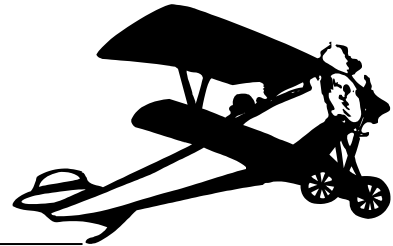


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February/March 2008

Upcoming FHF Events

April 13, 9:00 am — Highway Pick-Up

We will meet at Leo's Place on Sunday morning, April 13, for the first highway pick-up of the year. After we finish the highway, we will hold a business meeting—among the agenda items will be a discussion of possible construction of additional hangars at the strip. Group breakfast is planned after the meeting.

February Meeting

by Charlotte Doyle

Hello, Flint Hills Flyers Members! I was eager to write this article the day after our meeting at Nelson's Landing, but I was busy and put it off...and had a wonderful birthday (actually several days)... then put it off...and was under the weather for a few days (not from the birthday celebrations)...put it off again...to finish the end of the month bookwork! But today's the day! First, I want to thank those forty-one of you who attended the meeting. I was feeling bad because it was somewhat noisy (extra people around the perimeter), and I wasn't told there was live entertainment at 8 p.m. But we had a great turnout, lots of meeting and greeting, and a taste of a very good DVD about flying around Australia. Dan is making some copies of the DVD so those of you who want to view it in a quiet room and be able to see the whole show...and HEAR it...can. And the weather was turning bad; Royce and Caroline Keyser called just before we left home and said they had started out but it was starting to ice so they went back home. Here's the GREAT THING I learned about the by-products of the evening...Bob More and Paula Vining got to play pool before the others arrived...and John Miller and Dan Wild became karaoke singers after most people left! John and Dan became the evening's entertainment for the folks that poured into the room after the meeting was over.

Here's THANKS again to those who attended the meeting: Bob and Bev Caley, Jim and Debby Clark, Ed and Charlotte Doyle, Kent and Kathy Foster, Chuck and Ruth Hall, Jack and Eleanor McChesney, Kevin and Lorine McKeeman, Trevor and Leah McKeeman, Jerry and Gail Elkins, John Miller and Donna Simpson, Larry and Sherry Moon, Bob More and Paula Vining, Dan and Mary Murrison, Brandon and Cindy (Dan's daughter) Willis and baby Ethan, Merlin and Bev Oswald, Jack and Jay (Jack's son) Schraeder, Grice and Joe (Grice's son) Sexton, Maurice and Jeanette Sharp, Al and Rose Shippy, Paul Visser (parachuter) and Bryce McClaren (jump plane pilot), and President Dan Wild.

Items of Business: There will be a Trash Pick-up Day in April and a Work Day at Leo's Place in May. Please call Jack McChesney if you are interested in purchasing model airplanes that he is eventually going to sell on e-bay. Plan to go (drive or fly) to the Onaga air strip on April 1 (by 10 a.m.) to witness the start of the All Kansas Air Tour. The tour will later go to Wichita and spend the night; on

Area Events

May 24—Atchison Fly-In, Atchison, Kansas (K59). Displays of vintage and experimental aircraft at Amelia Earhart Airport. For more information call 816-223-2799

June 5-7—Biplane Expo 2008, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Frank Phillips Field (BVO). For more information call 918-665-0755 or go to www.biplaneexpo.com

June 13-14—46th Annual Texas AAA Fly-In, Gainesville, Texas

July 28-August 3—Air Venture 2008, Oshkosh, WI

August 23-24—KC Aviation Expo, Wheeler Downtown Airport, Kansas City. For more information go to www.kcairshow.com

August 27-September 1—AAA National Fly-In, Antique Airfield (IA27), Blakesburg, Iowa. This year's theme is Air Mail Days.

2nd Saturday of every month—Beaumont Hotel All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

April 2nd they will go to Liberal and tour the museum; the 3rd they will fly to Colby, Hays, Scott City and finally stay the night in Great Bend; the 4th they fly to Abilene, Salina, and back to Manhattan where they stay the night; they leave Manhattan the next morning, the 5th, for Atchinson; my information says they go to Ft. Scott, Augusta, El Dorado, and Independence of the 6th! That's the end. It would be nice to visit any airport where they land if one is close to where you live. I know on the 4th Abilene's group is feeding and entertaining the pilots early, and Manhattan is providing meals and entertainment that evening and the next morning. You might want to join the group for a leg or two. You do need to register!!!

Some other items of interest:

*Jim Clark is building a new hangar to house the Waco (that he bought from Chuck Hall) after it is refurbished.

*Al and Rose Shippy are flying to a wedding in Texas and then on to New Orleans where Rose endured Hurricane Katrina.

*Dan Murrison is not a member, but he has retired from the Chapman school district (maintenance) and is now working for Kevin Prichard (also not a member) who has a business making prosthetics. Both Dan and Kevin are very good friends of ours and we feel they are members of our "family."

*Merlin Oswald competed in the International Archery Tournament last weekend in Las Vegas.

*Kevin and Lorine McKeeman invited Jerry and Gail Elkins to the meeting. Kevin knew they lived somewhere around Riley and that Jerry was interested in aviation. As Eddie talked to them, he found out that they live just 3 miles from us! We always wondered who built that new house.

*Paul Visser was made an honorary member of the Flint Hills Flyers this year. He would love to have anyone interested in parachuting/jumping to sign up for a class...or just come to watch. They operate out of the Wamego Airport. We'll keep you posted about dates of classes.

*Dan Wild, Maurice Sharp, Al and Rose Shippy, Jack Schrader, Jim Clark, Larry Moon and Eddie and I (hope I didn't miss anyone) went to the Wing Nuts meeting in Junction City to hear Paul Kinzie speak about Air Masters. It was a fantastic presentation. If any of the rest of you would like to hear his presentation, please let me know. I would try to talk him in to giving it again.

I will stop for now and store up information for the next newsletter. It's time to start enjoying SPRING by flying. See you all soon.



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