## A CHAPTER 377 September 2020 EAA CHAPTER 377 September 377 September 2020 EAA-Our mission: To grow participation in aviation by sharing the spirit of aviation. EAAST MONTH

FROM MARK DAVIS—Well, we had the best cancelled fly in of all time. haha! I drove over from Liberal after talking with Bill Cotter about 7:45am on Saturday morning. Bill and I had decided to cancel it. Flight services told him the fog and bad weather would linger the rest of the morning and a lot of the day. The ceiling at Liberal was about 500 ft and as I got close to Hooker fog rolled in and was less than 1/4 mile visibility. Guymon, 20 miles further, was reporting clear skies. Crazy. So, we sat around and just knew it was over. We had our "Spot Landing" competition with a paper airplane thrown by a young boy who was there to help. lol. I think Aaron Witt will send you a picture of that. There we were feeling sorry for ourselves, but low and behold, around 9am a few brave pilots from up north out of Dodge City made it in as the fog had dissipated, but the ceiling was still pretty low. We were very happy to see them. Then, here came a few more planes and eventually we had 9! Then about 11am, Gregg Downing flew in from Guymon with his crew and the Beech 18 CAF plane. So, that was cool! We still had some spot landing practice and gave away the long distance awards and \$50 gift certificates. It was a tie between a pilot from Amarillo and a pilot from Ness City, Ks. There were about 50 people from town that came out and supported the show and the breakfast burritos from the Taco Stop were great.

#### **THIS MONTH** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 11:30am (3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY) MID AMERICA AIR MUSEUM Liberal, KS Alrport (KLBL)

**BOB IMMELL**, Director of the Mid America Air Museum on the Liberal, KS Airport, has graciously invited us to hold our September meeting in the museum theatre, and is even providing a catered meal of BBQ. "You are invited to come earlier or stay later than the normal meeting to explore the museum. I especially would like to give the younger or younger at heart attendees a tour so I can put them in some interesting airplanes. I will provide the meal (barbeque) but if anyone wants

FUGHT & EDUCATION CENTER in the irshow *COTT CITY* AIRPORT 12, 2020 Septemb **Free Will Young Eagles Rides** (aaes 8-18) **Donation Lunch** 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. served by Alpha Omega **Bouncy Houses** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Commemorative **Air Force** 1 p.m. - Performers include rides available for purchase Sky Writer • Comedy Act in Air **Breathtaking Pitts Aerobatics** Thank you to our Title Sponsors and Truck Cente CASE III

to bring a dessert that would be great. Planes can taxi as close as they are comfortable with to the museum and park just north of our outside displays. People arriving by plane can enter through the door on the West side of our museum. If the weather is nice I may even open one of our hangar doors too. Once inside proceed to the front part of our building where they will find our theatre. People who are driving can come through the front door. All people have to do is tell our staff they are with EAA Chapter 377. I have also been told weather permitting that we may have a Flying Farmer or two here from Washington State for the fly-in.

# F.Y.I

Chapter 377 normally meets on the <u>second Saturday</u> 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 <sup>\$</sup>15 (<sup>\$</sup>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 October 2020 issue is October 2.

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#### **PRESIDENT BILL COTTER** is

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!

September- Scott City, KS and Liberal, KS November—Reiss/Southwest Family Farm



COMING UP...

**12 September**— Scott City, KS Air Show.

**19 September**— EAA 377 Fly-In lunch at Mid America Air Museum, Liberal, KS.

**26 September**—Air Capital 57th Annual Fly-In. Wichita. 8am-4pm

October EAA 377 event has been cancelled.

**7 November**—EAA 377 Fly-In is planned at Southwest Family Farms/Stan Reiss family. Please note this is the FIRST Saturday.



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**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.



**FROM LENICE FOX DIVIS**—Just wanted to let you know that Mom (Vera Fox) has moved to Medicalodge assisted living in Kinsley. It just wasn't safe for her to be home alone any longer. She is adjusting fairly well. Because of Covid we aren't allowed to go in and visit whenever we want. That is the hardest thing. Her mailing address is: Vera Fox, 620 Winchester, Kinsley, KS 67547

If you knew Farold or Vera you are indeed blessed. Please send Vera a card and brighten her day. Thanks!



**N175WR** (formerly known as the Yellow Breasted Money Sucker) with **JEFF MCGRAW** in the left seat, and **ALETHEA WELDON** in the passenger seat (Walter's sister), took **WALTER AND ESTHER RUNDELL** for their last flight over the farm south of Pierceville on August 8. Ashes were then scattered on the runway that welcomed them home from so many flying adventures. Blue skies, Walter and Esther. (Photo by Alethea's daughter Kathy.) **FROM STETSON RASPBERRY**—When your son (Lee) takes initiative to wash his own airplane, to take care of his equipment... it sure makes a dad proud.



