

Hangar Flyin'



May 2006

President's Message Charlotte Rhodes

On April 22nd we had another Hanger 3 workday. We accomplished our goal of making the hanger more secure by welding metal strips on the doors so someone could not reach in and lift off the chains, replacing/repairing broken windows and their latches and by putting a new combination lock on the door. All water leaks have been repaired and concrete has been put down around the bottom door rails to allow a smoother transition for the aircraft. The combination has only been given to the hanger tenants and a couple of board members to use for hanger work projects. The current tenants are Paul Fridrich, Ken Keef, Greg Wilhite and David Bradshaw (hanger manager). If one of these guys are around or the doors are open feel free to stop and visit and see the progress that has been made. Construction should start in the near future on the meeting room to include a member's access door. Please be patient with us during this construction

phase, we will try to keep all members informed of the progress. Thank you to everyone who showed up to work that day and to Paul and David for doing a lot of extra stuff throughout the past weeks. Gray and Sam met with Dan Weber on the 23rd and secured the lean-to on the hanger. Some of the city's stuff will remain in the lean-to until they can find a place to put it. This will not stop us from including the lean-to in our construction plans. Gray and Sam have worked hard on acquiring the hanger and lean-to and deserve the credit and thanks, please tell them so when you see them.

If you need an airport badge, you have to take the badge class offered by the Airport. Contact Tom Fletcher at 676-6369 during the day for dates and times. You do not have to have an airplane to get this but you do need to be a Chapter member.

I am sure by now everyone has heard that Scott Crossfield perished in an aircraft accident recently. Although the cause is not known at this time there was convective weather near when he disappeared from

radar. We all know weather will show no mercy when it is about regardless of experience but, it does not mean we cannot continue to brush up on inclement weather flying and this is a good time to do so.

I have heard Larry Chapman should be returning home soon so be sure to welcome him back when you see him. Hope to see everyone at breakfast!

471 Breakfast Set For May 13th

We will have breakfast this month on May 13th. Set-up will be Friday the 12th, 5:15pm at the **Pride hanger**. It sometimes seems a waste of time to go out to the airport for a short time for set-up but believe me it is most appreciated by those who are always doing it. This is a Chapter event and we have tried to make it a nice one by providing good tables, chairs, dishes and great food. Of course, with this always comes a little extra work such as set-up and clean-up and with more help on both we can continue to make our breakfast a success. So, please try to take a little time

to pitch in and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members. There will be no breakfast in June. ~Charlotte ~

H₃ REPORT

By David Bradshaw

With a substantial amount of effort, Hangar 3 now looks like a real airplane hangar. On Wednesday April 26th, three of the four airplanes that occupy it were spotted in their new positions in the hangar. My Micco is in the paint shop, so it is the missing aircraft. It was exciting to see it happen, and fun to be moving airplanes around with my tug (golf cart). There is still work to be done, but it is now operational and paying its way. I am eagerly looking forward to the day we have our first breakfast or chapter event there. ~ David ~



Young Eagles



Attention all pilots! National Young Eagles day is June 10th and our chapter will be participating. If you want to help fly kids please contact **Chris Ulibarri at 691-9887** or email him at Ulibarric@aol.com. He needs your help. The EAA national web site has some Young Eagle tax deduction forms that some of you may want to look at to see if you can claim your expenses. I will try to have some copies at this breakfast for those who cannot get online to check. Fire up those

engines and put a big smile on a kid's face!

T hangar Lease Update

Sam and I have been working to secure the T hangar lease for another 35 years. In doing so, the Airport development board has expressed concern as to the appearance of these hangars. So some work to make them look better to the public is in order as the structure is very stout and is not in question. Sam and I have made the proposal for the Airport to purchase the material to place new sheet metal over the existing rusted metal roof deck and paint the doors. Dan has agreed to run this through the airport board and then city council for approval. Dan feels that this will be accepted. This does mean that we are responsible for the labor to apply roofing panels and paint the hangars. **Each hangar tenant will be responsible to do his fair share of the work with help by the other chapter members as a chapter project.** There has also been talk of just making a donation in the case of those who do not want to help or cannot help. This will spruce up the Northwest side of the Airport and secure our T hangar lease at a great rate for years to come.

