



CHAPTER 1344

MCPHERSON, KS 67460

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

4-17-05 2 p.m.

McPherson Airport

Terminal Bldg.

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Apologies Extended

Last month I listed Chapter members with a little about their aircraft. In that listing I neglected to include Paul Flynn and Tony Duncan. Please accept my apologies Paul and Tony. Paul has a Thorp T-18 that he is doing some repairs and upgrading to. I think the term Jerry used in relation to Paul's work was "flynnterizing". Tony purchased a partially assembled Loehle P-51 and is using it for a pattern to make his own airframe from aluminum. Somewhere in the process he got sidetracked and has been working on converting Geo auto engines for aviation use.

Again we've seen another month fly by. There have been some really nice flying days and some definitely not-so-nice flying days. Thursday the 7th in the evening, Mike Bailey and I went out and flew around a little with Mike doing some touch-and-goes in Salina and here at McPherson. Thursday was one of the really nice times for flying. Jerry was also out with his RV-8 and trying to get instruments fully calibrated. I doubt that I could have been of any assistance to Jerry with his instruments, but should anyone need some help with their project (need an extra pair of hands?) please feel free to call me. My phone numbers are on the list that was included with the February edition of the newsletter.

Jerry and Mike Logback flew to Oklahoma for breakfast on the 2nd and then on to visit Jerry's sister a bit.

Jerry reports that was his first cross-country in his RV-8 and that it is a really good cross-country flyer.

Rumour has it that Ed Jones is checking out information about a Meyers Little Toot. Could it be possible that he's a bit like Jerry and needs a kit project to work on? You can ask Ed in person at the meeting if there is any basis for the rumour.

Mike Bailey *finally* came into the computer age and has acquired a computer. Welcome Mike. He can now be reached at the email address listed on our chapter website or at flyboymprks@cox.net.

Thanks to those that have given me dates for fly-ins to put on the calendar. Keep them coming. I'll put all that I get in the newsletter each month.

FEATURE PLANE

Our feature plane this month belongs to John McDonald. Due to space limitations, I've not included a picture of the plane. It's available at our website www.eaa1334.com. The plane is a Taylorcraft BC12-D1 Scotsman Model built in October of 1946, Serial # 10293, Wing # NC44493. When NC44493 was restored, it was completely disassembled and the following work completed: All tubing sandblasted then zinc chromated and painted with black polyurethane, and all wood formers and blocks replaced. Wings were cleaned and two coats of varnish applied. The entire aircraft was recovered with Grade "A" using a total of twenty-five coats of butyrate with sanding and hand rubbing, in the original paint scheme and colours of Randolph M9530 Vermillion Red and Dakota Black. Metal parts were finished with matching polyurethane, keeping the panel and interior as near original as possible. The plane was assembled with all new bolts and nuts and work was completed July 22, 1975.

Specifications and performance are from the owner's/service manual and the actual performance of NC44493 is very close to the book figures.

Empty Weight: 724 Lbs. Gross Weight: 1200 Lbs. Wing Span: 36'
Chord: 63" 1° dihedral Overall Length: 21' 9" Height: 78" (tail down)
Cruise Speed: 95 MPH Best Approach Speed: 60 MPH Engine: Continental A-65-8 (65 HP)
Stall Speed Power Off: Approx. 35 MPH at gross weight
Rate of Climb: 500 FPM w/full power @ gross weight
Fuel Consumption: 4.2 GPH @ 2150 RPM
Fuel Capacity: Fuselage tank – 12 gallons, wing tank – 6 gallons

A partial list of awards NC44493 has received follows:

Best Antique	1994 EAA Jayhawk Chapter 88	El Dorado, KS
Best In Class	1993 National AAA-APM Fly-In	Blakesburg, IA
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Chamber's Choice	1992	Pauls Valley, OK
Tulsa Choice	1992 Oklahoma City Fly-In	Pauls Valley, OK
Best In Class	National AAA-APM Fly-In	Blakesburg, IA
Best Classic	1990	Iola, KS
Classic Aircraft Award – Outstanding In Type	1990	Oshkosh, WI
Best Exterior	1990 EAA Jayhawk Chapter 88	El Dorado, KS
Best In Class	1989 National AAA Fly-In	Bartlesville, OK
Best Classic	1989	Iola, KS
Classic Aircraft Award – Outstanding In Type	1989	Oshkosh, WI
Best In Class	1989 Kansas City Area Fly-In	Atchinson, KS
Best In Class	1988 National AAA Fly-In	Bartlesville, OK
Classic Aircraft Award – Outstanding In Type	1988	Oshkosh, WI
Best Classic	1988 Wichita Jayhawks EAA	Newton, KS
Best Light Neo-Classic	1988 AAA Texas Fly-In	Denton, TX
Chapter Choice OKC AAA	1988 AAA Texas Fly-In	Denton, TX
Best In Class	1987 National AAA Fly-In	Bartlesville, OK
Best Classic	1987 Wichita Jayhawks	Newton, KS
Best In Class	1987 Kansas City Area Fly-In	Atchinson, KS
Antique Award	1983	Fairview, OK
Best Classic	1983	Shawnee, OK
Best Antique	1983	Salina, KS
Best In Class	1980 National AAA-APM Fly-In	Blakesburg, IA

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Area Events

2nd Saturday of every month -- Beaumont Hotel (SN07) All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

4th Saturday of every month -- EAA Chapter 455 Fly-in Breakfast at Enid Woodring Regional (WDG) from 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

April 20 – 22 – 9th Annual Pilatus Owners & Pilots Ass. Convention at Johnson County Executive Airport (OJC)

May 28th -- Atchison Fly-In, Atchison, Kansas (K59)

June 3 – 5 -- Biplane Expo 2005 Bartlesville, Oklahoma (BVO)

June 11 – Dear EAA Chapters, Members and Individuals:

This is an invitation for Individuals/Members/EAA Chapters to come join us at the 2005 Missouri Pilots Association State Convention. The guest speakers will be Dick Rutan (piloted Voyager around the world) and Dr. Carlene Mendieta (retraced Amelia Earhart's flight in the United States). The cost including catered meal is \$20 per individual and \$35 per couple. It will be held at the Neosho Missouri Airport. See the attachment for entire itinerary. Feel free to pass this on to any other aviators or aviation enthusiasts you know. Thanks and if you have any questions contact me M-F at 1-800-978-3993. Look forward to seeing you. Michael Curtis- Chairman*

June 25th -- 2nd Annual Kansas City Vintage Fly-In, Gardner, Kansas (K34)

June 25 - 26 – Rocky Mountain EAA Regional Fly-In, Denver's Front Range Airport (FTG)

*Editor's note: Michael said that he has 100LL fuel for \$2.50/gallon at the time of this invitation, and I also have the complete registration forms that I can email or snail mail to you if you're interested. A phone call to the '800' number above would be a good idea as we get closer to June and the fly-in.

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One day the pilot of an RV-8 was told by the tower to hold short of the runway while an MD80 landed. The MD80 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the RV-8. Some quick-witted comedian in the MD80 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you build it all by yourself?"

Our hero, the RV-8 pilot, not about to let the insult go by came back with, "I made it out of MD80 parts. Another landing like that and I'll have enough parts for another one." ☺