here are a couple of notices for some regional fly-ins:

**The 50th Annual Tulsa
Regional Fly-In
Bartlesville Municipal
Airport (BVO)**

Bartlesville Oklahoma
September 22-23, 2006

We are doing all we can to make it something special and something very well worth attending. We will have special, nationally known



The Young Eagles organization reports that **1,257,265 Young Eagles** have been flown. Wow!

aviation personalities, special airplanes and special attractions of interest to aviation people. Our Saturday evening Awards Banquet will be held at Bartlesville's Hillcrest Country Club. It will all be extra special. You will find us at www.tulsaflyin.com and if additional information is needed, please call us at (918) 622-8400. The field is never closed and we provide "on demand, no charge" ground transportation to and from the airport and all motels and the awards banquet. We hope to see you at Bartlesville to help us celebrate our 50th anniversary!

EAA

Land of Enchantment Fly-In

Held annually since 1992 at the Moriarty Municipal Airport (0E0) We welcome Pilots, Aviation Entusiasts, Antique, Classic, Warbirds, Ultralights & Experimental Aircraft, Classic Car admirers and the General Public young or old. Admission FREE! Parking Donation Requested. Not to be confused with the more recent Van's RV Land of Enchantment Fly-Ins, 2006 will be the 15th Annual EAA Land of Enchantment Fly-In at Moriarty Municipal Airport (0E0). See this website for more info: <http://www.earthspirittx.com/loefi/>

**Land Of Enchantment
RV Fly-In**

October 13 - 14

See this website for more info:

www.vansairforce.net/loe/loervfi.htm



Funny Stuff

Just a short one to remind us not to be a smart @ss!!!

A young and foolish hot-shot pilot wanted to sound cool and show who was boss on the aviation radio frequencies. So, this was his first time approaching an airfield during the nighttime. Instead of making any official landing requests to the tower, he said:
..."Guess who?"

The tower controller switched the field lights off and replied:
..."Guess where!"

And then.....

I was sitting on the ramp just about to fly out of Lubbock, TX, yesterday when hopping along came the biggest jackrabbit I ever saw. I thought I would advise ground control about it so they could spare some aircraft from making contact with it on the runway..."

Me: Lubbock ground, um, there's a big jackrabbit headed for the runway on TWY Romeo.

[pause]

Me: Uh... I thought I would tell you so the people who take care of those things could do something about it.

Ground: Copy that. The coyote over there on Mike looks like he'll take care of it.

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Reflections on AirFest

The following are various e-mail messages sent in regarding AirFest:

Here are the results of the air races:
Course: Abilene Regional to Albany to Stamford to Abilene Regional - about 100 miles. Race against the clock, starts staggered by a minute or two or three.... Under 350 cubic inch class:

First Place:	Cam Benton	RV-4	193	MPH
Second Place:	Jim Hogue	RV-3	177	MPH
Third Place:	Lee Clements	(Tony Nigro, Navigator)	Glstar	158
				MPH
				Under 400 cubic inch class: DNF but safe: Don Saint Glasair IIS FT (cracked exhaust, landed at Stamford) I

overshot the second turn, darn it... Typical race newbie mistake, I guess... Next year, Cam...The local EAA'ers put it on, and were very hospitable. The competitors got topped up with gas for free, and the "SteakFest" that night was good food, good beer, good live music, and good fellowship.

This race was really fun, and I would encourage ALL local RV pilots to make it, let's make it a strong field next year, competition is good for ya.... And I guarantee that you will have fun!!

Cheers,
Jim Hogue
RV-3 N1428Z

Gray,
I cannot thank you enough for the tremendous assistance you and your staff provide me. When my daughter got too hot out on the ramp and she was in trouble, your people were right there and went the extra mile to make sure she was OK. When we got home, she told her mom she had a wonderful time and the people were so nice. She cannot wait to go back next year and has promised me

she will drink when I tell her to and not get too hot again. Maybe and I had a very good time and appreciate everything you did for us. Do not hesitate to call if there is ever anything I can do for you. Thank you for picking up the fuel for the T210, it was certainly not expected, however it was greatly appreciated.

Bryan Butler

I just wanted to thank you all for the great Air Show and Car Show. We loved both and we wished we could have stayed another day to take in some of the museums down town. Cheryl and I drove up from San Antonio to participate in the Car Show. Our car won a 1st place and also the Grand Champion award. Since I don't know the name of the director of the car show, will you pass this along with our heartfelt thanks to him and his crew? I would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,
Charles Fennen,
Artist

www.themodernartist.com

The band was very good! We really enjoyed the entire event. I don't think there were many antique planes being judged (if any others). But hey, I will take what I can get. I really love flying that thing. Besides being the plane I soloed in when I was 16, did tell you that was the Stearman that was in Space Cowboys? I think it was red in the movie.

Mona L. Polson

Gray,
Thank you all very much for the opportunity, it was a great pleasure to have the company of so many wholesome characters. I look forward to next year great anticipation.

Thanks again,
Chris Mancini

It was all fun. Thanks for having us. Glade to meet you and your team. Hope your chapter made money. Looks like the Young Eagles was a success.

Herman
