

FLY PAPER

April '06

Members in KS, NE, CO, MO, OK, TX, NC, FL, AZ, NM, & AK!!

LAST MONTH

From Jack Jenkinson...

Dodge City's fly-in at Crotts Aviation was a HUGE success. March 11th was one of the largest number of people at any of our fly-ins ever. The EAA trailer had 150 plates in stock and I don't know how many Crotts came up with, but guesses were above 175 attendees. 24 planes were there with Bud Pinkston in his new De-cathlon and Lyddons with their jet.

Everyone that came early for the tour of the weather facilities was impressed. I was there ten years ago and the new equipment is fantastic. The enthusiasm of the personnel is great; it is obvious they enjoy their work. The radar picking up all movements in southwest Kansas was demonstrated from ground level on up. Radar focused on the ground could show traffic speeds.

The trailer with supplies for 150 people has a key with it, and Mary Shortridge, Harley Foulks and Walter Rundell each have a spare.



THIS MONTH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AT 11am
SCOTT CITY, KS—TQK**

This Saturday is a special fly-in for a very special member of EAA 377. **NORMAN BUEHLER** will be turning 90 years young on April 19, and we plan to get an early start on the celebration at the Scott City airport this Saturday.

I just checked our outlook forecast on the Dodge City website, and they report we can expect "Mostly sunny, with a high near 67." (Note, the word "breezy" is missing, too!) I am going to count on this, so that we can have a HUGE turnout for this special day. There will be Kansas beef on the grills, and birthday cake to finish off the meal. Please bring a dish to share, and share some memories with Norman on this special occasion. If you have any questions you can contact the Scott City Airport at 620-872-5378 or Mary Shortridge at 275-6950 or 272-4379.

Elevation: 2963 MSL

Traffic Pattern: 3763 MSL/800 AGL

Runways:

17-35: 4999X70; asphalt; PCL; road N end

8-26: 1900X60; turf; ; road ry 8

UNICOM/CTAF: 122.8

AWOS (Automated weather report) 120.0 or
620-872-2233

Wichita FSS: 122.45

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
NORMAN BUEHLER!**



F.Y.I.

Chapter 377 normally meets on the second Saturday of each month. January thru March meetings are varied. April through November are normally fly-ins to different member airports, with a potluck at noon and short meeting following. December is the Club Christmas Party. Contact any of the officers listed to confirm meeting date and place. Anyone interested in recreational flying or building is encouraged to attend.

FLY PAPER is published monthly, normally mailed a week before each meeting/fly-in.

Annual membership in Chapter 377 includes one year subscription to FLY PAPER. Send \$15 (\$7.50 after July 1) to Harley Foulks, Treasurer,

Readers are encouraged to contribute articles, photos, etc. by submitting them to the Editor/Publisher.

May's deadline for newsletter items is May 3.

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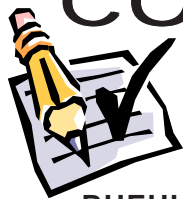
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COMING UP...



SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006—NORMAN BUEHLER'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FLY-IN! Scott City, KS.

MAY 11 - 14—EAA Texas Fly-In, Hondo Airport/Hondo, Texas

SATURDAY, MAY 13—Don & Helen Blackman host their first fly-in, Garden City private strip. Noon potluck.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10—BILL & NANCY ANTON'S ANTON'S FLYING UV FLY-IN, Satanta, KS. Noon potluck.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10—INTERNATIONAL YOUNG EAGLES DAY!!!! FLY SOME KIDS!!!

June 24-25—EAA Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In. Front Range Airport (FTG)

SATURDAY, JULY 8—WALTER & ESTHER RUNDELL'S FLY-IN. Pierceville, KS. Noon potluck.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12—ASHLAND, KS. Noon potluck. Hosted by Krier, White and Luckie families.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER ??—JUDY RANCH FLY-IN. Noon potluck. Gate OK.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14—JENKINSON FUNNY FARM FLY-IN. Noon potluck. Meade, KS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11—LYDDONS AT LBL. Noon potluck.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9—CHRISTMAS PARTY.

