

# Concho Valley Aviator

Monthly Newsletter, Chapter 493, Experimental Aircraft Association

## Refreshments

January  
February  
March  
April  
May  
June  
July  
August Al & Anne Elliot  
September Pat Nuytten  
October Bob Reese  
November David Weathersbee  
December Christmas Party

July 2010 Newsletter, San Angelo, Texas

## *July Meeting*

There will be no meeting of EAA Chapter 493 in July since most of our members will be going to Airventure 2010 in Oshkosh.

The next meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Yeates, Editor

## *Minutes of last meeting*

The secretary, Richard Martin, was unable to attend, so Pam Earwood took the minutes.

Minutes  
EAA Chapter 493 Meeting  
15 June 2010

President Pat Nuytten opened meeting with a welcome to members and guests.

Minutes of May were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved.

Old Business:

1. A reminder that the chapter received Thank you notes for the \$500 donation to the EAA Air Academy.
2. Pat Nuytten discussed the WINGS program as an excellent way to update pilot proficiencies.
3. Reminder of the Synder Pancake Breakfast and Johnny Williams' BBQ on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

1. Discussion on whether to have a meeting in July due the large number of officers and members being gone to Oshkosh. Bob Reece moved that the July meeting be cancelled, Joe Christian second the motion.
2. Discussion was held on what was acceptable to be placed on the reflector. Reminder that jokes should not be posted. Discuss whether the sale of aviation items was appropriate. Reminder that many items of interest that are posted could be newsletter entries instead.

Newsletter entries go to Bill Yeates, all entries to the newsletter are due by the first of each month, and the newsletter comes out a week before the meeting.

Due to length of program the meeting was adjourned for refreshments provided by George and Martha Spinks.

Program:

The program was a Webinar from EAA HQ about the events and new features at Airventure 2010.

## *Showcase*

This month's showcase photo is of a rare aircraft. It is a B-23, Douglas's entry in medium bombers. The Army purchased several, but apparently they were used as transport rather than bombers. The photo was taken several years ago at the boneyard behind the CAF museum in Midland. The aircraft has since been sold to another museum.



*Douglas B-23 Dragon*

## *What our members are building*

### **Richard Martin, Vans RV-12**

Richard is building an RV-12 kit. He has completed the aft fuselage and the vertical and horizontal stabilizers.



Here, Richard shows off the fuselage with a few parts still in the box, and the completed vertical stab.

The RV-12 is an all metal, two place (side by side) LSA compliant aircraft powered by a 100 HP Rotax 912ULS. It's low empty weight allows for a useful load that carries 2 210 lb people, 20 gallons of fuel, and 50 lb of baggage.



Here, Richard holds the horizontal stabilizer.



Richard is working on the cockpit area of the fuselage. Soon, he will be able to sit in it and make engine noises!

## **Norm Beauchamp - Kitfox**

Here is the latest word from Norm's progress. He is waiting for his Corvair engine.

There has actually been some progress on my engine. The shipment date is still not known however. There may be some retrofitting before any flying also. I have some ideas to change the cooling plenums and I'm sure there will be some modification to the intake system due to the carburetor change. That being said I'll get to the reason of all this.

When I was flight testing the Subaru engine I was using a flight plan submitted by one of the Kitfox builder pilots. It is pretty intensive and takes up pretty much all of the 40 hours to complete if followed. My problem, not being an ace test pilot with many hours, was trying to fill all the squares and added remarks then being able to decipher them after landing. So if someone is interested in assisting me when the time comes, it will be greatly appreciated. This will be time consuming, hopefully interesting with little excitement.

My idea would be to review the test plan together, decide to follow it or amend it, or to amend it as needed in progress.

I'm suggesting both a pre flight and post flight briefing. Flight following will require communication and copying information as given or requested if I fail to transmit what is needed.

This may sound a bit much to most of you, however I feel it will help me with recording information for my aircraft HOP. Each aircraft has its own characteristics especially experimental homeboys. Thanks for your consideration.  
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If you are interested please contact me personally [nebchmp@suddenlink.net](mailto:nebchmp@suddenlink.net). Or call to contact or leave message at 226-2652. If more than one are interested I'm sure there could be times when a back up would be needed.

## *Upcoming Events*

EAA Airventure, Oshkosh, WI July 26-Aug 1, 2010

## *Classified*

**FOR SALE:** MEYERS 200A Continental IO 470D, King IFR, up-dated panel, 4-place, leather interior, good paint.  
Jim O'Hara, 325/949-3891.

**FOR SALE:** 1995 Challenger II Clipped Wing Special, Rotax 503, 300 hrs, Good condition but hasn't flown in a couple of years, so to be sold AS IS.  
Bill Yeates, 325/223/5072



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