

Concho Valley Aviator

Monthly Newsletter, Chapter 493, Experimental Aircraft Association

REFRESHMENTS 2012

January
February
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

March 2012 Newsletter, San Angelo, Texas

March Meeting

The March 2012 meeting will be held on March 20th at 7 Pm. The meeting place will be announced.

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

Chapter 493 Minutes for February 21, 2012.

1. Chapter president Pat Nuytten called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Treasurer Joe Christian read the treasurers report which was accepted by the members.
3. Minutes of the January meeting were published in the newsletter and was approved by the members.
4. New Business
 - A. The terminal conference will not be available while construction is going. A new temporary place will be announced.
 - B. Poor Boy Avionics will have a Garmin presentation on March 1st.
 - C. New membership roster is available.
5. Old Business
 - A. Refreshment providers needed for April and September this year.
 - B. Programs needed all year.
6. The program was given by Don Treadwell who talked on aerial photography, some photos from Oshkosh, and the building of his RV6.

Richard Martin, secretary.

Showcase



The Golden Hour

Flying's golden hour is around sunset when the heat and the west Texas wind die down. Throw in a small country airport and a small classic aircraft, and you have a truly magical moment. The next best thing to flying then is to sit beside the runway and watch someone else. I caught Mike Plecenik flying his Aeronca Champ at Ducote a few days ago. Mike, a former jet pilot, still enjoys putting a simple aircraft through its paces. I watched as he flew downwind at 7 or 8 hundred feet and cut the power when opposite his landing point. Then with only the sound of the wind over the wings he crossed the numbers at about 20 feet without adding power and softly kissed the runway with all three wheels. A few hours earlier, any landing would have been a bouncing, rudder stomping arrival in the gusty winds. (Photo by Bill Yeates)

What Our Members are Building



Johnny Williams has the fuselage of the Zenith CH750 sitting on the gear.



Richard Martin also has the fuselage of his RV12 sitting on the gear. He is currently wiring the panel.

This is view of Richard's panel. What?
No steam gauges?



A report from the Concho Valley Soaring Association on a flight by Scott Woodward in his 1-26 glider.

Soaring report for San Angelo, Texas and the Concho Valley Soaring Association for Saturday March 3, 2012. Departed exactly 1300 local, landed 1656 local. Reached 9600 ft max altituded. Remained above 7000 ft for most of the flight. Encountered 1200 ft per min climb frequently. Total flight time 3.9 hours on one launch. I could have climber higher, but cloud base prevented it. If we are getting this kind of lift in the first of March, I can imagine it will be a good season.



(photo by Bill Yeates)

Scott Woodward landing his Schweizer 1-26

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Andy Spinks
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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 27-April 1 Sun-n-Fun Lakeland, Fl

April 14 Bluebonnet Airshow Burnet, Tx

May 19. Armed Forces Day Celebration and Fly-in, Brady, Tx 325-456-6726

July 23-29 EAA Airventure Oshkosh, Wi

See you at the meeting.

Bill Yeates, editor