On Wednesday of this week, at two minutes and three seconds after 1:00 in the morning, the time and date will be 01:02:03 04/05/06. This won't ever happen again. You may now return to your (normal ?) life.

The EAA Texas Fly-In
May 11 - 14, 2006
Hondo Airport—Hondo, Texas

From Thursday afternoon, May 11th through Sunday, May 14th, the EAA Texas Fly-In will welcome people and pilots to Hondo Airport in Hondo, Texas. Exhibits presented by scores of general aviation exhibitors will be open Thursday from 3 pm to 5 pm, Friday from 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm.

Catered dinners will again feature the best of local restaurants: Thursday from 6 m to 8pm it's hamburgers. Friday at the same hours it'll be Mexican food. Saturday night Hondo cooks will present a Barbecue fest. On Sunday from 7 am to 8:30am breakfast will be served. Church services will be conducted on Sunday morning at 9 am. In addition to the dinners, local food vendors will be on hand from 6 am to 6pm on Friday and Saturday.

Events on the Fly-In schedule include a variety of Forums: Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 9am-4pm.

Judging of aircraft will complete by 2pm Saturday. Award winners will be announced on Saturday night. There will be an Airshow on Saturday 4-5:30pm.

All people flying in — whether pilots or their passengers — will enjoy a special rate of \$10 for the whole event and can enter a special raffle for guests flying-in only. Also, their breakfast on Sunday will be free.

Sponsor hotel for The EAA Texas Fly-In is to be the new Hotel Alsace in Castroville, about twenty minutes away. Special rates for Fly-In attendees will be available. Learn more about this by visiting the Fly-In website at www.swrfi.org.

For people who like airplane camping or recreational camping, there will be more showers and motor-home hookups than last year.

For attendees seeking guest houses, rooms, houses or RVs for the week, consult the Housing Bureau page on the www.swrfi.org website.

Local transportation will consist of a shuttle on the Hondo airport, a circulating shuttle in the city of Hondo, and a shuttle between HDO and the Hotel Alsace. Of course there will also be plenty of rental cars available on the airport.

Make plans now to fly or drive to Hondo.



HEARD I N THE HANGAR

FROM JOHN BORTH—

Subject: Call to Action Everyone,

Please go to this link and fill out the form to send a letter to your congressmen and senators showing our displeasure with users fees. We all must get behind this, just like we have on TFR's and permanent ADIZ's, or the government will roll us over.

<http://web.nbaa.org/public/govt/action/?ISSUE=nb a a 0 0 0 5>

FROM FAASAFETY.GOV—If you plan to fly to Alaska during the summer of 2006, please point your web browser to www.alaska.faa.gov/flyak/ for important information about flying in Alaska. Flying safely in Alaska requires skills that you may need to refresh. It will also require a thorough understanding and re-evaluation of your own personal minimums. The website contains information about how to fly into Canada, which you will have to do; links to the Alaskan weather camera system; and links to help you focus your attention on personal minimums.

When you arrive, be sure to check with a local flight instructor or local flight school for up-to-date information on weather, your destination, route, and any local conditions that could affect your flight.

Knowledge is king! In Alaska, it is also an absolute requirement!

ANOTHER ISSUE!!!

Thanks this month go to: Gary Gipson, Troy Toelle, faa.safety.gov, John Borth, George Rosel, Jared Aicher, Rachelle Powell, EAA Headquarters, EAA Young Eagles, Dean Ryan, Paul Miller.

An update on THE AMAZING RACE from DEAN RYAN—My son Jeremy won the first leg and got \$20,000 as a prize for that leg that he shares with his team mate. The second week he got 2nd. The third week he got first and won a trip to Africa. And last week he came in second. Strangely enough, when I called Jeremy during last weeks show I got to talk to BJ and Tyler (the hippies in the race). They were all having a party at Jeremy's house. All the contestants are staying in touch except for Lake and Michelle (the rude dentist). Jeremy is coming home for one of the showings soon and it will be fun to hear the play by play. They filmed for 6 weeks and so much of that is edited out for time considerations that it is really fun to hear all that was going on rather than just what the producers wanted to show us. It is pretty educational to hear what is really going on compared to what is shown in one hour. I think the show goes on for about another 8 weeks so if you give a heads up to our FLYPAPER readers there is still time to watch. I really don't know if Jeremy gets eliminated or wins the whole thing so I don't know how many more episodes he's on.

