



CHAPTER 1344

MCPHERSON, KS 67460

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

09-18-05 2 p.m.

McPherson Airport

Terminal Bldg.

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When Pigs Fly

September 2nd - 3rd was the 4th annual barbeque and fly-in. It was also the first time for our chapter to offer "Young Eagles" flights. More about this on page 2. It was a warm day and by midday it was quite breezy. In my opinion, it was still a much better day for flying than the previous two years. Last year was a very hot day and the year before last was rainy. Over all, I think it was a good day with plenty of fresh barbequed meat to eat and lots of fresh homemade ice cream available in chocolate, vanilla, or raspberry flavours. The ice cream was made in old-fashioned 5 gal. ice cream freezers powered by an old single-cylinder John Deere engine

AirVenture 2005

I visited with Jerry D. and Mike L. and while Jerry thought it was quite expensive, Mike says he enjoyed himself in spite of higher prices. And while prices have gone up in past years for admission as well as other things, aviation fuel has also gone up dramatically. Mike said the flight up, all three hours, was good. I think he likes the RV-8, too. Hurry and get your Tailwind finished Mike and fly it in two and a half hours.

Well, although Eldon A. didn't have his Hummelbird flying for 'When Pigs Fly', he says they are making progress. It sure looked good setting out beside the hangar on display, Eldon. One of the woes of being a wide-body

like I am, is never being able to fly a small plane like that.

And speaking of small planes, there was a small plane that certainly attracted my attention as it landed at the fly-in. The plane is a Piranha, and it was designed and built for the military and used during the Vietnam conflict. When I first saw it, I thought it was an RV-3, but its landing speed was much too fast for an RV. VSO for the plane is 84 knots and the VNE is 340 knots. The pilot said it does everything well *except* fly slow. Unfortunately, this is the only remaining example of the type since the military in their 'infinite' wisdom destroyed all the rest of them.

Check out the pictures on our website at: www.eaal344.com

Young Eagles Flight

Well, our first chapter sponsored ‘Young Eagles’ flights were a success. Rick Lanman, airport manager, said the airport would furnish gas for the ‘Young Eagle’ flights and reports that they gave approximately 200 gallons to the participating pilots. I think I can speak for the chapter and the pilots when I say a hearty “Thank You, Rick!” We had a total of six pilots that flew and/or helped with set-up and registration, along with another 26 planes that came just for the food and fun. Mike and Tresea Bailey were doing the sign-up with some help getting started from Edith Darting. John Darting and Merlin Oswald helped in getting everyone safely from the sign-up area out to the planes. The Cherokee 140 that Dick McLinden was flying is owned by Merlin Oswald of Herington, KS. Merlin wasn’t sure he would be able to make it and was willing to let Dick fly his plane. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies and then yell at me the next time you see me and straighten me out. 😊 So, here we go with the list.

Ron Miller	-	-	McPherson, KS	Aero Commander Darter	7	Young Eagles
Edith Darting	-	-	Hillsboro, KS	Cherokee 180	-	12 Young Eagles
Mary Shortridge	-	-	Garden City, KS	Cherokee 180	-	2 Young Eagles
Charlie Harris	-	-	Wichita, KS	Grumman AA5B	-	4 Young Eagles
Mark Luckie	-	-	Ashland, KS	RV-6A	-	3 Young Eagles
Dick McLinden	-	-	Marion, KS	Cherokee 140	-	6 Young Eagles

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.

September 23rd – Alva, OK – Alva Regional (AVK) Vantage Plane Plastics Grand Opening. 1st Annual Open House and Air Show

September 24th – Festus, MO – Festus Memorial Airport (FES) 2nd Annual Poker Run & Pancake Breakfast

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 Ostmeyer – 785-460-4438

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“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”
-William Arthur Ward