

# FLY PAPER

JULY 2009

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

## LAST MONTH

from *Walter Rundell*

Talk about living the dream !! Last month, 377 got invited to the home of a couple who are living in a beautiful home of their own design, and construction, next to a fully equipped airplane building shop, which is attached to the hangar where they keep their last creation, a pristine P-51 look alike, RV8. The hangar door opens onto a graded, all weather sod strip. In this case, planes were landing there shortly after a rain. In the past, Bill and Nancy have had some "bummers" as far as weather is concerned for their annual fly-ins, but this time everything was working. They even arranged a breeze directly across the runway to give people a chance to show off their crosswind technique.

As usually happens, a major part of the fun is watching the different pilots, and airplanes, get in and out. Funny thing, the observers, sitting in the lawn chairs, seem to be mostly experts. Where the competition really gets tough is when they start filling their plates with the goodies that show up. Decisions have to be made on loading, a lot like the weight and balance they tried to teach you in ground school.. There are people rude enough to take the last piece of a pie that you have your eye on, just before you get to it - - shameful. Of course, your best shot is to go ahead and put the pie right on top of the baked beans on your first trip through the line. Now, this may put you over gross, not to mention a rearward CG, but you will avoid a lot of disappointment. You may wonder why I feel qualified to offer all this advice, but Farold and I are veterans of a LOT of great 377 fly-in dinners.

We want to extend a bunch of thanks to the Antons for their hospitality, and invite you to join us for the shade tree picnic this Saturday at the Rundell Farm.

## ANOTHER ISSUE!

Thanks this month go to: Elissa Shortridge, Janet Murphy, John Lewis, Larry Fenwick, Patty Robyler, Rachelle Powell, Rick & Joyce Dearden, Todd Crist, Vicki Melanson, Walter Rundell.

## THIS MONTH

*Saturday, July 11*  
*Noon Potluck @*  
**WALTER & ESTHER**  
**RUNDELL'S FARM**

You are invited to the Rundell's for their annual fly-in/picnic. Plan to arrive a bit early to visit in the shade, and we'll eat at noon-ish. If you have an RC, kite, balloon or just a good story, bring it along. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. We are hoping to see all of you there.

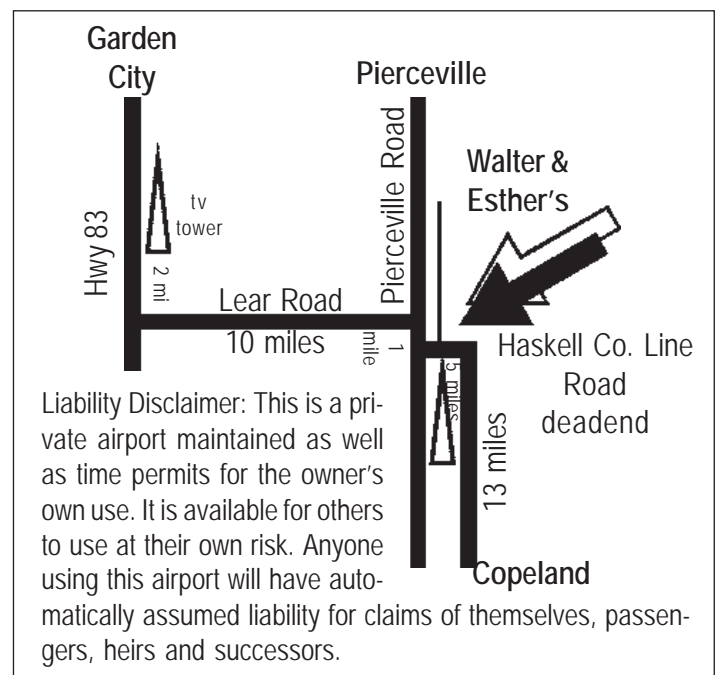
From Pierceville: about 10 miles south on Pierceville Rd. (blacktop) to the gray house on the west side of the road, then 1-1/4 miles east.

From Copeland: 13 miles north to the dead end, then 1-3/4 miles west.

From Hwy 83: Turn east on Lear Road (a blacktop 2 miles south of Channel 11 tv tower), east to dead end, then 1 mile south and 1 1/4 miles east.

N37°44.18' W100°40.03'

Monitor 122.75 • N/S 2300' turf runway, no wires



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# 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 Wayne Melanson, Treasurer,

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

Deadline for the August 2009 issue is August 1.

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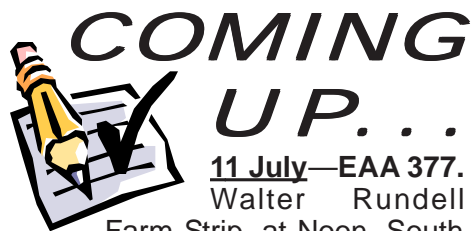
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## COMING UP...

**11 July**—EAA 377. Walter Rundell Farm Strip, at Noon. South of Pierceville, KS.

**3 August**—Genoa, NE (97Y) Airport Breakfast and fly-in. 7-11am. Fly-ins free. In conjunction with Heritage Power Antique Farm and Equipment Show. Free transport to show. FMI contact Bud Becker 402-993-6000.

