



**March 2020**  
**EAA CHAPTER 377**



# fly paper

**EAA—Our mission:** To grow participation in aviation by sharing the spirit of aviation.

## **LAST MONTH**

From Jennifer Lyddon



## **THIS MONTH**

**Saturday, March 14**  
**Noon potluck at KDDC**  
**Dodge City, KS**

Join us Saturday, March 14 for our monthly noon potluck lunch at Crotts Aircraft, Dodge City. The Crotts families and employees are our hosts. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served—please bring a side dish to share. We are hoping to see all of you there; invite a guest to introduce to our group!

**DODGE CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT**

FE 2,595—3.00 mi E of city

Runways: 02/20, 14/32

Longest paved runway: 6899 ft

CTAF 122.7

WX 118.525 or call 620-227-9721 (AWOS-3 )

FMI call Crotts at 620-227-3553



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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.

FLY PAPER is published monthly, normally mailed a week before each meeting/fly-in.

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

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

**Deadline for the March 2020 issue is March 6.**

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## COMING UP...

**14 March**—Crott's Aviation, Dodge City, KS. Contact Raeanna (800-475-3553)

**11 April**—Elkhart, KS. Bill Cotter 936-499-8042

**23 May**—Air Fair. Lakin/Kearny Co(36k) EAA Young Eagles 5/22. Contact Jeff Morgan 620-355-9302

**13 June**—Buffalo, OK. Mike & Chyrll Miller 620-388-3364

**11 July**—Sublette, KS Marshall Watson 620-675-8342

### July 20-26 AirVenture!!!

**8 August (Breakfast at 9am)**—Hooker, OK (045) Contact Mark Davis 620-482-0354.

**12 September**—Mid America Air Museum, Liberal. Bob Immell 620-624-5263

**3 October**—Syracuse Hamilton Co.(3K3) Classic Antique fly in. Steve Phillips 620-384-5835. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER**

**7 November**—Stain Reiss Farms near Plains, KS 620-629-3604 37.27N,-100.72W, 7.5 miles west of Plains Ks, HY160 **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER**

**12 December Christmas party**—SFEC Scott City(KTQK) Liz Vulgamore 620-874-8325

Are you interested in hosting, or helping with a monthly meeting? Would you be willing to organize or present a short program of interest to our group? We would LOVE to hear from you! Please contact Bill Cotter at 936-499-8042 or wmpcotter@aol.com

**PONCA CITY, OK  
1ST SATURDAY FLY-IN  
BREAKFAST  
Ponca City Airport  
7 to 10a.m.  
Contact: (580) 767-0470.  
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## FOR SALE

### LOOKING FOR A PROJECT? RV-4 PROJECT FOR SALE

Tail, wings, and fuselage kits assembled, all interior, and most exterior surfaces primed with vari prime. All work done by licensed A&P/IA. Asking \$14,000. (Current prices of unassembled kits from Vans, tail kit- 1445.00, wings- 6175.00, fuselage 4465.00) Includes plans, drawings, and misc hardware. Contact **ED ADAMS** at Aircraft Services PH 620-275-5535. home 620-276-3931 after 6pm or edadamsap@gmail.com.

## ANOTHER ISSUE

**THANKS TO:** AOPA, Crotts Aircraft, David Givens, Dee Ann Ediger, Elizabeth Vulgamore, James Kirk, Jennifer Lyddon, John Jenkinson III, Kymberly Jenkinson Logan, Lida McWilliams, Marshall Watson, Randal Loder, Ron Judy, Sherry Niederkorn, Sportys, Tom Auerbach,



There was beautiful scenery to be seen on Kauai, Hawaii. Cameras were OK, but no drones allowed.





# HEARD IN THE HANGAR

Last month you read about the networking that happened between **MITCH COUNCE, SHERRY NIEDERKORN, MARY SHORTRIDGE, BILL COTTER**, and EAA headquarters. Sherry and her husband Tim chair the youth Committee at EAA Chapter 5 in Middlefield, OH. They held a Summer Youth Aviation Camp where they met four young persons who were exceptionally interested in learning to become a pilot. Chapter 5 decided to sponsor these 4 campers to the EAA Air Academy Camp 2020 in Oshkosh. Unbeknownst to us, the Young Eagle flights flown by our chapter earn credits, that can be used for support of such things. These credits expire annually, so we were able to gift our “about to expire” credits to Chapter 5 to help these kids. WIN WIN! And, it turns out Chapter 5 has an IMC Club that is close enough for Dave Grier to attend. That information had not been able to be found via the normal channels when I searched. Isn't it cool how networking works?

