



FLY PAPER

January 2008

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

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER UPDATE

Walter Rundell

What is this strange power I have? I suggested a strong turnout for the Liberal Fly-In, and Lo, the ramp runneth over with airplanes. Alright, so maybe it was just a great day for flying. At any rate, a lot of people showed up to enjoy the output from the Lyddon grill, and all the other good stuff that came flying in.

Of course, in addition to all the aeronautical wisdom being exchanged, over the dinner table, the highlight of the day is always the Lyddon Hat Trick, where the stubs from tickets we were handed at the hangar door are pulled from a hat, and everybody (but me) has chance to go home with a souvenir of the occasion. The Grand Prize, a helicopter ride, was won by a gentleman who, either out of generosity, or fear of inherently unstable flying machines, donated the ride to 377 to be auctioned. Auctions require an auctioneer, and there just happened to be one present in the person of John Jenkinson Three I. No, he does not have triple vision, he actually is the third in a distinguished line of John Jenkinsons'. Our thanks to him, and the successful bidder, for a fun event that raised a tidy sum for the club treasure. Also, thanks to Lyddon Aero for their annual contribution to the fun and games.

In case you have never attended, Harley and Mary Ellen Foulks always cap off the year with the Christmas party at their beautiful home along the Arkansas River (deceased - the river) and this year was no exception. The weather was not the kind that would encourage you to go out in the dark and cold, but a lot of the regulars, and a few very welcome first timers, were on hand to help sample the Holiday goodies. Between, and following, trips to the serving table, a business meeting was conducted (you didn't know we had business??) Odds and ends, including a schedule for 2008 activities, and

selecting officers for the coming year, were taken care of, along with a gentle hint that your annual dues are due. A fitting end for the club's year, and looking forward to kicking off the new year at GCK this Saturday.

THIS MONTH Saturday, January 12 Buffet from 11:30-1

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N37-55.65 W100-43.47
Mag Var: 9 deg E
Phone: 620-276-1190
WX Contact: ASOS 121.32 or 620-275-0803
Tower/Approach: 118.15
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Unicom: 122.95
FSS Wichita: 122.45
Runways 12/30 & 17/35
Tower Hours 7am-9pm or call 276-8994

Join EAA Chapter 377 for an all you can eat buffet at the Flight Deck Restaurant! Chef Q will prepare a special spread for our group, including pancakes, waffles with whipped cream and strawberries, fresh fruit, two different kinds of quiche, bacon, sausage, and a drink station with coffee and tea, gratuity is included. Our chapter is hosting this event, making it available for members and their guests for just \$5 each! Please plan on flying or driving to Garden City, and bring a friend.

Anyone attending is welcome to climb the stairs to the top of the Control Tower for the bird's eye view of the airport, and to get a lesson in what the controller's job entails. David Nannarone plans on showing us his Rans Shekari. He has forty+ hours flown off, and is waiting for some nice flying days for some cross country adventures. Chef Q would like a tentative head count, so



if you plan on attending please let Mary know with a phone call or email by Thursday night. If you have any questions you can call Mary at 272-4379 (cell) or Chef Q at 271-1490 or 717-1463 (cell)

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.

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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.

Deadline for the February 2008 issue is January 30. Editor is going to be out of town so get me your information ASAP.

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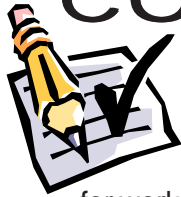
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COMING UP...



A BIG THANK YOU to DON BLACKMAN

for working on our fly-in schedule for 2008.

January 12—GCK @ Flight Deck Restaurant

February 9—The Crosleys @ Elkhart, KS

March 8—Crott's Aircraft @ Dodge City

April 12—Harry & Marilyn Bartel @ Hugoton

May 10—Crott's Aircraft @ Scott City

June 14—Anton's @ Satanta, KS

July 12—Rundell's @ Pierceville, KS

August—Lakin hosted by John & Jana Jenkinson

September 13—Judy Ranch near Gate, OK

October 11—Ashland or Buffalo

November—Lyddon's at Liberal

December 13—Christmas Party

FEBRUARY DEADLINE IS JANUARY 30!

ANOTHER ISSUE!!!

Thanks this month go to: Don Blackman, Gary Keller, Harley Foulks, Karel Roberts, Paul Fiebich, Ray Rexford, Richard Hawley, Walter Rundell, Wayne Melanson.

