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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

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McPherson Airport

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Summer is Just Around the Corner

Well, spring came and is almost gone, and along with the spring has come MUCH rain. Memorial weekend last year Kanapolis Reservoir was nearly dry and this year the same weekend, it was 15' above flood stage with camping areas and sandy beaches under water. Although we've had lots of rain, we really needed it so I for one am not complaining. Hopefully between rains y'all have been able to fit in some flying.

This is going to be a rather short newsletter again this month. I got sick the last days of March and was basically out of commission for most things until the early part of May. As a result I got way behind with our remodeling in the house we bought and the following move. As I sit here typing this, we are nearly finished moving our things and getting settled, and after July 4th will begin moving my mother-in-law in with us as she is no longer able to live alone.

Meeting this month is a field trip on June 16 to Rans Aircraft in Hays for their annual fly-in and open house. Those that can make the trip are to meet at the McPherson Airport at 6 a.m. for carpooling or flying as weather permits. I had planned to go, but my daughter and her family will be arriving here that day so I'll stay home and spend time with my grandsons.

Last month was a field trip to the Wichita Air Museum, and those that didn't make it sure missed out on some really interesting things. Mike B. and I flew over and borrowed the car from Jabara (AAO) and had a fine time.

I haven't talked with Mike L. since last meeting, but his Tailwind is flying. The last I heard, he was flying off his 40 hours as quickly as possible.

Our meeting for July will be on the regular meeting night and we'll meet at Dwight & Ruth H's hangar for a barbeque and rides in their Stearman if the weather permits. Last year when we met there, it was much too windy to get off the ground for rides.

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

2nd Saturday of every month – Lufkin, TX (LFK) Fajita Fly-in 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Angelina County Airport

3rd Saturday of every month – Alva Regional (AVK) Alva, OK

4th Saturday of every month – Augusta Municipal (3AU)

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.

June 29 – July 1 – Joplin AirFest Joplin Regional (JLN) Joplin, MO Contact: 417.626.0483
www.airfestjoplin.com

June 30 – Strother Field Anniversary Air Show Strother Field (WLD) Winfield, KS

July 6-7 – Cape Girardeau Regional Air Festival Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (CGI) Cape Girardeau, MO Contact: 573.334.6230 www.capeairfestival.com

July 6-8 – EAA Chapter 88 44th Air Capitol Fly-in Captain Jack Thomas/El Dorado Airport (EQA) El Dorado, KS Contact: Bob Blanton 316.683.9759 juneblanton@hotmail.com

July 13-14 – 9th Annual Okie Dust Devil Aerobatic Contest Thomas P. Stafford Airport (OJA) Weatherford, OK Practice day; 7/12 Contact: 580.774.1971 th7up@yahoo.com

July 14 – EAA Annual Flying Circus/Congressional Fly-in Gould Peterson Municipal (K57) Tarkio, MO Contact: 660.736.4669 blyd@earthlink.net

July 16 – Wichita 300 Air Race Colonel James Jabara Airport (AAO) Wichita, KS Contact: 903.564.9410 www.us-airrace.org

July 17-18 – National Cross-Country Air Race Colonel James Jabara Airport (AAO) Wichita, KS Contact: 903.564.9410 www.us-airrace.org

July 23-29 – EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Wittman Regional Airport (OSH) Oshkosh, WI Contact: 920.426.4800 www.airventure.org

August 4 – 16th Annual Cowtown Fly-in breakfast Ellsworth Municipal Airport (9K7) Ellsworth, KS Contact: Dale Weinhold 785.472.4309 dpweinhold@sbcglobal.net Pancakes free to pilots and passengers.

August 24-26 – Wichita Flight Festival James Jabara Airport (AAO) Wichita, KS Contact: 316.267.2817 www.wichitafestivals.com

Overheard while flying into Troutdale, Ore. (KTTD) Class D airspace.

N338BV: Three Three Eight Bravo Victor, inbound, 3000 level, three miles, full stop.

Troutdale Tower: Three Three Eight Bravo Victor cleared straight-in Runway 25. Wind 270 at seven.

N338BV: Do you want me on a right- or left-hand pattern?

Tower: Neither, unless you can do it straight in.

Overheard on Chicago Center at 4 a.m., with a female controller working a frequency with almost no traffic.

Cessna 3AB: Cessna Three Alpha Bravo, radio check.

Chicago Center: You're loud and clear Three Alpha Bravo.

Cessna 3AB: Not too busy this morning?

Center: It's not even four o'clock. Doesn't pick up for another hour.

Cessna 3AB: *[two minutes later]* Chicago Center, Cessna Three Alpha Bravo, request direct O'Hare.

Center: Three Alpha Bravo, how about world peace?

Cessna 3AB: Worth a try.