JEFF HUTTON, a Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the Dodge City NOAA's National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office, gave a presentation in Garden City on March 13, in honor of Weather Awareness Week. I learned alot, including how much I don't know about weather! More presentations are scheduled for April, so you can check their website or call 620-225-6514 for more information.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Don, Helen and Brian Blackman for getting Norman Buehler safely to and from the Dodge City fly-in.

FROM GEORGE ROSEL—Here are a few pic's of my Lancair IV-P Turbine project I'm working on. (See scrapbook page) I started on it in June 2003. The first three weeks were spent at the Lancair plant in Redmond, Oregon. I then trailered it home. The first year was in my garage, then to my T-hangar, then to my truck shop, then back to Liberal's airport/Lyddon's FBO, then to Jefco airport in Denver, CO this January for final prep work. It is now still in Denver and we expect to be test flying it by early summer. I'm having a great time building and soliciting everyone's help I can. After the initial flight tests I hope to get it to Liberal to finish out the required 40 hrs of flying before I can take on any passengers and get the interior/exterior finished. Having a great time.....

FROM CHUCK KING, Director of Communications RMRFI. 303-523-4239, chuckwking@mindspring.com

EAA Rocky Mountain

Regional Fly-In

June 24-25, 2006

Front Range Airport (FTG)

Attention EAA Members

Here is a great opportunity to get involved in the largest EAA event in the Rockies. Start your Colorado vacation here at the 28th Annual RMRFI is on June 24-25, 2006 and only a 15 minute drive from Denver International Airport. Free Camping to all fly-in pilots and visiting volunteers. You can Sign up on line at : <http://www.rmrfi.org/>.

The **EAGLE FLIGHT** Spring 2006 newsletter is available. You may read the latest news about this project at www.theeagleflight.org

Sincerely,

Jared Aicher & the Eagle Flight Team

Editor's note: Jared and his crew was at GCK last June, when we had a VERY successful Young Eagles day.

Eaa Chapter 377 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

FROM HARLEY FOULKS

Vice-President Jack Jenkinson called the chapter together for a meeting at Crotts Aviation at Dodge City, Kansas on March 11, 2006.

Jack asked for permission to spend \$20.00 for EAA handouts and a banner for our meetings and special events. Members approved this expenditure with a show of hands.

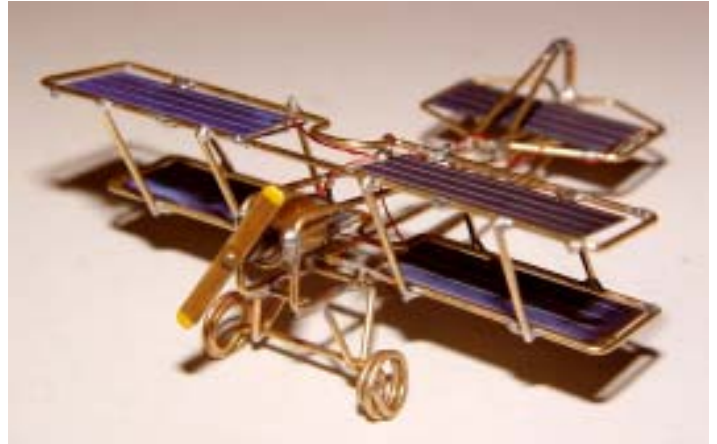
Jack invited participants who are not members of EAA to join our chapter and National EAA. He told the membership that our chapter receives a rebate of \$10 when a local member joins our National organization also. With no further business the meeting was adjourned and members then visited the Dodge City Weather station for a very informative presentation regarding the operations of the Weather station.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We now have 126 members of Chapter 377 as of this date. Four new members joined at the fly in at Crotts Aviation. Bank account has a balance of \$6873.67.