~ Gray ~

Papa Fox Refresher Facts

Papa Fox says:

Watch that Class G airspace at night because it changes from the day time rule of 1 mile visibility and clear of clouds, to 3 miles visibility, and 500 below, 1000 above and 2000 horizontal to a cloud. However, it is possible to fly at night if the weather is say, 700 overcast, and 2 miles visibility. FAR 91.155 (b) (2) allows you to operate clear of clouds at night as long as you stay within one-half mile of the runway. Just in case you just *HAVE* (???) to get those 3 takeoffs and 3 landings to a full stop at night to be current tomorrow when your buddy comes to visit you and you promised him a ride in your bug masher at night. Although this is legal it is not recommended by me. Remember! Cloud bases are given in height above ground level. Now, what constitutes a ceiling? Do you remember? Get the FAR / AIM out and look in the front Part 1: Definitions and Abbreviations. Look up ceiling. It states: Ceiling – means the height above the earth's surface of the lowest layer of clouds or obscuring phenomena that is reported as "broken," "overcast," or "obscuration," and not classified as "thin," or "partial." The memory aid is "BOO!" **B**roken, **O**vercast, or **O**bscured.

Okay guys and gals.....Fly high and remember.

Safety is no accident!

Paul Fridrich
aka "Papa Fox" CFI/CFII

Logan's Flight

On Saturday morning, April 15, EAA Chapter 471 had the wonderful opportunity to help a young boy realize his dream to fly. Logan Finwick is six years old. He has a very serious condition of multiple brain tumors. His life expectancy is not more than 60 more days. His wish was to get to fly in a real airplane and see his city of Abilene.

Col. Scott Vanderhamm, the fellow that presented our program at our April breakfast, called us and asked if we could help this young fellow in achieving his dream. Col. Vanderhamm's call came after he received a request from the Dyess We Care Team. Our answer to his request was a big YES! Col. Vanderhamm then turned the effort back to Msgt. Gordon Storey of the Dyess We Care Team.

We ask Steve West if he would mind taking Logan up for his flight. Steve jumped at the chance. On Saturday morning around 9:30am, Steve took Logan and his father up for their ride. Our KTXS television station sent out a team to cover the event. If you were watching the KTXS news that Sunday evening, you got to see what a fine job KTXS did for this effort. When Logan got out of Steve's Cherokee, he was ready to go again. This is just one example of what our chapter can do for the Big Country.

Security Notice

On April 13, 2006, a message posted in Arabic on a web forum explained how to identify private American jets and urged Muslims to destroy all such aircraft:

"Destroy private American aircraft...We call upon all Muslims to follow and identify private civilian American aircrafts in all airports of the world...It is the duty of Muslims to destroy all types of private American aircrafts that are of the types Gulf Stream and Lear Jet and all small jet aircraft usually used by distinguished (people) and businessmen."

The message also advised readers how to identify American aircraft and provided the tail number of a private aircraft allegedly used by the CIA.

TSA reminds general aviation aircraft and airport owners and operators to review the security measures contained in the TSA Information Publication, Security Guidelines for General Aviation Airports (available at http://www.tsa.gov/public/interrapp/editorial/editorial_1113.xml), and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's Airport Watch Program materials (available at www.aopa.org/airportwatch).

471 members, be watchful and diligent. We just never know.....

Oshkosh 2007

By Gray Bridwell

Our EAA chapter plans to travel to Oshkosh every other year. We plan on taking our trek to OSH in 2007 with this year off in 2006 devoted to "Building a Home". However, thought must be given to our trek to Oshkosh 2007 now. We have camped by the plane every year, and frankly, we are tired of the severe thunderstorms, rain, and water incursion in our living area. We have gotten very good packing a week's worth of supplies in a small size backpack to see us through the week. We have also done very well with the water issues that always happen at some point during the week. So, we have been there, done that, and have gotten the shirt.

