

November 2020

EAA CHAPTER 377



fly paper

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

LAST MONTH

FROM RANDAL LODER

Greetings all. What a nice crowd and great fly-in and get together at the Mid-America Air Museum in Liberal September 19. A tip of the wings to Bob Immell, his staff, and the local EAA members who made it possible and arranged for the delicious BBQ lunch. I estimated that 40-45 members and guests attended.

Regarding the EAA's Christmas Party event at the Spencer Flight and Education Center on December 12th, we stand ready to host the event. I have arranged for lunch and it is at no expense to the EAA #377 Chapter. Likewise, it's not a problem if future circumstance prevent the event from taking place. As for Naughty Santa and his crew, they're unquestionably adept at getting places in all kinds of weather and conditions and I just know and trust that they'll show up.

With most of the attendees at these EAA event being pilots and/or spouses thereof, I believe we're all pretty adept at assessing risk and making "go or no-go decisions" and I believe that's exactly what's called for in this situation. We each personally assess the risks and act accordingly. No one set of circumstances fits all and there is no condemnation for anyone making a decision to stay on the ground or to keep it hanged that or any other day.

I hope there's decent weather on November 7th and that I get to see many of you at Stan's. There isn't anything else remarkable going on that week is there?



Reiss Southwest Airfield
Plains, KS

November 7 Noon Potluck @ Southwest Family Farms/Stan Reiss

Join us Saturday, **November 7th (FIRST SATURDAY)** for our monthly potluck lunch at Stan Reiss Family's Southwest Airfield. They plan to serve chili, please bring a side dish to share.

18 miles on the 36° radial from the Liberal VOR.

37.27°N/100.72°W

FE 2800'

18/36 100' x 3500'

Please announce your arrival in the pattern on 122.75

DIRECTIONS FOR DRIVE-INS:

6.5 miles west of Plains on HWY 160

8.5 miles east of HWY 83&160 junction

5 miles north of Kismet

1/2 mile east of HWY 160 & Kismet HWY

Our address is: Southwest Family Farms, HWY 160, Plains, Kansas 67869

We are 1/2 mile east of the 3M bushel high moisture corn pile if you get lost.

For more info call Stan Reiss 620-629-3604



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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 Randal Loder, Treasurer,

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

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PRESIDENT BILL COTTER is constantly working on confirming upcoming meeting dates, and we will publish as soon as we have more information. Of course with the state of Covid19 stuff, who knows what will happen on a day to day basis. But you do have a few events to look forward to! Sure hope to see you on the ramp some day soon!



COMING UP...

7 November—EAA Noon Potluck @ Reiss/Southwest Family Farm near Plains, KS 620-629-3604 (**NOTE THIS IS THE FIRST SATURDAY**)

12 December—Christmas Party at Scott City, KS Spencer Flight & Education Center. FMI contact Randal Loder

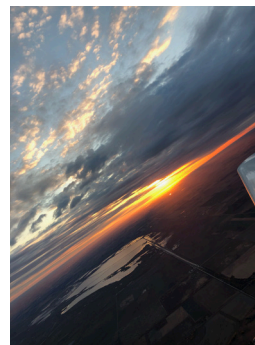
ANOTHER ISSUE

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Any stamp collectors out there? Or just want something neat to frame and hang on the office wall? A friend no longer wants these; first one to claim gets it. Contact Mary using info column 1.

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ELIZABETH VULGAMORE

was airborne before the sun was up last Friday. I was delighted to hear she would be dropping off a passenger at Lincoln, and picking up another to take back to Kansas. With about an hour of down time, it was wonderful to see a friendly Kansas face at my local airport. We enjoyed a socially distanced visit

across a radial engine coffee table. And Lincoln is blessed with Krispy Kreme, perfect for the flight back to Scott City. Thanks for brightening my week! ~Mary Shortridge

FOR SALE

CESSNA 172H; SN 172-54936; 1966 model; N1441F

Airworthiness Certificate issued 9-14-1966 in normal and utility category.

Last Annual Inspection completed by Ron Decker, I/A, on Feb. 2, 2016.

Ron said he could do an inspection but figured a prospective buyer would like to do a pre-buy/annual at the same time with a mechanic of his/her choice.

Tach: 75.4 Aircraft TT 3437.5.

Continental O-300-D

Engine TT: 3437.5 TSMOH 105.5

No asking price listed.

Dempsey Roten

Cell: 580-829-2157

48664 State Highway 11

Capron, OK 73717-2259

Aircraft hangared at Alva Airport KAVK.



HEARD IN THE HANGAR



FROM PAUL FIEBICH—Our chapter fly-in September 26 (eaa 88) was a success, the profits will go a long way towards our financial recovery.

