

# Concho Valley Aviator

Monthly Newsletter, Chapter 493, Experimental Aircraft Association

## Refreshments 2012

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

February 2012 Newsletter, San Angelo, Texas

## *February Meeting*

The February 2012 meeting will be held in the conference room of the Mathis Airport Terminal on February 21st at 7 Pm. Don Treadwell will talk about aerial photography, building an RV-6, and a new product that improves margins of safety. Come early and eat at the Airport Café.

We need volunteers for refreshments for April and September. Joe Christian has volunteered for a program in May. If you have a program or an idea for a program, let one of the officers know.

Bill Yeates, Editor

## *Minutes*

### Minutes for January 2012

1. President Pat Nuytten called meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Treasurer's report was given by Joe Christian and approved by the members.
3. Minutes for Nov. 2011 printed in the newsletter approved by the members.
4. Old Business:
  - A. Need members to sign up to provide refreshments.
  - B. Young Eagles flew about 2 weeks ago. Very successful flights.
5. New Business:
  - A. Motion to give \$150.00 to defray Mark Stull's wake service approved.
  - B. Poor Boy Avionics will give a GPS presentation March 1 @ 6pm please RSVP 325-2772803
  - C. Meeting room will not be available for meetings after February while construction on the terminal is going on.
  - D. Motion made and approved to give \$500.00 to EAA youth fund
6. Presentation on certification of Amateur Built Aircraft by Bruce Jeffcoat [505-764-1216](tel:505-764-1216)  
Richard Martin, secretary.

## Showcase



### FAIRCHILD-REPUBLIC A-10 THUNDERBOLT II

The **Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II** is an American single-seat, twin-engine, straight-wing jet aircraft developed by Fairchild-Republic in the early 1970s. The A-10 was designed for a USAF requirement to provide close air support (CAS) for ground forces by attacking tanks, armored vehicles, and other ground targets with a limited air interdiction capability. It is the first U.S. Air Force aircraft designed solely for close air support.

The A-10 was designed around the GAU-8 Avenger, a heavy rotary cannon which forms the aircraft's primary armament (and is, to date, the heaviest rotary cannon ever mounted on an aircraft). The aircraft's hull incorporates over 1,200 pounds (540 kg) of armor and was designed with survivability as a priority, with protective measures in place which enable the aircraft to continue flying even after taking significant damage.

The A-10's official name comes from the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt of World War II, a fighter that was particularly effective at close air support. The A-10 is more commonly known by its nickname "*Warthog*" or simply "*Hog*". As a secondary mission, it provides airborne forward air control, guiding other aircraft against ground targets. A-10s used primarily in this role are designated *OA-10*. The A-10 is expected to be replaced in 2028 or later.

Wikipedia

Photo by Bill Yeates

**DID YOU KNOW?** Chapter 493 members Al Elliot and Ted Conrad flew the A-10.

*Where Our Members are Flying*

Submitted by Gerry Hatch



On January 14<sup>th</sup>, several Chapter 493 and GTAT members flew to San Marcus to visit the newly opened Red Bird Skyport FBO and training center. A free brunch and a tour of the simulators was provided.



Gerry Hatch flies one of the simulators.

Larry LeBeau and Lawrence Wright looking at one of the simulators.



## FOR SALE



1960 Cessna 175A Project - \$10,000 OBO.  
Add engine, mount, prop, and paint  
and it's ready to go. Lots of new parts.  
For more pictures and details go to :  
<http://www.N6846E.weebly.com>

Andy Spinks  
830-660-5911



1940 Taylorcraft BC-65 \$19,000  
3763 total hours  
1322 hours since overhaul .  
aircraft was recovered in 1992 Hangared since .  
Safe Start electric starter system installed March 2011 .  
Aircraft at Ducote Airpark  
Steve McDuff  
325 944 2615

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3-4, EAA Aircraft Builders Workshop, Dallas. See SPORTAIR.ORG  
March 27-April 1 Sun-n-Fun Lakeland, Fl  
April 14 Bluebonnet Airshow Burnet, Tx  
July 23-29 EAA Airventure Oshkosh, Wi

See you at the meeting.

Bill Yeates, editor