

FLY PAPER

March 2009

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

LAST MONTH

Walter Rundell

Articulate, informed, gracious, witty, - - just some of the words that came to mind as we enjoyed our tour of the RANS airplane manufacturing operation. As a guide, we were privileged to have the brains, backbone, and all the attaching parts that make up the dynamo that is Randy Schlitter, the guy responsible for dreaming up and creating the amazing facility that we were seeing. At a time when airplane builders are going bankrupt in droves, Randy continues to produce and ship his products all over the world.

We were met at the Hays Kansas airport by Tracy Standish and handed off to Randy who treated us to a look at examples of the completed airplanes in the RANS show room. Most of us would have liked to have one of each. After giving us a rundown on the various models, and fielding a lot of questions, we followed Randy and Tracy, "Pied Piper fashion," across town to the plant where the manufacturing happens..

Did you ever get the feeling that you wish your shop, house, office - whatever, looked a little better since you were going to have company? As we were escorted through the plant, I kept thinking "they must have spent a lot of time whipping things into shape for our visit," but as our host explained the schemes and systems that make it all work, I came to the conclusion the place probably looks neat and orderly, every day when they turn out the lights. As we came to the end of the tour there were all sorts of things that the group wanted to ask about, and Randy politely responded to as many as time would allow (This was, after all, supposed to be his day off) Eventually, he announced that he would like to take us all to his favorite place to eat, but he was afraid, after that, they would never let him in again. Now, that kind of hurt, but after seeing that bunch attack the food at the GOLDEN CORRAL, I could see his point.

It was all great fun. Hope you didn't miss it. Our sincere thanks to Randy and Tracy.

This Saturday, the Crofts operation at Dodge City has invited us over. Plan to be there



THIS MONTH Saturday, March 14

DDC — Dodge City, KS

The Crofts clan plans to start flipping burgers at 11, to minimize the congestion at noon. They will provide condiments for the burgers, drinks, and table service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also on hand will be representatives from the Universal helicopter school DCCC, a Lifeteam helicopter, and the EagleMed KingAir. And of course there are always some fun projects to take a look at in the hangars. They'll be offering a gas discount, and talk to Patty about the Phillips wing points, if you want to find out how to save money on avgas! Join your EAA friends for a fun day at DDC. Bring a friend!

Unicom - 122.7

CTAF - 122.7

FSS- WICHITA 122.35 122.2

Approach Freqs: Kansas City Center: 125.2 ;

WX Contact: ASOS 118.525 620-227-9721;

Elevation: 2594 MSL

Traffic Pattern: All Aircraft: 3394 MSL;

Runways:

(14-32) 6899X100; asphalt; PCL;

(2-20) 4649X100; asphalt; PCL;

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 April 2009 issue is April 3.

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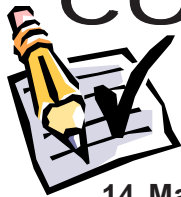
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COMING UP...



'09 FLY-IN SCHEDULE

14 Mar 2009, Dodge City Airport (DDC), at Noon, by Crofts.

11 Apr—Hugoton Airport, at Noon, by Airport Staff.

9 May—Montezuma, KS (k17) at noon, by Crofts.

2 May—Greensburg Fly-In. YOUNG EAGLES!

13 June—Anton's Flying UV Airport (1K9), at Satanta, at Noon, by the Anton Family.

11 July 2009—Walter Rundell Farm Strip, at Noon, by Rundell's, or at GCK, at Noon, by Gary Keller/Aircraft Services.

8 Aug 2009—Lakin Airport (36K), at Noon, by the Jenkinson Family.

12 Sept 2009—Judy Ranch (OK39), at Noon, Judy Family.

10 Oct 2009—Ashland Airport (K58), at Noon by Mark Luckie Family.

7 Nov 2009—Liberal Airport (LBL), at Noon, Lyddon Family.

12 Dec 2009—Christmas Party by 377 club.

Other Saturdays in each month are open dates. For any suggestions, questions, changes, or additions, please call Don Blackman 620-275-8630 Garden City.

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

Last Saturday of each month will be the Claremore Regional Airport Luncheon, held rain or shine. Lunch is from 11am-1pm

Greensburg Memorial Fly In May 2nd

The Kansas Pilots Association is inviting all general aviation pilots to a fly-in at the Greensburg Airport on Saturday, May 2nd to salute the citizens of Greensburg as they continue to rebuild their community in the aftermath of the tornado that devastated the town on May 4, 2007. The fly-in will include a lunch with all the fixins. Money collected from the lunch will be donated to a Greensburg support fund. This a great opportunity for the general aviation community to come out and show they care!!!

A rrvival time is 11:00 A.M. - Lunch at 12 noon.

Runway 17/35 is 2400' long X 290' wide turf.

8K7 is 88 nm west of Wichita ICT, true course 269 deg.

Coordinates: 37-36.001100N / 099-16.506750W

There are NO tie downs or fuel available. The nearest fuel is at Pratt Industrial Airport (KPTT) 26 nm East.

