

# Hangar Flyin'



July 2008

## JUNE YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHT REVIEW

*By Tim L. Walker*

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, EAA 471 participated in the National Young Eagles Day at our hangar. It was an overwhelming success! If I started thanking everyone, I would need way too many pages. I do want to thank Abilene Aero and AV Fuels as well as the Abilene ATC. They made our special day possible. Our pilots flew 120 kids! Thanks again everyone.



On a personal note, I have decided to return to radio broadcasting. My family and I will be moving to Arizona later this month. I wish all of you the very best!

*Tim's answer of the month... "Christ"*

### Monthly Breakfast

The Chapter breakfast will resume this  
Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
at Hangar 3, 9AM

All fuel for the Young Eagles  
Rally was donated by

Abilene Aero and  
AVFuel Corporation.

Many thanks to Joe Crawford  
and Mark Haynes!

## Boyer to retire AOPA names new President

Phil Boyer will step down as president of AOPA at the end of the year. Succeeding Boyer will be AOPA member and 40-year pilot Craig L. Fuller, an association, public affairs, and government relations executive.

William C. Trimble III, chairman of the AOPA Board of Trustees, announced Boyer's retirement on June 30.

When Boyer took the controls in 1991 (only the third president in AOPA's 69-year history), the GA industry was in crisis, beaten down by product liability lawsuits. He helped pass the General Aviation Revitalization Act, which turned around aircraft manufacturing. He also championed civilian use of GPS and WAAS, and later ADS-B to benefit general aviation.

Boyer upgraded AOPA management and member service, resulting in a 40-percent membership growth, despite declining pilot numbers. His new ventures funded novel GA advocacy and member benefits, while holding AOPA dues to \$39.



## V-22 'Osprey' Tiltrotor Aircraft Coming to EAA AirVenture for the First Time in 2008

For the first time, the V-22 "Osprey," one of the most unique aircraft flown by the U.S. military, will be making an appearance at EAA AirVenture and showcasing its unique flying abilities at "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration." EAA AirVenture 2008 is July 28-August 3 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

The V-22, developed jointly by Bell and Boeing, is the world's first production tiltrotor aircraft. It is flown primarily by the U.S. Marine Corps and is designed to serve effectively on missions that had been covered by either helicopters or twin turboprop aircraft. The two Ospreys are scheduled to arrive at EAA AirVenture on Monday, July 28, during the event's opening-day air show, and remain until Friday, August 1. The appearance will feature both flight demonstrations and ground displays of the aircraft, which are based at the Marine Corps Air Station in New River, North Carolina.

## Aviation pioneer Johnny Miller dies at 102

A pilot who was almost as old as powered aviation itself has died. John M. Miller was 102.

Miller, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., died of natural causes on June 23. Miller was born on Dec. 15, 1905, and witnessed some of aviation's most pivotal events such as when Charles A. Lindbergh took off for Paris on his historic Atlantic crossing. Miller counted Amelia Earhart as one of his acquaintances.



He uttered his last words to his nephew. "I guess my flying days are over," reported the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.

Miller started flying when he was 18 and continued until he was 101. He was known as the oldest active pilot in the

United States. Miller flew for the airlines, served as a test pilot for Kellett Autogiro Company, and was the founding director of the American Bonanza Society.

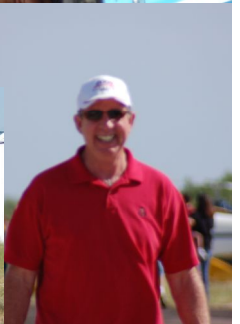
One of his most interesting jobs was flying the airmail off the roof of the downtown Philadelphia post office in an autogiro. Three of the airplanes Miller flew are on exhibit at the National Air and Space Museum.

Besides aviation, Miller was known for his healthy lifestyle. He never smoked or drank alcohol and maintained the same weight and blood pressure as when he was 18. For exercise, he took brisk walks up and down hills.

# Young Eagles Day



# Colorado City July 4th Fly-In



## Calendar of Events

July 13	Ice Cream Social Fly-in Horseshoe Bend(F78) Contact 817-598-0809
July 28-Aug 3	Oskosh
September 18	Texas Aircraft Expo Lubbock Aero, LBB
September 20-21	CAF Airshow Midland
September 27	West Texas 100 Air Race Lubbock, Town & Country

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