**FROM JOHN JENKINSON III**— Jana and I flew to North West Kansas (CBY) back down to the farm (SN12) and landed at Garden City (GCK) for supper a couple of weeks ago when there was so much smoke in the air from the wildfires in Colorado.

I hope to see everyone at the Scott City air show (TQK) And Greg Downing with the Commemorative Air Force will be there selling rides and the Beech 18 Kansan.

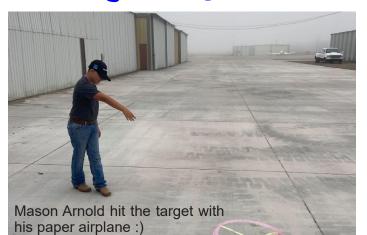


## **ANOTHER ISSUE**

Aaron Witt, Alethea Weldon, Bill Anton, Bill Cotter, Bill Jones, Bob Immel, Brian Shirley, Dee Ann Ediger, Jeff McGraw, John Jenkinson, Liz Vulgamore, Mark Davis, Paul Fiebich, Stan Reiss, Stetson Raspberry. *Thank you for your support!* 

## Hooker, OK "Cancelled" August Fly-In













Photos courtesy Mark Davis and Aaron Witt.



### **Regarding Solar Panels...**

Back in June, Dee Ann Ediger sent me EAA 455's newsletter, which I really enjoyed. I commented about her photo showing solar panels, and she filled me in on how she REALLY feels about these things. I found it VERY interesting, and thought EAA 377 readers would too. Two sides to every story, right?—Mary Shortridge

Re. Solar Panel—Get ready – here I am on my soapbox.

We've got a real problem with wind generators in the area and now the solar farms are popping up, too. (Ken & I finally gave up and converted our private runway to public use (formerly OK16 and now 1OK) so we could be protected by Oklahoma regulation keeping wind generators 1.5 miles from any public use airport. Lost our liability protection (another Oklahoma law) in the process, but hopefully adding the landing fee will keep the riff raff out. Locals that used it before still are welcome.)

The latest is a large solar farm going in about a mile inside our approach fix to the instrument approach Runway 35 at KWDG.

It will be about 4 miles from the approach end of the runway.

Solar companies try to state that the panels are made to absorb light energy so there is no glare or reflection, but even though the crystalline wafers absorb the energy, the glass covering them does reflect. Note the photo attached. That is the solar panel array we have at our house with poly crystalline panels. Moving a couple of feet lower as well as from one side to the other completely got rid of the glare. Even though conditions might be rare for such a dramatic glare, I would hate to be the pilot who happened to hit that glare on an approach.

When we built our house here, we had previously experienced two years in a row of severe ice storms with outages up to 2 weeks, so we were determined to have an alternate energy source. We have panels and a battery storage capacity that will get us by as long as we have some sun. Also have a gasoline generator that we can use to charge the batteries. After 13 years of replacing very expensive batteries (they only last a few years), we are convinced that having a propane whole house generator would probably have been the better solution.

Our cabin in Colorado was built in a remote area where running grid power would have cost more than \$25,000. We did install a solar power system with added wind generator for night time trickle charging. There it was sufficient because we did not have air conditioning nor did we have a washer and dryer, used propane heat and cooking with a wood stove for added heat, and it was only the two of us. We still had to ration energy usage during the winter cloudy weather. Heavy snow storms required us to repeatedly sweep the snow off the solar panels throughout the day. Microwave, dish washer, hair dryer and curling iron only during bright sunshine. We also had a backup gasoline generator there. There is no way anyone in the Plains could survive on solar and wind because of the huge initial start-up demand placed on the system by the AC compressors. We figured up after more than 20 years till we sold the cabin that the price of the replacement batteries made our "monthly" electric bill about \$50. Pretty much what it would have been on the grid.

If there were never another wind generator or solar panel built utilizing public tax funds, it would be fine with me. Private, no problem, but the efficiency is just not there to justify subsidies. There will always have to be fossil fuel backup systems, and if there is not enough demand to justify running them continuously, you are just going to be paying for them to be operational all the time anyway.

There – I warned you. Besides, you started it with the solar comment. —*Dee Ann Ediger* 



From June 2020 EAA 455 Newsletter: "On a recent flight in the Kitfox (photo taken between the wing struts), Dee Ann Ediger noted the failure of several of the solar panels to track the sun in the field north of Covington evident by the white colored panels."



