

CONCHO VALLEY AVIATOR

President's Invitation

EAA Concho Valley Chapter 493 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Joe's Italian Restaurant at 1601 S. Bryant Blvd in San Angelo. Most of us arrive by 6:00 pm for dining and hangar talk. A short business meeting begins at 7:00 pm followed by an aviation-related presentation. We top it all off with dessert type refreshments. We'd be happy to see all aviation enthusiasts whether you are a pilot or not.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is coming up on **Tuesday, May 20th.** **We'll be meeting again at Joe's Italian Restaurant on South Bryant.**

MEETING PROGRAM:

The May program is slated to be a presentation by Don Baker on the building of a Skybolt.

Local Aviator of Note

I would like to tell everyone a little about a local aviator of note. This man first joined EAA Chapter 493 in 1976 and has served in every office in the chapter. He also was one of our local flight advisors for many years. This guy could also be considered the father of Ducote Airpark. As both a pilot and a realtor he became aware of an abandoned paved ranch strip soon after joining the newly formed EAA chapter here. With the help of the owner and several local pilots he successfully got it platted and subdivided as an airpark. He has lived there since 1980.

This character has rebuilt, reconfigured and even built airplanes from scratch. The most recently completed plane was a Thatcher CX4 single seat all-metal plane that was first flown on 11/7/2009. His last flight as PIC was in this aircraft was on 11/7/2010 on his 85th birthday. *(Continued on P. 2)*

Refreshments

2014

May - Joe & Judy Christian

June - George & Martha Spinks

July - Norm & Marty Beauchamp

August - Jerry Hatch

September - Pierce Marschall

October - Steve McDuff

November - Donald Treadwell

December - Christmas Party

Jan., 2015 - Don Smucker

2014 Chapter Officers

President:	Don Treadwell
Vice-President	Tony Marcum
Treasurer	David Dierker
Secretary	Pierce Marschall

Other Volunteers

Tech Counselors:	Bob Reece and Ted Reed
Young Eagles Rep:	Don Treadwell
Flight Advisors:	??
Newsletter Editor:	Larry Wedel
Webmaster:	Bob Heiser



MEETING MINUTES

EAA Chapter 493 Meeting, 15th of April 2014 at Joe's Italian Restaurant, 1601 S. Bryant Boulevard, San Angelo, Texas.

Donald Treadwell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pierce Marschall introduced a guest: Ross Smith; Ross is 15 Years Old and has enjoyed flying for approximately a year and a half now. Ross is a freshman at Water Valley High School. Welcome Ross!!

The March Meeting Minutes were discussed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and the Chapter's Dues were paid to the EAA.

Old business: There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business:

Joe Christian announced that three planes went to the Big Bend State Ranch in the past month and will be planning another trip soon. He will let you know more on the Chapter Reflector if you are interested.

Don Smucker announced the Brady, TX Fly-In on May 17.

The Chapter motioned to send a check of \$175 to Nancy York for the Memorial of Leon York. Leon was the 57th member to join the Experimental Aircraft Association.

The April Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Norm Beauchamp shared a program about Weather Briefing and also included a pop quiz.

Lastly the Chapter enjoyed Refreshments from Bob Reece.

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Many of you know who this guy is by now. He's Johnny Williams

To continue the story about this guy, here is the list of aircraft that he has flown according his log books and his best recollections:

Bellanca 260, Bellanca Viking, Bonanza 35, Bonanza A36, BT13, C-140, C-150, C-170B, C-172, C-172 Hawk XP, C-175, C-182 RG, C-190, C-210, C-337, Cardinal RG, Cessna P-210,, Citabria, Interstate Cadet, Maule Tri-gear, 180hp, Meyers 200, Mooney 201, Piper Cherokee 6, Piper Colt, Piper J3, Piper J5, Piper Lance PA-32, Piper PA11 on floats, Piper PA20, Piper PA28-180, Skybolt, Stinson 108, T-34, TaylorCraft, Piper Tri-Pacer and a Thatcher CX4 (see pic on P1).

Next month expect to see an article which will be my condensation of what Johnny wrote in his "My Flying Recollections, 1940-2003" with some recent updates. That book is what he recalled as he went through his log books several years ago.