**8 August**—EAA 377. Jenkinson Funny Farm (OK39) between Meade & Montezuma, KS, at Noon, by the Jenkinson Family.

**16-17 August**—Offutt AFB Open House.

**21-23 August**—AAA Fly-In. Minden, NE OV3. FMI contact Todd 308-380-5079 or 485-4441.

**12 Sept**—EAA 377. Judy Ranch (OK39), at Noon, Judy Family.

**10 Oct 9**—EAA 377. Ashland Airport (K58), at Noon by Mark Luckie Family.

**14 Nov**—EAA 377. Liberal Airport (LBL), at Noon, Lyddon Family.

**12 Dec**—EAA 377. Christmas Party by 377 club.

## DO I HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you are not receiving notes about EAA 377 and FLY PAPER,

**PLEASE SEND ME YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!!!!**

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I have been having a lot of messages bounce back with bad addresses.

Last minute changes to fly-in locations, as well as breaking news about our members, is distributed by EMAIL.



**BILL ANTON** shows his current project, a Bearhawk. It's a 4-place tail dragger with a construction similar to a Maule. Photo by **VICKI MELANSON**.



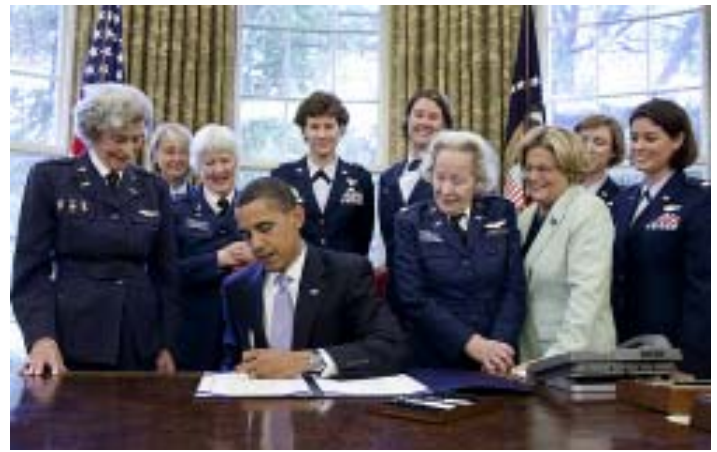
# HEARD IN THE HANGAR

**JOHN LEWIS** of Abbeyville, KS kept his Cherokee at the Sylvia, KS airport. A few weeks ago straight line winds at ninety miles an hour took his hangar, and left the Cherokee parked in it's usual spot. The insurance company totaled the airplane, so now John has to start shopping.



**FROM PATTY ROBLYER, CROTT'S AIRCRAFT**—Scott City Airport, TQK, is open for business! We have a new concrete runway and a new ramp! Come check it out!

**FROM RACHELLE POWELL**—Recently the DOT announced funding for Taxiway A Phase III at the Garden City Regional Airport. Construction is expected to begin in mid July and end in mid October. This project involves widening the taxiway from 35 feet to 50 feet. Taxiway A north of the ramp and Taxiway D will be closed throughout the project. The runways will remain open through the project.



President Barack Obama signs S.614, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots, in the Oval Office Wednesday, July 1, 2009. Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) was established during World War II, and from 1942 to 1943, more than a thousand women joined, flying sixty million miles of non-combat military missions. Of the women who received their wings as Women Airforce Service Pilots, approximately 300 are living today. Flanking the President are Bernice Falk Haydu, far left, Elaine Danforth Harmon, and Lorraine H. Rodgers, right. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.) is at far right. Behind the President are active duty US Air Force pilots. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)



**FROM JANET MURPHY**—**BRAD BRENSING** and his friend enjoyed their trip back to Stafford from Anton's fly-in, in the RV8. Dad and Granddad, **STEVE BRENSING** and **ROBERT MURPHY** made the trip in the 182. Brad now has his commercial rating and has flown jumpers for the Kansas State Parachute Club, at Wamego.

**FROM THE EDITOR**—See the latest issues of other EAA Newsletters, as well as a video clip of **BRAD BRENSING**, on our website. Check it periodically for updates!  
[www.eaa377.org](http://www.eaa377.org)





Damage to **JOHN LEWIS'** airplane at the Sylvia, KS airport.



**FROM LARRY FENWICK**—Here's one for all the "real airplane buffs". Name this airplane? Many, many guesses but few ever get in correct. This is a Navy "TigerCat"! Came into service at the very end of WWII and I don't believe it ever saw active service but don't quote me on that fact! Photo was taken at Oshkosh several years ago. The woman was the wife of one of the owners of this plane.



**ELISSA SHORTRIDGE** (with Katie Cooper of ZFX) went "flying" last week at a theatre workshop at the University of Nebraska. The ZFX Flying Effects company offered volunteers the opportunity to fly. The flyer has no control over direction, only what their body is doing. The "pilot" so to speak is the person on the rails who is handling the ropes. They set up a double purchase system (the weight is on a 1:1/2 ratio) and had two sets of ropes—one for vertical, one for horizontal. Elissa said it was even more fun than flying in the Comanche! (No way!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)



**LYN & LARRY FENWICK** with their Columbia 350. They live in their hangar/house at Hicks Field, Fortworth, TX.

# PHOTOS FROM JOHN LEWIS