In 2007 we will be staying in the Hilton Garden Inn where we will taxi up to the door of the hotel. No more special camp preparation before we leave, no more rain-ex water repellent, no more special torque values on the tent ropes to prepare for strong winds. The only trick is that you **MUST** call this summer to get reservations for next summer. The hotel books one year in advance. The corporate office did give me some tips as the rooms go very fast for that week. We had talked about going in the middle of the week to let the initial crowd wane away. So that would be July 25th, 2007, stay until Friday the

27th, and return to ABI Saturday. So you need to call for your room this summer on July 25th early in the morning and give a credit card number to hold the room. This can be canceled at no charge prior to Airventure. So if you think you may be going, book your room this summer. **Call 1-800-774-1500 to book your reservation for the Hilton Garden Inn this summer for OSHKOSH 2007!** ~ Gray ~

Seymour Gets Gear Overhaul

Seymour Beitscher reports that he is home recuperating from his total knee replacement procedure. EAA 471 members wish Seymour a speedy recovery!

New Microbrew Takes Off In Abilene

Warbird T-6 Red Ale will land in restaurants, convenience stores and liquor stores across Abilene and San Angelo. The two cities are being used as a test market for the beer, which is brewed by the Warbird Brewing Company in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 11 - 14	EAA Texas Flyin, Hondo
May 13	471 Breakfast, Pride Hangar
June 10	Young Eagles Day
(No June Breakfast)	
July 8	471 Breakfast
July 24	Oshkosh AirVenture Begins
August 18-20	Big Country Airfest

Manuel Queiroz Makes It Home

Manuel Queiroz, the British circumnavigator, has completed his trip. Manuel had the following to say in a recent e-mail reply:

Hello Sam,

Sorry I took so long to come back to you, life has been rather hectic, as you can imagine!

You guys in Abilene were fantastic and nobody could wish for a greater welcome! I ran short of words to describe your generosity and hospitality, all I can say is a very big thank you!

As you have read, my biggest problem after leaving Abilene was losing the Attitude Indicator on starting up to cross the Atlantic for the weather window of several days. I did eventually get a spare AI but lost the window, so it was a long time waiting for the next opportunity! Such is life!

I got the British record for the circumnavigation in the class, 9 world intermediate ones, the fastest RV around the world and the only British registered homebuilt to do it! That's enough for me!

Once again thanks a lot from me and Jill.

All the best,

Manuel

Charlotte Rhodes Selected as Oshkosh Controller

Chapter 471's own president, Charlotte Rhodes has been selected to act as one of several controllers at this year's AirVenture in Oshkosh. Charlotte had applied for the position back in January and got word of the acceptance in March. Randy Moore, Charlotte's boss, had high praises in a letter of recommendation to help seal the assignment. Charlotte will arrive at Osh a couple of days before the event starts to get instruction. Charlotte says the controllers will rotate the various positions during the AirVenture event. ~ Sam ~

Short Final...

Overheard while being vectored to the ILS 10 at KMSY the other day:

Approach: Jet 123, maintain 9,000.

Jet 123: Um, ok, we're gonna go through it.

Approach: That's ok, climb and maintain 10,000.

Jet 123: Uh, we're on our way back down to 9,000, now.

Approach: Well, 10 is available, you're welcome to climb and maintain 10,000.

Jet 123: Why are you doing this to us?

Approach: Well, I'm trying to separate you from traffic behind you, if that's OK.

Jet 123: That's fine, but we just zero-g'd an aircraft with a US Senator aboard. We'd rather not squash him, now. [pause]

Approach: If I'd known that, I'd have sent you back down to 5,000 first. ☺

Logan Gets His Wings



Logan receives his honorary EAA 471 membership certificate from Charlotte.



471 member and pilot Steve West helps Logan get prepared for his flight.



Steve West is interviewed by KTXS reporter regarding Logan's flight. Charlotte Rhodes, Jim Snelgrove and Gray Bridwell look on.



Col. Scott Vanderhamm presents Logan with his own flight bag.