New Kansas members are Steven Proehl-Cimarron, Norman Erkie-Cimarron, Bill Mead-Great Bend, Matt Hall-Garfield, Mark Winter-Dodge City, Gary Gipson-Garden City

FROM RACHELLE POWELL—George D. Speake, Jr., C.M., Director of Aviation at Garden City Regional Airport has successfully completed the American Association of Airport Executives certification program to become a Certified Member. The Certified Member program is a challenging program that requires both time and persistence to complete, but the recognition of meeting the standards established by AAAE is worth the effort. The certification candidate must pass a 180-question examination. The examination covers the following: History, the Regulation of Air Transportation, Airports and the FAA, The Management Functions Management Theories, Roles, Motivation, and Communication, Airport Capacity and Delay, Air Traffic Control, Airspace, and Navigational Aids, Environment Regulations, Airport Noise and Land Use Compatibility, Financial Management and Accounting, Airport Fees, Rates and Charges, Capital Development and Funding for Airports, Airport System Planning and Airport Master Planning, Airport Layout Plans, Terminal Planning, Design and Operation, Airport Operations and FAR Part 139—Certification, and Airport Security and Response to Emergencies. The certification process is recognized throughout the airport industry as a prestigious accomplishment. We are very proud of George!!!



Our newest EAA member is **GARY GIPSON**, who is also a new pilot. He has got the aviation bug, bad! Gary operates Gipson Jewelers on Main Street in Garden City. Stop in and say hi, and see his latest creations. I received the following note: "Hey; you ought to see the solar powered Helicopter I made; got it at the store in the display case with the Aviation Watches. It's a culmination of months of experimentation, false starts, prototypes, etc. It's the first 'good looking' working model and work it does!

This helicopter is a replica of the old Huey 13 (?) used in Korea and featured in MASH. The main rotor turns; starts out slowly and gains speed. The rear rotor spins very quickly; powered by solar cells on the two hospital beds on either side of the cockpit.

The main rotor are the solar panels that form the two blades; which turn the motor housing while the shaft is stationary and attached to the frame. This solves what to do with the motor wires on a turning platform. I'm pretty proud of it.

It's the main model that I hope to make several more like. This one took me 14 hours, but I had to think everything through. I hope the future ones won't take as long; maybe 4 hours; so I could sell them at a reasonable price. "

I have a one of Gary's bi-planes hanging from the mirror of my car. It catches a lot of attention!

~Mary Shortridge

EAA'S ADVOCACY AND MEMBERS HELP BRING CHANGE TO FAA MEDICAL CERTIFICATE PROCESSING AND REDUCTION IN BACKLOG

Backlog Reduction is first goal; More dramatic improvements seen in the future

Among the most important ongoing issues facing the pilot community has been FAA's backlog in special issuance medical certifications, as well as the cost and difficulty associated with obtaining and renewing a special issuance medical. This issue will become pronounced in the future as the current pilot population ages, because of the added cost and complexity to maintain flying privileges. Eventually, nearly every pilot may face a choice between giving up flying or requesting a special issuance medical certification.

That's why EAA has committed to finding a solution to the long, costly and sometimes exasperating process to an issue that affects or will affect many of its members. The issue came to a head at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2005, when the majority of questions fielded by FAA Administrator Marion Blakey at her annual Meet the Administrator session were from pilots concerned or upset about delayed special issuance certificate applications.

Following EAA AirVenture 2005, EAA's Aeromedical Advisory Council, a group of volunteer flight surgeons who serve as a reservoir of aeromedical expertise to EAA and its members, developed a plan to attack the problem. Based on this proposal submitted to FAA last December, EAA officials received an invitation from FAA Associate Administrator **Nick Sabatini** and new FAA Flight Surgeon **Dr. Fred Tilton** to visit FAA headquarters in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of discussing the recommendations. A review of new agency actions in response to EAA's proposal to improve special issuance processing was also part of the session. The meeting to review EAA's proposal and new agency actions was held Thursday, March 30, with Mr. Sabatini, Dr. Tilton, and **Peggy Gilligan**, FAA Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety.