We also had a small fly-in 15 miles east of my home field yesterday. It was at the Benton AirPark. It was meant to be an U.L. fly-in but was too windy for everyone but me, the Weedhopper type planes could not handle the 15-25 mph winds and gusts. It was a rough and bumpy flight! Six GA planes flew in. I flew direct and direct back home, a very uncomfortable ride.

FROM BILL JONES— I have been trying to sell the 182 due to fact it is not being flown enough to justify owning it. I decided to sell it and my son mentioned it so I was glad to oblige, since I had all the investment in it. I put it on Barnstormers which I have decided is the best service to use. There is a lot of sales activity on Barnstormers website. I found out from trying to sell my Sting Sport that you are wasting your time and money using all the other sources. This exercise of using all kinds of advertising for over a year and spending \$3900.00 was a big waste of time and money trying to sell the Sting. I finally sold it to a Doctor from Idaho. I heard from an attorney in San Diego about wanting to trade a 2019 Dodge Ram four wheel drive pickup with 23,000 miles on it. At first I said no but after talking to my son decided to make the trade. I gave the buyer credit at dealer wholesale price trade on the 182 plus he had to come up with the balance in cash to make the trade. He paid for shipping the truck to me with a cashier's check for the balance. I then sold my 2015 GMC to the local Chevy dealer. Used trucks are bringing a premium now. I had never owned a Dodge before, but this pickup is a very good vehicle. It was a win win for both parties and I am very happy with the pickup. It has power running boards which make it very easy for me to get in and out of the pickup. It is a Laramie model and has more bells and whistles on it that I have never seen on a pickup. As soon as I figure out how to use all of the bells and whistles I will be very happy.

TOM AUERBACH reports that Ponca City breakfast is cancelled until further notice. Runway at Ponca City is notamed closed until March 31.



WANDA MAY FINKENBINDER STALLINGS, recently of Dodge City, Kansas, went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Born April 9, 1935 to Albert and Lola (Baldwin) Finkenbinder, she grew up as a farm kid during the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, and World War II.

After elementary and high school, Wanda obtained her Bachelor's degree and then her Master's Degree in Education from Emporia State University. She served as a beloved teacher in Emporia, Eureka and Garden City, Kansas for more than 30 years.

Wanda was an avid and accomplished artist, focusing on watercolor painting. She was a signature member of Watercolor West in Los Angeles, California. She was a member of the Kansas Watercolor Society, and a founding member of Garden City Arts.

Wanda is survived by her husband, Thomas H. Stallings, who was lucky enough to marry her on December 27, 1978. Other survivors include two daughters Pamela J. Algrim and Cheryl A. Palkowitsch; a son Richard A. Maynard; two step-daughters Shannon R. Burns and Staci D. Kennedy; four brothers Leo Finkenbinder, Darl Finkenbinder, Arthur Finkenbinder, and William Finkenbinder; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Wanda is preceded in death by her parents; a step-daughter Marci L. Stallings; and a step-son Kirby A. Stallings.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at Bible Christian Church in Garden City with Pastor Bob Bates and Pastor Chad Ulrich officiating. Services may also be viewed on Facebook Live on the Garnand Funeral Home Facebook page. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Friends may call from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials given to Garden City Arts in care of the funeral home, Garnand Funeral Home, 412 N. 7th St., Garden City, Kansas 67846.

PROGRESS REPORTS



MARSHALL WATSON is pleased to announce that **LEIGHTON DELISSA** from Meade completed his PPL checkride September 24.



MARSHALL WATSON is pleased to announce that **RUBYN BLATZ** completed his PPL checkride September 23. Marshall is proud to note, this plane has been used to train close to 30 pilots.



SCOT SUDMANN is pleased to announce that **SERGIO GUTIERREZ** passed his Private Pilot checkride October 6. Sergio plans to continue his studies and fly professionally. He currently is part of the line crew at Saker, KGCK.

FROM JIM KIRK



Cleaning on the 120, before & after.

Yesterday, radio (powered by a “temp jumper power wire”) all worked!
 Now getting everything (new wires & some switches) fixed back in instrument panel (photo).
 (We’re probably @ 90% done ... with 50% to go!)
 Hope you are laughing with us!



A "NOT SO COMMON" WAY OF LIFE

John J. Jenkinson III

One of the responsibilities that farmers, ranchers, and general aviation pilots have, is telling the story of our importance. That's not easy, because we were all brought up to not focus on us, and we have a difficult time talking about ourselves. But with less than 2% of the nation's population now involved with agriculture, it's more critical than ever.

Recently, John Jenkinson had the chance to introduce a fellow co-worker to what it's truly like, to be a farmer or cattle feeder, in today's world.

