



# FLY PAPER

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Members in KS, NE, CO, MO, OK, TX, NC, FL, AZ, NM, & AK!!

## LAST MONTH from Walter Rundell

You have all heard that if you want to draw a crowd, advertise a free lunch. As it turned out the offer of a free movie worked pretty good too. For the benefit of those who weren't able to attend, 377 enjoyed a private showing of "ONE SIX RIGHT" which was a documentary about an airport that, over time, evolved from a grass strip into a frantically busy airport. There was a lot of great airplane photography. The sad news being, that in contrast to that particular airfield, hundreds of small airports where a lot of us learned to fly have simply vanished, usually victims of cookie cutter housing developments or "industrial parks." A number of reasons for this could be debated, but the fact is, the low horsepower end of what is commonly called "General Aviation" is simply disappearing. If you have any doubt about that, compare the current number of pilots versus the U.S. Population, with the same statistics fifty to sixty years ago. Same thing with light airplane sales.

In spite of the best efforts of various aviation organizations, the numbers keep dropping. Not the least of the problem is that, although flying has always been expensive, the FAA appears to operate on the premise that the more complicated and restrictive the process for obtaining/maintaining a pilots license and owning / maintaining an airplane becomes, the more people will want to get involved. This is extremely good news for the folks selling boats, motorcycles, toy cars, and other things people buy with their spare change.

The good news, if any, is that living in "Fly over country" we have a little more latitude to operate in, and are less likely to discover an F something or other in our rear view mirror if we happen to violate an un-

seen boundary in the wild blue.

Now that you are all fired up to go flying, just as well whip on over to Dodge this Saturday where the lunch will indeed be free. Just remember to bring a couple of cookies or a grape or two to share. Thanks to all who were responsible for arranging the movie in that beautiful facility.

## THIS MONTH Crofts Aircraft Dodge City, KS Sat. Mar. 12 at Noon

The Crofts clan plans to serve BBQ sandwiches at our upcoming noon potluck. They will provide drinks and table service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There are always some fun projects to take a look at in the hangars. Join your EAA friends for a fun day at DDC. Bring a friend— Anyone interested in airplanes or flying is always welcome to join us!



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All Aircraft 3394 MSL;  
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02-20; 4649X100  
14-32; 6899X100



# F.Y.I.

Chapter 377 normally meets on the second Saturday of each month. "Meetings" are normally fly-ins to different member airports, with a potluck at noon and short meeting following. December is the Club Christmas Party. Contact any of the officers listed to confirm meeting date and place. Anyone interested in recreational flying or building is encouraged to attend.

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Annual membership in Chapter 377 includes one year subscription to FLY PAPER. Send \$15 (\$7.50 after July 1) to Wayne Melanson, Treasurer,

Readers are encouraged to contribute articles, photos, etc. by submitting them to the Editor/Publisher.

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# COMING UP...



**12 March**—EAA 377 at Dodge City, KS.

**9 April**—EAA 377 at Elkhart, KS.

**14 May**—EAA 377 at Montezuma, KS.

**June 2-5**—National Biplane Convention. Junction City, KS (3JC)

**11 June**—EAA 377 at Anton's Flying UV near Satanta, KS.

**June 11-12**—Annual Stearman Fly-In. St. Francis, KS.

**9 July**—EAA 377 at Sublette, KS.

**July 25-31**—AIRVENTURE!!!

**13 August**—EAA 377 at Jenkinson's Funny Farm near Montezuma, KS.

**August 16-18**—Wichita Aviation Festival/McConnell Open House & Air Show. A celebration of Wichita's aviation heritage.