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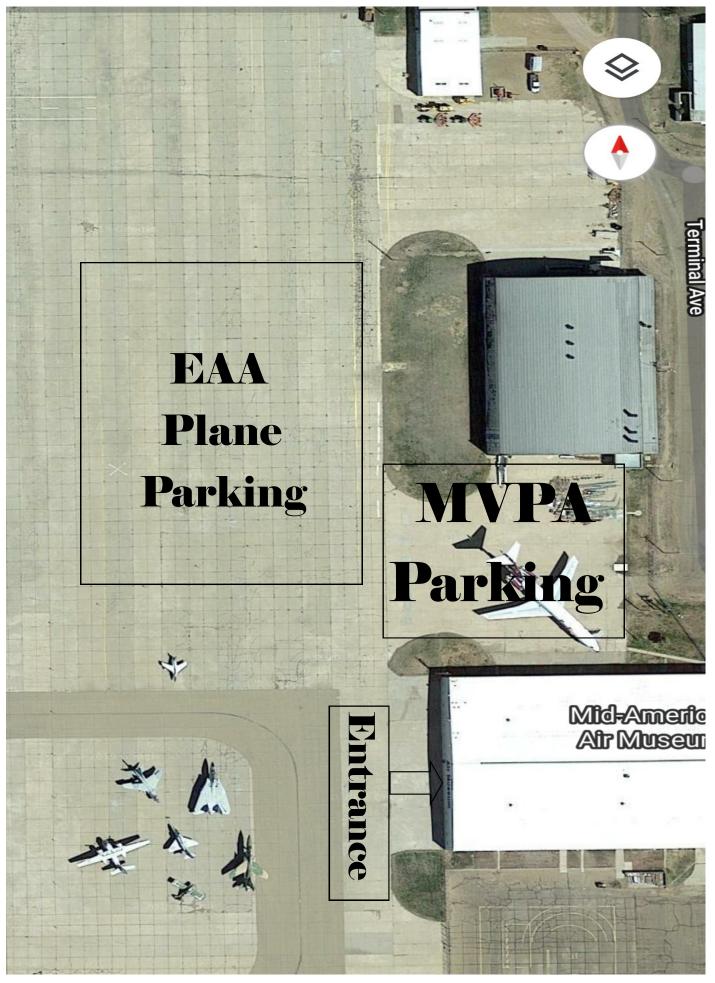
**FROM BILL ANTON**— A group of pilots with big tire airplanes are going to the Black Hills Fly-In September 10-13, then heading for the Idaho backcountry for a few days. For me it's the kind of flying that motivated me to stick with the Bearhawk construction. L-R: Brian Shirley's Rans S21 (Dodge City), Bill Anton's Bearhawk(Satanta) and Larry Bell's Carbon Cub (Benton). Photo taken south of Wichita.

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#### FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Free Young Eagle Flights (ages 8-17), Blackhawk Helicopter, Car Display, R/C Aircraft Display, Model Rocket Display, Candy Drops, Pvt. Helicopter Rides, Young Builder Activities, Airplane Display & Judging, Flight Competitions, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ercoupe

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8 AM to 10:30 AM Breakfast (prices posted)
9 AM to 1 PMYoung Eagle Registration
9 AM to 3 PMYoung Eagle Flights
11 AM Candy Drop
11 AM to 2 PM Lunch (prices posted)
1:30 PM Mandatory pilot briefing (for competition contestants)
2 PM Flight Competition
2 PM Candy Drop
4 PM Daytime activities end
5 PM to 6 PM Happy Hour (cash bar)
6 PM Banquet followed by "Betsy's Biscuit Bomber" presentation & event awards
8 AM to 7 PM Silent Auction

#### ATTN: PILOTS & CREW

You are invited to attend! Enjoy complimentary admission including either breakfast or lunch. Our flight competitions (Est. Take Off Distance, Spot Landing) have \$100 prizes up for grabs. Our evening activities include a banquet (\$25 individual, \$160 table of 8), followed by a presentation by Hector & Nick Camacho, crew of "Betsy's Biscuit Bomber" - a restored C-47 that was flown in the 75th D-Day Squadron commemorative event. An awards presentation concludes the evening.

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Col. James Jabara Airport info: (KAAO)

1000' AGL Pattern Altitude Class D (KBEC) is 1 mi. S. of Jabara runway ASOS: 134.025 / CTAF: 122.7 Wichita Approach/Departure: 134.8 Runway 18-36 100' X 6,101' Field Elevation 1421'







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## EAA Chapter 88's **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

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Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Coffee, Fruit Juice

---- ACTIVITIES ----

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FREE Young Builders Projects Foam Plate Glider, Paper Helicopter, Coloring









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- Vietnam Memorial Wall
- Veterans Park

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- ML Becker Museum (10 am 4 pm)
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