Kelly Theiss, a producer/writer at RFD TV and Rural Radio on Sirius XM Channel 147, spent a weekend in Kansas with John and Jana Jenkinson.

Growing up in a suburban area, she had a lot of questions; she talked to a feedlot owner, and an ethanol plant manager. She also drove Jack Jenkinson's Steiger Tractor, rode combine with Rocky Ormiston, and yes, she flew an airplane.

While attending the monthly EAA 377 fly-in at Liberal, she got the chance to talk to members, and learn the importance of General Aviation to agriculture and rural America.

Kelly said she really enjoyed the trip, and was most surprised at how much it costs to farm and raise livestock. She also talked about how helpful it was to be able to come full circle, and have a better understanding



of the struggles, joys, and triumphs of what she will be writing about.

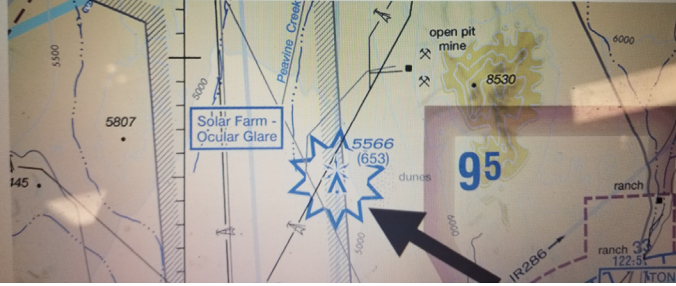
What was her favorite part of the trip? Learning what it takes to fly an airplane. John and Jana took her to all the places they visited in their Skylane, and John let her taxi, take off, climb out, and cruise at altitude. She said she would someday like to possibly look into getting her own license, and at least, take an introductory lesson.



7) Ocular Glare

Large solar farms can cause blinding glare if you're flying near them. To give you a heads up, the FAA has started charting them on sectionals.

The example below is the Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project northwest of Tonopah, NV.



FROM DEANN EDIGER—Solar farm glare now rates a danger marking on FAA sectionals.



FROM MARY SHORTRIDGE—Ron and I took 5 month old Matilda for her first airplane ride. She did well, and has been flying a second time. Ready for a cross country!

ROCKY ORMISTON has been busy! Fields were planted in 2 different varieties of sorghum. Sorry to report they have been harvested, and are no longer viewed.



Located inside the tracks of the Liberal ethanol plant.



Located west of the Liberal ethanol plant.

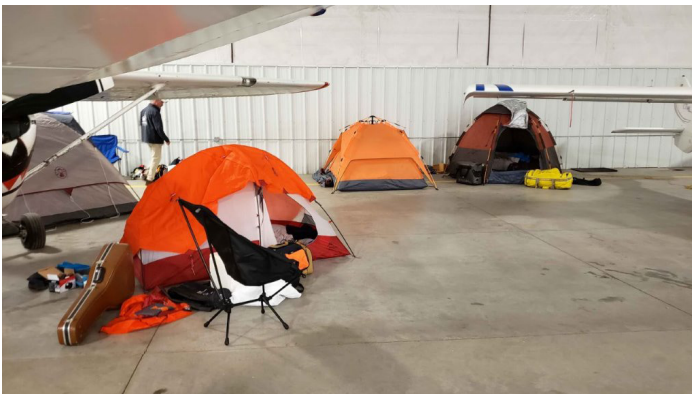


1 mile west of the Liberal ethanol plant.



8 miles N of KLBL, 1 mile east.

FROM BILL ANTON—Photographs of our recent trip to the Badlands Fly-in at Hot Springs, SD and on to the Utah backcountry. The group that flew to Hot Springs from SW Kansas was Brian Shirley, Shane Bangerter, Johnny Borth, Logan Koehn and me with my college roommate Roger Herren. Three planes, Brian Shirley, Doug Jackson (a friend from Decatur, Tx) and me then proceeded west after the Fly-In. Our plan was to fly into the Idaho backcountry. As we flew across Yellowstone Park the smoke got so bad as to be close to IMC and it was forecast to be more of the same in Idaho. We headed south for the Utah backcountry and spent 4 days in Utah camping at Mexican Mountain airstrip for 3 days and staying at Moab for a day. This is amazing country to fly in. We landed at numerous airstrips. Most of these were constructed in the 50s and 60s by mining companies exploring for uranium and oil & gas.





FROM BILL ANTON—L to R: Bill Anton, Roger Herren (my college roommate), Brian Shirley, Doug Jackson (Decatur, TX) I'd propped the camera up on a rock with self-timer & didn't notice that Doug was behind a weed ☐

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Saturday, November 7
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Farm Strip near Plains