**20 August**—Front Range 7th Annual Classic-Antique Airplane and Car Show. Last year 500 collectable cars attended.

**August 26-27**—AAA of Nebraska Minden Fly-In.

**August 31-September 5**—40th Anniversary of AAA fly-in at Blakesburg. www.antiqueairfield.com

**September 9-10**—Showdown on the Plains BBQ Challenge & Aerobatics Show. Scott City, KS.

**10 September**—EAA 377 at Judy Ranch near Gate, OK.

**8 October**—EAA 377 at Buffalo, OK.

**12 November**—EAA 377 at Liberal, KS.

**10 December**—EAA 377 Christmas Party at Garden City, KS.

FMI contact Donald Blackman at 620-275-8630, 1285 N. Mennonite Rd, Garden City, KS 67846.

**2011 - the U.S. Naval Aviation's Centennial Year**

Photo certificate proposal lacks safety, security benefits—AOPA has called for the FAA to withdraw its proposal to require all pilots to obtain a photo on their pilot certificate because it adds no safety or security benefit, while adding substantial costs to pilots and the federal government.

# ANOTHER ISSUE

**THANKS TO:** AOPA, EAA, Jeff DeBusk, Matt Olafsen, Pam & Scott Trask, Patti Roblyer, Rachelle Powell, Richard Hawley, Robert Mulch, Todd Crist, Tom Auerbach, Walter Rundell.

## MONTHLY FLY-IN BREAKFASTS

1st Saturday: Ponca City, OK

2nd Saturday: Beaumont, KS

3rd Saturday: Alva, OK & Benton, KS

4th Saturday: Augusta

Municipal (3AU)

Every Sunday: Lucas, KS cafe

Last Saturday of each month will be the Claremore Regional Airport (KGCM) Luncheon, held rain or shine. Lunch is from 11am-1pm

Are you hosting a fly-in for our chapter? Please contact Don Blackman at 620-275-8630 or a club officer if you do not know the location of the club trailer. It is the host's responsibility to get the trailer, so the following month's host will then get the trailer from you.

Don't forget that if you are hosting a fly-in, our chapter happily reimburses you \$100 to help cover your costs of hosting the event. Just contact Wayne Melanson and he'll get you a check!  
**THANK YOU!**



# HEARD IN THE HANGAR

**DEREK BARR** has joined the GCK team. Derek is the Director of Operations. He is a recent graduate of University of Central Missouri. He has a Master's Degree in Aviation Safety and is also a pilot. Hopefully you will get the opportunity to meet Derek at an EAA 377 fly-in!

**FROM JEFF DeBUSK, GCK TOWER**— The GCK Tower will have a new trainee as of Monday 7 March. His name is **WILLIAM BROWN** and comes to us from Corpus Cristie Naval Base. Pilots should start hearing his voice the week beginning the 14th of March. Let's give him a little slack, and lots of work, weather permitting.

Pretty interesting video on Supersonic Flight: <http://www.wimp.com/supersonicflight/>

**FROM AOPA ePILOT**— March AIM to include 'line up and wait': The new phraseology "line up and wait" will be included in the edition of the Aeronautical Information Manual to be published March 10, according to the FAA Office of Runway Safety. Just like "taxi into position and hold," the phrase is used when a takeoff clearance cannot immediately be issued because of traffic or other reasons. Controllers have been issuing the instructions since Sept. 30. Find more information on airport operations in the Air Safety Institute's Runway Safety online course.

**FROM RON CHANDLER**—I am interested in an older Aeronca, Luscombe, Piper or Taylorcraft, restored and in top condition; or a more recent used American Champion, Luscombe, Taylorcraft or RANS under \$75K. Must meet FAA criteria for Light Sport Aircraft. If one of your members has such an aircraft for sale, please pass on my contact information. I am a member of Ellsworth Chapter 1127. Thank you very much.

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**FROM TOM AUERBACH—FLIGHT BREAKFAST** – March 5, 2011—Weather was clear and cold (22-25 degrees) and windy (15-25 at times). It warmed only slightly during the breakfast. For some reason, none of the usual high wing tail draggers made it today. Those who arrived from the South had to put up with 40-45 Kt headwinds – at least they got a break going home. We had a reasonable turnout from town, considering how cold it felt. Our cashier, Bob Christensen put the official count at 305 breakfasts served. I had a relatively easy job of counting 18 aircraft from the photos that I took of the arrivals. The two not-so-usual aircraft that came were a Piper Malibu Mirage Jet-Prop from Wiley Post and a 1954 Aero Commander from Guthrie.



