

Concho Valley Aviator

Monthly Newsletter, Chapter 493, Experimental Aircraft Association

REFRESHMENTS 2012

January
February
March
April Steve McDuff
May Pat Nuytten
June Tony Marcum
July George Spinks
August Pat Nuytten
Sept Joe Christian
October Dave Dierker
November Don Smucker
December Christmas Party

April 2012 Newsletter, San Angelo, Texas

April Meeting

This months meeting will be held on April 17th at 7 PM at the Amateur Radio Club building next to the baseball field at Mathis Field airport.

Don Treadwell will show some flying scenes from the newly restored "WINGS" movie.

Bill Yeates, Editor

Minutes

Chapter 493 Minutes for March 20, 2012.

1. President Pat Nuytten called the meeting to order at 7pm at the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club building.
2. Visitors attending were: Scott and Penelope Woodward
Joe Trudeau
Dottie
Charlie Campbell
Rex Corbin
John Clappin
3. President Nuytten is hopeful that the Radio Club will continue to allow us to use their building until construction at the airport terminal is completed.
4. Treasurer Joe Christian gave his report and it was accepted by the members
5. Minutes of the February meeting printed in the newsletter were approved.
6. New business:
 - A. Young Eagles flights will be given to Boy Scouts Troop 1 April 7 at 9am at Skyline Aviation, Mathis Field.
 - B. A motion was made to donate \$100 to Skyline Aviation was approved.
 - C. Steve and Nancy McDuff agreed to furnish refreshments for April meeting, and Pat Nuytten volunteered for May.
 - D. Programs for the rest of the year are needed. If you can give one, contact Bud Greene.
 - E. There will be a fly-in and hangar dance at Brady on May 19.

7. Scott Woodward presented a program on soaring. To get information on soaring conditions, google: National Weather Service Soaring Forecast Texas or <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/soar/soardata.php?file=soarwx>

Richard Martin, secretary.

Showcase



FORD'S FLYING FLIVVER

After Henry Ford's success with the Ford Trimotor, an attempt was made to produce "everyman's aircraft". The Flivver was designed in 1926 with Ford's instructions that it fit in the size of his office. It had a welded steel fuselage and a wooden, fabric covered wing. A tail wheel was mounted on the rudder and had a brake for use on city streets. The chief test pilot was Henry J. Brooks who regularly commuted to work in the prototype Flivver. The only other pilot to fly it was Charles Lindbergh who declared it "the worst plane he had ever flown".

The Flivver had a single seat, length of 15 ft 6in, wingspan of 21ft 9in, weight of 500lb, and was powered by an Anzani Radial of 36hp.

The prototype crashed into the Atlantic in 1928 killing Henry Brooks, and light plane production was stopped. One surviving copy of the Flivver is in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. In 1991, EAA Chapter 159 in Midland, Michigan built a replica from inspections of the museum plane. They were never able to get the Anzani 3 cylinder radial to run, so it ended up as a display only and donated to the EAA museum.

What Our Members are Building



Richard Martin has hung the Rotax engine on his RV-12. Assisting were Steve McDuff, Ted Reed, Lloyd Rauch, and Richard's grandson Seth. The engine went on relatively easy – a testament to Van's attention to detail.

YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS



Twenty Seven boy scouts and three of their sisters were flown on April 7th from Skyline Aviation at Mathis Field. Four planes were used flown by Don Treadwell, Joe Christian, Al Elliot, and Dave Dierker. Assisting on the ground were George Spinks, Gerry Hatch, Bud Greene, and Bill Yeates. Jim and Mitzi O'Hara had the P-38 on display, and Dave Dierker had his RV-6. The scouts were flown around San Angelo for about 20 minutes.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14 Bluebonnet Airshow Burnet, Tx
April 28 Spring fly-in. Old Kingsbury Aerodrome. Kingsbury, Tx
May 19. Armed Forces Day Celebration and Fly-in, Brady, Tx 325-456-6726
May 26 Annual Wasp Homecoming. Sweetwater, Tx.
July 23-29 EAA Airventure Oshkosh, Wi

See you at the meeting.

Bill Yeates, editor