EAA President Tom Poberezny and EAA Aeromedical Advisory Council Chairman Dr. Jack Hastings led the EAA delegation that also included Dr. Richard Jennings, EAA Aeromedical advocate and incoming President of the Aerospace Medicine Association (AsMA); Earl Lawrence, EAA Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs; and Doug Macnair, EAA Vice President of Government Relations. EAA's recommendations to FAA for improving medical certification processing were summarized in four points:

1. Review of interval between examinations (e.g. one year instead of six months for first class examinations, and five years for third-class medical certificates).
2. Review of special issuance medical conditions with the potential for complete elimination of some and/or reduced reporting requirements for others.
3. A "Super AME" concept, including the delegation of additional review and approval authority to Aviation Medical Examiners (AMEs) who are willing to assume the responsibility and have demonstrated competency in aeromedical disposition.
4. Review of the third-class airman medical certification sys-

tem with considerations ranging from elimination of the certificate to more relaxed medical requirements.

Sabatini commented that EAA's recommendations were "right on target." FAA responded with a series of actions intended to address the special issuance medical certification backlog. The actions FAA has proposed, or are continuing to work on behind the scenes, address all of EAA's recommendations.

FAA is taking the following immediate steps to ease the special issuance backlog, while EAA and FAA continue to work on more sweeping, long-term improvements:

- Farming out special issuance cases electronically from the Civil Aeromedical Branch in Oklahoma City to the FAA regional flight surgeons, effectively increasing the number of doctors available to review and approve special issuance applications.

- Expanding the list of approved conditions for which medical examiners may renew special issuance certificates under the Aviation Medical Examiner Assisted Special Issuance (AASI) process. This process allows medical examiners to renew special issuances directly instead of sending them to FAA for review.

- Undertake an extensive communications effort to educate medical examiners and encourage them to participate more fully in the AASI process. This can dramatically ease the renewal of special issuances. FAA is enlisting EAA, the EAA Aeromedical Advocates, the Civil Aviation Medical Association, and other associations to assist in distributing information about the new AASI program and to help encourage both doctors and medical certificate applicants to take advantage of the program instead of deferring the renewal of special issuances to FAA.

- FAA has pledged to address EAA's longer-term recommendations for increased certificate duration and explore opportunities for greater delegation of authority from the FAA to the Aviation Medical Examiner (EAA's "Super AME" proposal). These proposals are long-term efforts because they require addition rulemaking, but the agency is willing to undertake significant changes in these areas.

EAA is pleased that FAA addressed the concerns expressed by EAA members and the pilot community during AirVenture 2005. In addition, FAA officials responded to the practical recommendations of the EAA and EAA Aeromedical Council. The agency is making a significant effort by implementing actions to address the problem.

FAA's proposed actions are a first step in addressing pilots' concerns. EAA and the EAA Aeromedical Council will continue to work with the FAA to ensure that these efforts are implemented, and will quantitatively and qualitatively measure the effect they have on pilots who are obtaining special issuance medicals.

"The EAA Aeromedical Advisory Council has done outstanding work in outlining the current situation and providing solutions," Poberezny added. "Enacting the Council's recommendations will streamline the processing of medical applications without compromising air safety."

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A **BIG THANK YOU** to **BUD PINKSTON** for taking me in his Decathlon to capture this photo of the DDC ramp last month. Sometimes high wings really are better! Photo by Mary Shortridge.

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Scott City Sat. April 8 at Noon
Celebrate Norman Buehler's
90th Birthday!!!



LARRY RUTHI of the Dodge City NOAA's National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office gave our group a wonderful presentation at last month's fly-in.



GEORGE ROSEL's beautiful Lancair. Read about it on page 3.

RIGHT: DDC fly-in brought in LOTS of people, airplanes, and red sports cars, too! Photos by Tom Auerbach and Mary Shortridge.



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GEORGE ROSEL'S LANCAIR



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TOM AUERBACH