EAA 377 has a Facebook Group page! You can upload your photos to share with all our friends! Check it out!

# You meet the nicest people at the airport...

*from Mary Shortridge*



I had blocked off last Friday to spend at the airport, reminding that beautiful Comanche just who I am, and making sure she would still be willing to take me into that beautiful blue sky. Friday morning the fog was so bad I almost wondered how safe it was going to be to merely DRIVE to the airport and hang out in the hangar. I spent the morning in the kitchen baking up some food for the airport crew, and then enjoyed lunch getting caught up with everyone. After lunch a couple came in to the FBO to purchase a sectional, and we got to visiting. It turns out that Pam and Scott Trask had landed in Leoti on Wednesday after dark, and had been weathered in ever since. Thankfully Leoti airport has a courtesy car that allowed them to get out and see something besides four walls of a hotel room, hence their trip to GCK. They are based at IMT (Ford Airport, Kingsport, Michigan), on their way to visit Pam's folks in Lake Hervasu City, AZ in the RV7A they built. The miserable weather was the topic of conversation, and the forecast wasn't predicting a reprieve any time soon.

We discussed the differences between typical winter weather, and they really didn't seem to believe



me that we normally have much nicer weather than this. We exchanged contact info, and I encouraged them to call me the next day if they were still weathered in.

The next day we made plans for a Sunday feedyard tour. Aircraft building had been a topic of conversation as well, so I was hoping to introduce them to Bill and Nancy Anton, who live closeby. Ron enjoyed giving them his famous Cattle Empire Feedyard tour, and showing them the babies at Empire Calf Ranch. We then drove on down to Flying UV Airport and introduced them to Bill and Nancy. We got to see the finished edition on their beautiful home, as well as the RV and the Bearhawk, a work in progress.

Ron and I had such a good time introducing Pam and Scott to life in southwest Kansas. Almost from the moment I met them, they seemed like old friends. Ron and I are now looking forward to a visit to Wisconsin during blueberry season!

Though I think we have much better winters down here in Southwest Kansas, I also look forward to a winter visit some day, as Scott has promised me an airplane ride on skis! What an adventure I look forward to in Thumper on our trip to IMT!

I have heard that Scott and Pam made it safely to Lake Hervasu City, and are enjoying sun and warm temps. They promise they harbor no ill feelings towards southwest Kansas; I have



*Scott and Pam's home...somewhere in those trees!*



*Last year's bumper blueberry crop.*



been encouraging them to come back for a Chapter fly-in. I can't wait to introduce you!

American Legend Aircraft Company To Host Gathering For Cub Convoy To Sun 'n Fun 2011— American Legend Aircraft Company has announced the company will be hosting a fly-in/out gathering for the 75th anniversary Cub Convoy to Florida, coordinating a state/regional group together for the flight to Florida and mass arrival at Sun 'n Fun Fly-In. Aircraft arrivals are scheduled for Friday, March 25th. On Saturday morning, a group departure will take place for an expected arrival at Perry-Foley Airport (40J) in Perry, Florida on March 26th.

The 75th anniversary Cub Convoy to Florida is a reenactment of the first Cub Convoy to Florida held in 1936. For further information, contact American Legend Aircraft Company at 903-885-7000; or log on to [www.legend.aero](http://www.legend.aero).

TODD CRIST shared these photos of a recent trip to Lanai Airport, the only airport serving the island of Lanai, Hawaii. Left is on the approach, right is half way to Lanai from SFO (San Francisco International Airport).

Check out Todd's website

<http://www.businessjetconsultants.net/>



Shuttle Discovery on her last flight.  
Photos by **MATT OLAFSEN**,  
Volunteer pilot for CAF B-24 'OI 927 :)





**Sovereign at Lanai Airport. Photo by TODD CRIST, Business Jet Consultants**

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