MONTHLY FLY-IN BREAKFASTS

1st Saturday: Ponca City, OK

2nd Saturday: Beaumont, KS

3rd Saturday: Alva, OK

4th Saturday: Augusta

Municipal (3AU)

4th Saturday: Chapter 455

Fly-in Breakfast at Enid

Woodring Regional (WDG) 8-10:30am

Every Sunday: Lucas, KS cafe

1st Sunday: GCK Flight Deck

If you are a history buff, check out this website dedicated to airports that have been "abandoned". Includes some familiar Southwest Kansas history...

<http://www.airfields-freeman.com/index.htm>



The LYDDON PRIZE PATROL with JACK JENKINSON at November's LBL fly-in.
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HEARD IN THE HANGAR

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Officers for 2008 are as follows: Jack Jenkinson President, Wayne Melanson Vice President, Harley Foulks Secretary/Treasurer. Harley would welcome the chance to let someone to take over as Treasurer. Please contact Harley at 276-6224 if you could help our chapter out with this task.

HARLEY FOULKS has access to an office building and shop near GCK. Perhaps EAA 377 would want to use it as a headquarters/project shop? Harley will try and get a key so we can all take a look after feeding our faces on Saturday. This could be an amazing opportunity!

Sign up for Airworthiness Directives (ADs) and Special Airworthiness Information Bulletins (SAIBs) at <http://rgl.faa.gov>

You can sign up by product type, make or model. This service will replace mailed paper copies of ADs. If you have any questions you can contact the FAA Aircraft Certification Service, Delegation and Airworthiness programs Branch, PO Box 26460, OK City, OK 73125.

Visit www.asf.org/ccs to take the IFR Chart Challenge: VOR Approach minicourse. This free, fifteen minute course will teach you the finer points of aeronautical charting.

Air Safety Foundation offers many different seminars, including their newest Live Seminar: Top 5 Mistakes Pilots Make. Do you know the top five categories of pilot-related GA accidents? Find out soon at a location near you.

February 6	Oklahoma City
February 7	Wichita, KS Yingling
February 12	North Glenn, CO
February 13	Colorado Springs
March 5	Bellevue, NE
March 6	Olathe, KS

DON'T FORGET THAT 2008 DUES IS DUE. You can send your \$15 to Harley Foulks at the address on page 2, if you have not already. Your mailing label should reflect the year that your dues is paid up through. If you have any questions, please contact Harley. And a BIG THANK YOU to those members who included an extra donation with their dues. By the generous support of our members with extra money, or by receiving their FLY PAPER via email instead of a printed copy through the mail, you allow us to keep our dues at \$15. Dues has not been raised in 10 years!

SPECIAL TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY! May 2008 marks the ten year anniversary of my stint as publisher of FLY PAPER! I would love to make this issue extra special. Our newsletter has come a long ways in ten years, and can continue to improve with your contributions! Please make sure to include me on your email list, and send me your photos and stories of your flying adventures so I can include in FLY PAPER. Remember, our on-line version can be as large as we want, so don't be shy! Wayne Melanson has been working on gathering photos of everyone, and making sure our information database is up-to-date. Please work with him and make sure that he has your information, so we can distribute a Chapter Directory soon. And color photos will be available on-line!

DECEMBER 2007 MINUTES

Harley Foulks, Secretary-Treasurer

The members of Eaa Chapter 377 met for the Annual Christmas party at the residence of Harley and Mary Ellen Foulks. Despite the nasty weather outside, 18 members and two guests were present. Following a lot of visiting and the consumption of an ample supply of food, brought by the members, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Jenkinson.

The Treasure's report was given by Harley Foulks. We have \$6938.00 in the bank, with all bills paid to date. Assets also include our covered trailer, tables and chairs.

We currently have 136 members and 66 of them have paid their 2008 dues. Recent new members are Terry Eubank of Ashland, Vince Forbes from Elkhart, Richie Dewell from Fowler and Richard Lougee of Garden City.

Don Blackman reported the fly-ins for next year are set and will be printed in the Fly Paper. We do not have a meeting For January, and it was agreed the officers will attempt to have a Fly-In at Garden City on the second Saturday of January with our Chapter participating in the cost of the meal. The need for four additional tables and additional chairs were discussed and it was agreed to purchase them.

Programs or Speakers for our Fly-Ins were discussed and efforts will be made by the officers to enhance our meetings by having them. If any members have ideas for programs please let your officers know.

There being no other new or old business, it was time for election of officers. Mary Shortridge nominated John Jenkinson for President, Wayne Melanson for Vice-President and Harley Foulks for Secretary- Treasurer. No other nominations being made, it was seconded and carried that they be elected.