*If you fly with an iPad, you really MUST sign up for Sporty's Ipad Pilot News. They do a FANTASTIC job of informing their readers, for FREE, of interesting tidbits of information regarding the actual ipad, or new apps, how to use your apps, etc. And of course, some of the apps work on other platforms, so you might want to sign up even if you aren't using the Apple product. I have listed two from their list of ten apps that you may not have heard of. I thought most everyone could use these, if you don't have a GPS in the panel, or even if you do!*

## **FROM SPORTY'S IPAD PILOT NEWS**

Top 10 aviation apps (you haven't heard of)

January 29, 2020

We like to highlight unique lists of aviation apps to help both new and pro iPad pilots stay up on the best aviation apps available in the app store. This list is a bit different, and is designed to help you expand your app horizons and check out some new aviation apps you might not have tried out yet:

1. FlyQ Insight. Use your iPhone or iPad's camera to help identify and locate nearby airports with this augmented reality app. Hold your device up to the window and it'll present a virtual marker on the ground to help you spot and fly towards nearby airports.

4. NRST: Descent Rate and Airport Finder. This app provides a great resource when you need to initiate a diversion and find the nearest airport. It maintains a list of nearest airports based on your present position, including distance and bearing to each one, and gives the vertical speed required to fly there based on current groundspeed.

**KYMBERLY JENKINSON LOGAN**—After graduating from Spartan in 2016 and getting my Airframe and Powerplant ratings, my next step was to wait 3 years to test out for my Inspection Authorization (IA). Yesterday I took the hardest test I have ever taken and passed! I'm now an IA!!

**CONGRATULATIONS, KYMBERLY!!!**

**ELIZABETH VULGAMORE**, TQK, recently shared photos of her five year old niece Jazlyn, who she took flying. Jazlyn asked to go again the next day! Featured on our back cover.



**MARSHALL WATSON**, of Sublette, KS 19S, is busy instructing private and instrument. He recently shared:



**DUANE DEVELLEN** soloed.



**RUBYN BLATZ** soloed.



**FROM DAVID GIVENS**—I am in the middle of a rebuild on my PA-20. Doing about 12 STCs, cables, pulleys, LED lights, interior, and all new fabric. Should be down to bare fuselage by tomorrow night.



Longtime EAA 377 member **WALTER RUNDELL**, 91, passed away on Tuesday, March 3 at his home in rural Pierceville. He died in the room he was born in. (He was anxious to claim these bragging rights!) Details of his memorial service are not available as we “go to press”, but tentative plans are a morning service on Saturday, March 21 at his church home, Pierceville Federated Church. Walter was “Editor” for FLY PAPER for many years, and Esther and Walter hosted July fly-ins on their farm for many years.

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Our condolences to longtime EAA 377 member **HARRY BARTEL** on the passing of his wife, Marilyn.

Marilyn LewElla (Hall) Harris, 76, passed away February 17, 2020, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, Kansas.

She was the daughter of Code Henry and LewElla Dean (Anderson) Hall, Marilyn was born December 3, 1943, Taft, California.

She and Larry Harris were married and had four children; Janell Rae, Janean Louise, Jarrod Keith, and Jeffery Dean. Larry preceded her in death September 9, 1997.

Marilyn and Harry Bartel married December 15, 2001, they enjoyed 18 great years together. They loved traveling and took several trips together including; Canada, Alaskan Cruise, Bahamas, and Belize. These trips together meant so much to them and they enjoyed them beyond belief.

One of her greatest joys were grandchildren, she loved spending time with them. She was a very busy woman and loved cooking. She cooked at USD #209, Moscow and USD #210, Hugoton. Marilyn enjoyed this job because she loved to cook.

She is survived by husband, Harry Bartel, Hugoton, KS.; daughters, Janell Rae Valdez and husband Bobby, Albuquerque, NM., Janean Louise Harris and partner Walter Bigley, Topeka, KS.; son, Jarrod Keith Harris, Topeka, KS brothers, Glen Hall, Sulfur Springs, TX, Roger Hall and wife Gloria, Dodge City, KS., Tony Hall and wife Linda, Hugoton, KS.; three grandchildren, Gracious Faith Harris, Trevon Lee Harris, and Rylee Lauren Bigley; numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by parents, Code and LewElla, son, Jeffery “Stack”, brother George, sister-in-law, Mary Hall.

A memorial has been established for My Father’s House or Pheasant Heaven Charities. Memorials may be mailed to Robson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 236, Hugoton, KS 67951.

Visitation will be Friday, February 21, 2020, 10 AM to 8 PM, Robson Funeral Home, Hugoton.

Funeral service will be Saturday, February 22, 2020, 10:30 AM at Moscow United Methodist Church. Burial to follow at Moscow Cemetery.





