



CHAPTER 1344

MCPHERSON, KS 67460

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

8-21-05 2 p.m.

McPherson Airport

Terminal Bldg.

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When Pigs Fly

September 2nd - 3rd is the 4th annual "When Pigs Fly" BBQ/Fly-in. This barbeque is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. This is a nationally rated event and brings in competitors from all over. Be here Saturday to sample some of the good cooking along with skydiving, fresh homemade ice cream, static display of airplanes as well as many flying. There will also be powered parachute rides and antique tractors on display. For more info go here; http://www.eaa1344.com/special_events.htm.

AIRVENTURE 2005

Well, due to conflicting schedules, I haven't had the opportunity to talk with Jerry D. or Mike L. for reports on AirVenture, although my daughter and son-in-law have safely returned from a year of teaching English at Renmin University in Beijing, China.

From all reports I have gotten, the first pancake feed and workday at the airport were a great success. I had planned to be there but again due to unexpected last minute scheduling interference getting things ready for the arrival of family, I totally forgot about it. Please accept my apologies.

Mike B. tells me that things are progressing nicely for the first

"Young Eagles" flights to be given on Saturday September 3 during the "When Pigs Fly" extravaganza. EAA member volunteers are needed to fly the young people and can contact either Mike B., Young Eagles coordinator, at 620.241.7269 or Jerry D. at 620.245.9639. The McPherson Airport is furnishing gas for the Young Eagles flights.

Eldon Akers tells me that he plans to have his Hummelbird ready to fly in time for "When Pigs Fly", and I'm sure Jerry D. will have his RV-8 there, too. Even though I visited with Ron M., I'm not sure if he plans to be available to give rides or not, although, there are people from around the area that have expressed interest in flying. It should be a fun weekend.

Feature Plane

Our feature plane this month is a 1967 Darter Aero Commander Model 100 made by North American Rockwell, and owned by Ron Miller. Pictures will be posted on our Chapter website here; www.eaa1344.com. Due to the tail configuration, Ron tells me the plane is sometimes referred to as a 'high wing Mooney' or as a 'Russian Chicken-hawk'. Once you have a look at the pictures, I'm sure you will understand the monikers. Ron reports that it is a good flying plane. I am including some specs for the plane taken from the POH that Ron loaned to me for this project. Originally, this aircraft sold for \$8,500 with standard equipment and is worth used in average condition \$18,000 - \$23,000.

Specifications

Wingspan 35 ft.
Wing area 181 sq. ft.
Length 22.5 ft.
Height 9.58 ft.
Wheel track 7.17 ft.
Wheel base 5 ft.
Landing gear type fixed, tricycle
Tire size, mains 6.00 x 6
Tire size, nose 6.00 x 6
Seats 4

Weights and Loading

Maximum gross weight 2250 lb.
Empty weight, standard 1280 lb.
Useful load, standard 970 lb.
Wing loading 12.2 lb./sq. ft.
Power loading 14.7 lb./hp
Fuel capacity, total/usable 44/40 gal.
Baggage capacity 120 lb.

Engine

Lycoming O-320-A2B, four-cylinder, direct drive, normally aspirated, carbureted, 150 hp at 2700 rpm. Recommended TBO: 2,000 hrs.

Propeller

Sensenich M74DM-60, two-blade, all-metal, fixed-pitch, 74-inch diameter.

Performance

Maximum speed 142 mph
Cruise speed, 75% power 128 mph
Range, 75% power, w/reserve 560 s.m.
Stall speed, flaps up 59 mph
Stall speed, flaps down 55 mph
Rate of climb, sea level 815 fpm
Service ceiling 9750 ft.
Takeoff ground roll 750 ft.
Takeoff over 50-ft. obstacle 950 ft.
Landing ground roll 390 ft.
Landing over 50-ft. obstacle 750 ft.

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As heard over the Palomar Tower Freq. back in 1981, from a female controller to a distinguished elder gentleman pilot (and friend)... Palomar Tower: Tiger Moth on the right downwind, say your intentions. Tiger Moth: Strictly honorable Ma'am, strictly honorable.

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While flying IFR between Indianapolis, IN and Columbia, MO my wife and I encountered some mild turbulence at 6000. She's a nervous flier, so I decided it would be a good idea to find some smoother air. Cessna N12345: Center, Cessna 12345 would like to climb to 8 for smoother air. Center: 345, climb approved. (After reaching 8000.) Cessna N12345: 345 level 8. Center: 345 it looks like you've picked up 10 knots. Mooney N23456: Center, Mooney 456 would like to pick up 10 knots too! Center: Mooney 456, climb approved.

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I have pictures of the GlobalFlyer that are suitable for framing to give away at the meeting Sunday on a first-come, first-served basis for as long as they last.

Area Events

1st Saturday of every month – Ponca City Airport Pancake Breakfast (PNC)

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.

August 19th – 20th – Oklahoma City, OK. – Wiley Post Airport (PWA). Okie Derby Proficiency Air Race 2005. Join us for a fun filled weekend of flying. Polish your flying skill & have fun! Sponsored by the Oklahoma Chapter Ninety-Nines. Contact Amy Padgett-McCue 405-359-9774

August 26th – Junction City, KS (3JC) – Wings Over Wheat – EAA 1364 annual fly-in.

August 26th – 28th – Wichita, KS – Jabara Airport (AAO) – Wichita Air Festival

August 26th – 28th – Minden, NE -- Pioneer Village Field (OV3) – Nebraska AAA Fly-in

August 27th – Benton, KS – Benton Airpark (1K1) – Fly-in Breakfast

August 28th – Falls City, NE – Brenner Field (FNB) – 4th Annual Fly-in Breakfast

August 30th – September 5th – Blakesburg, IA – AAA National Fly-in

September 2nd – 3rd – McPherson, KS – McPherson City/County Airport (MPR) – 4th Annual ‘When Pigs Fly’ BBQ/Fly-in – Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned BBQ contest. For more info go here: http://www.eaa1344.com/special_events.htm

September 16th – 17th – Bartlesville, OK – Bartlesville Municipal (BVO) – 49th Annual Tulsa Regional

September 23rd – 25th – Alva, OK – Alva Regional (AVK) – Oklahoma Festival of Flight

September 24th – Enid, OK – Enid Woodring Regional (WDG) – Fall Fest 2005

September 23rd – 30th – Mesquite, TX – Mesquite Metro (HQZ) - National Cross-Country Air Races

October 1st – Syracuse, KS. – Syracuse-Hamilton County Municipal (3K3). Sixth Annual Fly-in Pancake Breakfast and Airport Open House. 7:00AM to 3:00PM. Join the fun of a flying poker run. Contact Mark Ostmeier – 785-460-4438

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Short runway, shorter fuse, and usually carrying less animated cargo. . . . Tower: Understand you're without cargo today. If you're light, cleared for runway 6. N1234: All I have on board is my wife. . . . and she's heavy, but not THAT heavy. (pause) Tower: Roger N1234, and she's flying with you, now? N1234: Yep, she's got her headset on and is punching the daylights out of me. Cleared to land runway 6, N1234. Tower: Copy all. . . . We'll roll the trucks.

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