Motion made and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

The Coyote in the Bathtub

By Richard Hawley



Harold Kennedy and his dad Ed.

Back in the dust bowl days of the late 1930's life wasn't easy in Western Kansas. Farmers had a very difficult time of it, even without the depression gong on. Sometimes Mother Nature seemed to be more of an enemy than a friend, and it would sometimes become necessary to step in and take measures.

As the rabbit population slowly dwindled due to the lack of good crops, the Coyote population began to search elsewhere for whatever they might find as a food source. Lambs, calves and assorted barnyard fowl became targets.

Having seen the problem grow to an unacceptable proportion, Harold and a friend named "Chet" Rexford decided the time had come to do something about protecting their interests. Harold was a man of many facets...one of which was in being a fine pilot.

He owned an almost new Aeronca C-3, oftentimes called "The Flying Bathtub" because of its pot-bellied appearance. It looked like an airplane from a Walt Disney cartoon with fat little tires and a tiny two cylinder engine with its exhaust pipes joined at the front of the plane in a "Y" shape. It had no doors on the sides, no brakes at all, and could barely lift off the ground with two full grown men aboard. Even so, it was a real airplane and it suited their purpose just fine.

An expedition was formed with Chet riding shotgun. His 12 gauge handy, Chet would search for varmints while Harold did the flying. There was no real plan to any of this, but they brought along a couple gunny sacks just in case they might find a rabbit or two to bring home for supper. A pheasant would have

been the top choice.

Somewhere down near Mineola, about twenty five miles south of Dodge City, they happened upon a rather scrawny and mangy coyote loping down a fence line.

Harold firewalled the Aeronca and rolled in on the target. Chet made ready with his gun. The coyote immediately took off in a swerving, evasive maneuver and ran over a ridge. The chase was on!

After about 15 minutes of dodging and bead drawing, Chet was able to take a shot. The coyote was hit and tumbled a few times in a cloud of dust. The hunters swung around and landed. It wasn't much of a coyote and it wasn't moving at all, so they threw it into a gunny sack and stuffed it into the very small baggage pocket behind the seats.

About ten minutes after they had taken off for home, there was a sudden hot, wet blast of air on Harold's right ear, accompanied by a very loud snarling and yelping sound! Chet was yelling at Harold to "Get this (expletive deleted) plane on the ground!!" The coyote was very much alive, and very peeved at both being shot and also at being taken aloft against his will. He was working his way out of the gunny sack as Harold chopped the power (using that term loosely) and dove for the ground.

In a bunny hop motion the Aeronca ricocheted off a pasture, and the two hunters "bailed out" each side of the plane in a rolling, tumbling sliding action...ending up in a series of cow patties and cactus plants. The Aeronca bounced on in a wide circle until it finally came to rest in a draw.

After a few minutes, the coyote looked out each side of the Aeronca and climbed down. Unimpressed with his first aviation adventure, and somewhat sore about everything in general, he limped off over the ridge and was gone.

The hunters, loaded with cactus quills, decided that they were ready to quietly go home and keep the event a secret. And so it was for many years...until one night at one of the many "hangar movies" that Harold put on for the neighborhood kids...someone spilled the beans. This happened many years ago but it still brings a smile to those of us who know the story of "The Coyote in the Bathtub".

Note: Richard Hawley wrote this article for the Colorado Antique Aircraft Association newsletter, and generously shares with us. Harold Kennedy was a member until he passed away December of 2006.



Harold Kennedy and his dad Ed.

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GCK FLIGHT DECK RESTAURANT 11:30-1

JANUARY 12, 2008



ESTHER RUNDELL, LARRY ZANT, WALTER RUNDELL & MARJORIE WILLIAMS at the Christmas party.



New member **JOHN JENKINSON** lives in Lakin, drove to Dodge City to rent the 172, flew to Lakin to pick up wife **JANA**, flew to the LBL fly-in, flew Jana back to Lakin, then over to DDC to return the airplane, then drove back home to Lakin. Yes, John REALLY loves to fly! (And he is shopping for an airplane!)



ABOVE: LBL fly-in at **LYDDONS**.
BELOW LEFT: **Flight lines at LBL**.



BUD PINKSTON announced Young Eagle plans of the Great Bend Chapter 1134 while '08 President **JACK JENKINSON** leads the November meeting.



JENNIFER LYDDON MANNEL's daughter at the LBL fly-in.



BRENDON SPANGLER and Grandma **KIM KELLER** were happy passengers with Grandpa **GARY KELLER** as pilot!



HARLEY & MARY ELLEN FOULKS celebrated their 60th Anniversary Dec.21. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**