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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Chapter Meeting

7-17-05 2 p.m.

McPherson Airport

Terminal Bldg.

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## Incident at McPherson Airport

As most of you will recall, I had a picture of a Harley that was for sale or trade for an airplane included in a previous issue of this newsletter. The owner is Steve Mann, and the bike is still for sale and he has purchased a Thunderbird ultra-light. When attempting to take off from the grass strip on July 4, he failed to gain enough altitude and hit the west edge of the ditch that runs across the west end of the runway. He sheared the landing gear and came to rest in the field with only minor apparent damage to the plane and sustained only bruises to his body. He walked away and is doing well.

### EAA AIRVENTURE 2005

Dates for this year's extravaganza are July 25-31. So far, I'm only aware of Jerry Driskill and Mike Logback making definite plans to attend. Mike B. has also talked about going but I haven't heard if his plans are final at this time. I'd like to go, but that is too close to the arrival of my daughter and son-in-law with my first grandbaby from China where they have been teaching.

Well, there were only a few people that showed for the meeting last month. I realize that things are very busy for everyone during the summer, but if you want to see the chapter grow and expand its activities, we really need the participation of everyone. We can't become the chapter you want to have without your participation.

The new manager at the airport

is Rick Lanman and he has suggested the possibility of a fly-in for the Ercoupe which had one model made right here in McPherson. The annual "When Pigs Fly" is also just around the corner and Rick has already said he would like our assistance there. Rick will be at our meeting this month with more of the details, so be there to meet him and get the full skinny.

Russell Malm reported at the last meeting that he had been a bit disappointed in the Sonex when he and Paul T. went to Oshkosh to check them out, saying that none were available with the VW-based engine for display or flying. Only those with the larger and much more expensive Jabiru engines were there. He has decided to look more carefully at one of the RANS models from Hays, Kansas.

## Feature Plane

Our feature plane this month is a Wittman Tailwind currently under construction in the shop of chapter member Mike Logback. This project was started from plans by Ed Jones and Mike purchased it from Ed in what would be approximately a 'quick' build stage of construction. The wings are in storage so I was unable to get pictures of them, but there will be pictures of the fuselage and panel on the Chapter website. [www.eaa1344.com](http://www.eaa1344.com) You can also go to the following webpage for an EAA flight report: [http://members.eaa.org/home/flight\\_reports/wittman\\_tailwind.html](http://members.eaa.org/home/flight_reports/wittman_tailwind.html) or you can go to this webpage <http://www.j-winddesigns.com/Pages/TWTimes.html> for copies of the TWTimes in pdf format.

**Length:** 19' 6"

**Engine:** Cont. 85, 90, 100 or 145 HP Lyc. 108-160 HP

**Wing Span:** 24'

**Cruising Speed (Vc):** 150 to 190 MPH

**Wing Area:** 90 Sq. Ft.

## Area Events

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month – Ponca City Airport Pancake Breakfast (PNC)

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

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

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Claremore, OK. – Claremore Regional Airport (GCM). Wings Over Oklahoma Airshow. Contact John Walck 918-951-5354

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Olathe, KS. (IXD) – CAF Fly-in

August 13<sup>th</sup> – Centennial, CO. (APA) Mountain Flying – High Elevation Airport Ops Ground School. Presented by Colorado Pilots Association. Course designed to prepare pilots for flight over mountainous terrain and high elevation airports. Optional cross-country training flight may be taken at pilot's discretion and cost the next day. Qualifies for FAA. Contact Terry Barbo 303-367-0670

August 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – 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 26<sup>th</sup> – Junction City, KS (3JC) – Wings Over Wheat – EAA 1364 annual fly-in.

August 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Wichita, KS – Jabara Airport (AAO) – Wichita Air Festival

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 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 Ostmeyer – 785-460-4438