*“Kindness can transform someone’s dark moment with a blaze of light. You’ll never know how much your caring matters.” —Amy Leigh Mercree*



March 8, 2014 was a lifechanging day for Ron, and I. That is a day on the calendar we can remember specifically as a BIG moment. That was the day that Ron’s life was saved, by someone’s selfless gift of life. It was a journey of years of searching. It was years of crossing paths with many medical personnel, each impacting the journey that got him to the operating room and that life-saving liver transplant. That life saving operation did not instantaneously make Ron healthy; it was a new kind of rollercoaster ride, and that track was REALLY steep.

There are a couple of sparks of light during this dark moment that come to mind. Our favorite memory is that cold winter day where a completely unknown-to-us fellow came to the hospital to talk with Ron about his liver transplant. This guy, Dave Grier, was himself a liver transplant recipient. He actually had undergone a liver transplant in 1997, then ten years later required a kidney/liver transplant. This visit was a turning point for Ron; he saw Dave Grier as a healthy guy living life, not as a liver transplant patient. Ron saw hope for his own future, that wasn’t defined as a medical procedure.

It wasn’t far into the conversation that we discovered Dave’s passion for flying. He was working on his Private Pilots license, so I was VERY excited to turn the discussion to airplanes rather than livers. Ron laid there in his hospital bed, with a satisfied smile on his face while Dave and I talked airplanes and flying.

A real friendship has bloomed from that day’s light. Our annual return to Cleveland for Ron’s checkup includes a visit with Dave, and now includes visits to the Transplant House as well. Dave’s light shines on many transplant patients and their loved ones that are staying at the Transplant House. His enthusiasm and light will point the direction for them and a new life, not defined by a scar. Ron and I enjoy supporting this worthy cause, and hopefully casting a bit of light and hope to the patients and their loved ones, that are early in their transplant journey.

Dave has passed along to Ron the attitude the his transplant scar is just a bridge to the next step in his life. Ron has worked to implement a mentor program at the University of Nebraska Omaha Medical Center, based on Dave’s visit to Ron’s hospital room. Less than a year later there are now two more liver transplant patients that want to work with Ron to be mentors. Ron is now dreaming of how Omaha might host a Transplant House, to serve patients and their families, and offer both financial support as well as emotional support.

Dave went on to pass that Private Pilot Checkride in April, 2014. Dave purposely chose this date because April is Organ Donation Awareness Month. Dave is now working on his Instrument ticket, and hopes to fly medical missions. A Commercial ticket will follow when he has accumulated enough hours. We are hoping that Dave will make his first visit to Nebraska this summer. Air museums, local eats including some great Nebraska beef, and some IFR approaches in Thumper, the Shortridge Comanche. Yes, life is good. Really good.

*~Mary Shortridge*





# JAMES KIRK PT-26 PROJECT PROGRESS



USAF Museum Project Manager signs “exchange” documents plus Bill of Sale (FAA form)



PT-26 fluids had all been drained off in July 1984 when it was flown to Wright-patterson & USAF Museum from the donor’s home in Boston, MA. After loading the PT-26 at the Museum, a short drive back to motel showed us the propeller “TURNED in the WIND!” I’m holding the “leash” we duct-taped on propeller to keep it from turning ... (600 miles with NO Oil for lubricant may have added some “wear” on engine with the prop turning!)



**JOSH BEATON** (Scott City) secures main gear for the trip to Leavenworth, KS (about 600 miles via I-70)



Travel day was Nov 21 and arrival home about 9 pm. Long day and we “burned” a lot of gas with this OVERSIZE Load.



Photo in front of old hangar that housed Presidential Aircraft until moving into new Museum Building 4.



**JOSH BEATON** (Scott City) smiling as our trailer brought all the PT-26 pieces home. Both wings and horizontal Stablizer are sandwiched under aircraft body. Verticle Stablizer traveled in pickup bed.





A large crane makes short work and a Safe Offload! After adding five 60 pound bags of sand (the stabilizing “trick” folks at USAF Museum showed me ... IT WORKED!) and offload was smooth.



Previous owner had PT-26 painted much like his USMC Fighter WWII in South Pacific had been painted.  
 105 bombs on left side marking his “Missions Flown” (Lt Roger L. Currie)  
 Three Japanese Rising Sun’s marked Three Victories against Japan ... scored by a previous Owner (before donor, Lt. Roger L. Currie, USMC)



We attached the sling strap to rollover bar. After adding 5 sand bags, the PT-26 lifted pretty level and safely.



The crane operator moved PT-26 Safely off the trailer & into the hangar as the weather began to change.



PT-26 inside with wings on roll around. Nose of **NORMAN BEUHLER** built Thorp T-18 at right of photo.

***The PT26 project got offloaded smoothly on November 26, 2019 and rolled into the hangar. Wings are on a separate rollaround.***

***WX turned = no progress on it.***

***Have been working on Cessna 120 & stripping covering off wings in a neighbors hangar here at High Crest (SN83)***





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