More details to follow. **Info:**

Al Madero 316-721-4366

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Salute to Valor

MARCH 14, 2009

A fund raiser for the Commemorative Air Force Jayhawk Wing.

(All funds stay in Wichita to support the local Wing)

Silent auction with lots, and lots of great buys!

Military Honor Guard

Dinner at 7:30PM

KAKE-TV.s Larry Hatteberg speaks after dinner

Single ticket sales or buy a table for 10 and make it a party!!!!

Read all the details via our website

www.cafjayhawks.org

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HEARD IN THE HANGAR

NANCY JUDY is at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal, KS now, recovering from a broken hip. She is in room 110 in the skilled nursing area, her phone number directly to her room is 620-629-6210. She is able to chat and visit on the phone if anyone wants to check in with her.

FROM MIKE MORIARTY, Kansas Pilots Association—The KPA is planning a fly-in to Greensburg on May 2, 2009. We are inviting all pilots living in Kansas to fly-in with us to salute Greensburg's citizens. To do so, we need to contact as many pilots as possible. As you probably know, there are over 7000 pilots living in Kansas, and too many public use airports for us to contact all of them on our very limited budget.

The EAA and AOPA have shown interest in publishing "after-the-fact" articles about the event (assuming it is successful) in their publications. We believe that this can only help Kansas.

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RICHARD HAWLEY published his first newsletter for the Colorado chapter of AAA Antique Airplane Association. You can read it in its entirety on our website. Congratulations on a job well done, Richard!

HARLEY FOULKS was inducted into the National Cooperative Hall of Fame on March 3rd in Wichita.

FROM RICK GERARD, editor of Chapter 88 Beacon—I want to get as many EAA chapters as can fit the fly-in into their calendar to show up in Greensburg, KS on May 2nd and transform every single eligible child there into a Young Eagle.

ANOTHER ISSUE!

Thanks this month go to: Alan Judy, Bill Anton, Dennis Scott, Harley Foulks, Mike Moriarty, Pat Whitham, Paul Fiebich, Rachelle Powell, Richard Hawley, Rick Dearden, Rick Gerard, Stephen LaBash, Tim Thompson, Todd Crist, Tom Auerbach, Tracy Standish, Walter Rundell, Wayne Melanson.

Check out the photos/video of last month's Ponca City Breakfast

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-rujklL6kc>

Saturday, Feb 28, 2009 — Claremore, OK. Claremore Fly-In Luncheon. Claremore Regional Airport. (KGCM) Last Saturday of each month will be the Claremore Regional Airport Luncheon, held rain or shine. Lunch is from 11am-1pm Door Prizes and lots of food and fun! Something new each month! Contact: Chris Ross 918-343-0931

May 15-17 the Midstates Tribe of the International Comanche Society is meeting in LBL!

REGENA M. AYE, Colonel, CAP Commander, Kansas Wing —Please join me in welcoming Hays Composite Flight (NCR-KS-009) to the Kansas Wing family. Approximately 10 new volunteers are joining our ranks, we are welcoming back some returning members (Kaylyn Philip), and transferring some members back (Lt Col Errol Wuertz). The new unit commander is Leonel Perez. If you would like to welcome him, he can be reached at fly@eaglecom.net.

We appreciate the willingness of all to serve their community, state, and nation. This squadron will help us extend our reach to better cover the territory between Wichita and Garden City. The C-172 that Kansas Wing received from NER will be stationed at this unit.

Welcome aboard, Hays!

FROM RACHELLE POWELL, Director of GCK—I have attached a picture of our new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting truck. It is an Oshkosh Striker 1500. It holds 1500 gallons of water and can shoot all of the water out in two minutes. The truck was purchased through the Airport Improvement Program. The FAA paid 95% with the city paying 5%. We strive to enhance the safety of our airport on a daily basis.





RICK DEARDEN captured this beautiful image of clouds in Scott County.



TOM STALLINGS with his Thatcher C4. Latest "Sport Aviation" magazine highlights these aircraft. Photo by Harley Foulks.



DENNIS SCOTT has built a hangar and looks forward to that retirement home to be built! He and Terri bought 3 acres in the new Lake Livingston Airpark addition about 50 miles North of Houston's Intercontinental Airport. "We just finished building my 50x60 hanger last month, thanks to my father, 3 boys and my wife".



TIM THOMPSON-Lenticular Clouds Above Washington-Credit & Copyright: Explanation: Are those UFOs near that mountain? No -- they are multilayered lenticular clouds. Moist air forced to flow upward around mountain tops can create lenticular clouds. Water droplets condense from moist air cooled below the dew point, and clouds are opaque groups of water droplets. Waves in the air that would normally be seen horizontally can then be seen vertically, by the different levels where clouds form. On some days the city of Seattle, Washington, USA, is treated to an unusual sky show when lenticular clouds form near Mt. Rainier, a large mountain that looms just under 100 kilometers southeast of the city. This image of a spectacular cluster of lenticular clouds was taken last December.



Oil well at Sunset January 13. Photo by **RICK DEARDEN**.

PHOTOS FROM DENNIS SCOTT



PHOTOS FROM HARLEY FOULKS

