

Concho Valley Aviator

Monthly Newsletter, Chapter 493, Experimental Aircraft Association

Refreshments 2012

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August Joe Christian
Sept Pat Nuytten
October Dave Dierker
November Don Smucker
December Christmas Party

August 2012 Newsletter, San Angelo, Texas

August Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on August 21st (third Tuesday) at 7 PM at the Amateur Radio Club building next to the baseball field at Mathis Field airport.

Joe Christian will give a presentation on "The IPAD and Aviation".

Bill Yeates, Editor

Minutes

Minutes of EAA Chapter 493 meeting July 17, 2012

1. President Pat Nuytten called the meeting to order at 7 PM.
2. The Treasurer's report was given by Joe Christian and approved.
3. The June meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.
4. An update on Chris Hatch via "Caring Bridge".

Address for Chris and Gerry:

Charter House
Room 806
211 2nd Street NW
Rochester, MN 55901

5. There was one visitor present: Pearce Marshal, a young eagle.
6. New Business: Carol Ann Garratt will give the program in September on her round the world flights.
ALSWorldFlight.com
7. Pat Nuytten brought a film on building the J3 Cub.

Richard Martin, secretary

Showcase



1939 PIPER CUB-COUCPE

There is an unusual plane flying out of Ducote Airpark now. This is a Piper J4 Cub Coupe. Unlike the other Cubs, the J4 has side-by-side seating. It was produced only from 1938 to 1941 originally with a Continental C-65 and later with a small Franklin. This particular plane was upgraded to a C-85 with a starter and generator. It cruises about 90 mph.

This J4 was one of several planes owned by rancher Joe Pierce near Ozona and is currently on loan to Cody Braden.



I was especially intrigued by the nearly original panel.

The large instrument in the center is the tachometer.

WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP



The World Gliding Championship Competition is being held in Uvalde, Tx from August 4 to August 18. There are about 120 entries from 24 countries. Three categories of sailplanes are competing – 15 meter, 18 meter, and open class. Courses to be flown each day are 300-350 km and are typically finished in less than 3 hours.

I went down to Uvalde on the 4th which I thought was the first day of competition after a week of practice, but it was a rest day, so I didn't see any of them fly. The field was full of beautiful and expensive (starting about 100k dollars) sailplanes. I did meet several of the crews from Australia, United Kingdom, and Germany. They all commented on what a great soaring environment we have in west Texas.

Besides the cost of aircraft, the competitors have to ship the planes and equipment over here, pay an entry fee of \$975, and pay \$75 per launch.

Did You Know?



The Convair B-36 Peacemaker was flown by the USAF from 1949-1959, and had a top speed of 435 mph, a ceiling of 50,000 ft, and a range of 12000 miles. It never dropped a bomb in anger, but kept a shaky peace during the early “Cold War”.

Some facts about the 6 piston and 4 jet engines: Each piston engine had 4 rows of seven cylinders with 4360 cubic inches displacement each. There were a total of 336 spark plugs. The engines, like all radials, leaked oil. Sometimes, the engineer had to shut down an engine in flight because it had used its allotment of 150 gallons of oil. Ground crews spent 6 hours to prepare the bomber for a mission. Flight crews needed several more hours for preflight check of 600 steps.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 13, 14. CAF Airsho, Midland.

See you at the meeting.

Bill Yeates, editor