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President's Message

Steve West

This Saturday, the 8th, due to the pleasant weather forecast, we'll be cooking our regionally famous breakfast, including our outstanding full meal deal menu! If you eat some fruit afterward, calorie offset, and health benefits are guaranteed!

I'd like to hopefully clear up a previously reported issue that may have created some confusion regarding airport badge renewal. After contacting Kimberly Thompson (kimberly.thompson@abilenetx.gov) in the airport administration office, it appears that ID requirements really haven't changed. Airport administration has a list of ID's that you have presented on file in the past. If any of these ID's (Driver's license or Passport for example) have an expiration date and have expired prior to your current application you will be asked to provide a current ID... or an alternate ID as described in <https://iflyabi.com/employee-badges/>. A PASSPORT IS NOT A REQUIRED ID but can be used as a form of identification. Please contact Kimberly if you have additional questions.

On Monday the 10th, we will have our typically scheduled VMC discussion at 7:00 pm in Hangar 3; however, without our highly esteemed presenters, David Bradshaw or Gary Potter.

Dave has graciously offered some videos as a basis for discussion. As always, I think we can learn from another's experience regardless of the hours flown, and I always find the analysis educational and enjoyable. Please come early for some idle banter and pizza with some extra snacks. BYOB if you like.

See y'all Saturday!

Steve



**From the Desk of
EAA Chapter 471 Vice President
Steve Harbison**

EAA 471,

We have been invited to bring five airplanes to the Abilene Airshow this year to promote the EAA. The airshow will be on Dyess AFB on April 19th & 20th. I do not have any details yet, other than that, there will be a lot of paperwork needed in order to land on a military base. I'm assuming we will fly over on Friday sometime and leave our planes there until the Airshow is over on Sunday. If you would be interested in displaying your aircraft for this event and talking about flying to interested airshow goers, please let me know, and I will forward any details/requirements to you as I receive them. My contact info can be found below.

Thanks!

Steve Harbison

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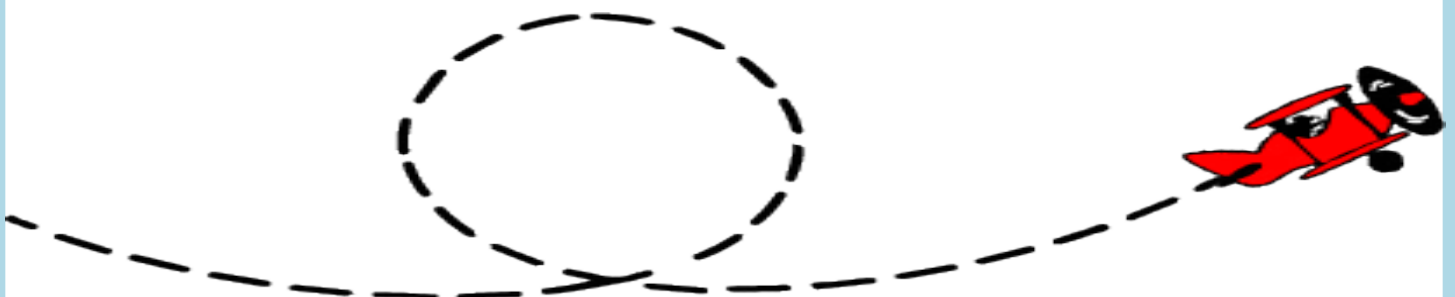
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In Other News

There's is a new phone number for Abilene ASOS. That new phone number is 325 - 238 - 3987.





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EAA WEBINARS SCHEDULE

February Webinars

Date	Time	Title	Presenters
2/4/25	7 p.m. CDT	Become a Better Chapter Leader - Secretary - Treasurer 2025	John Egan and Charlie Becker
2/5/25	7 p.m. CDT	Data-Driven Diagnosis	Mike Busch
2/11/25	7 p.m. CDT	Plastic Model Building and Collecting	
2/12/25	7 p.m. CDT	Risk Assessment: Tips, Strategies, and Techniques	Ken Solosky
2/25/25	7 p.m. CDT	Chapter Roster Management Tool 101	Serena Brouillette
2/26/25	7 p.m. CDT	Stick and Rudder Flying Skills	Gordon Penner

March Webinars

Date	Time	Title	Presenters
3/5/25	7 p.m. CDT	Engine Temps Gone Wild?	Mike Busch
3/11/25	7 p.m. CDT	Ernest Gann Collection	Chris Henry and Amelia Anderson
3/12/25	7 p.m. CDT	Start Your Own Flight School	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
3/13/25	7 p.m. CDT	Grow Your Chapter and the Aviation Community - Host a Flying Start Event	David Leiting
3/19/25	7 p.m. CDT	Flying to and Around Alaska	Vic Syracuse
3/26/25	7 p.m. CDT	Aircraft Engine Compression Testing	Bill Ross

If you are interested in any of these webinars you can register for them by clicking the link below.

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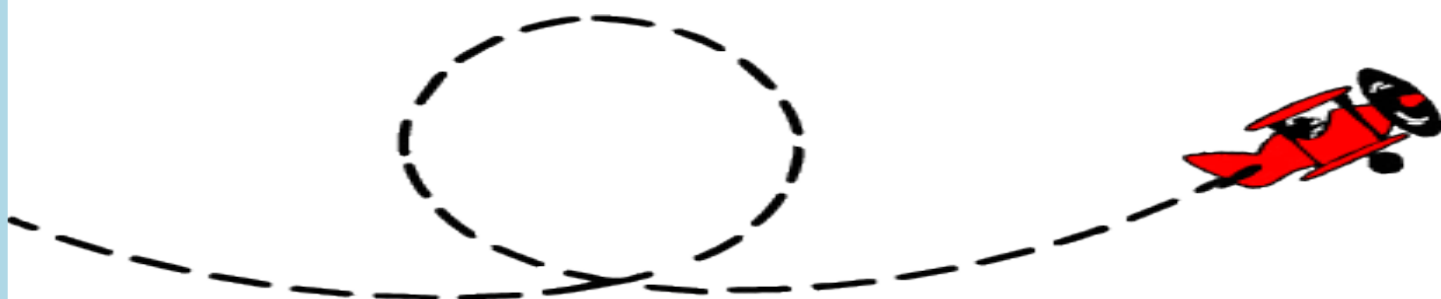
Reminder




VMC Club Meeting will be this coming Monday Evening February 10th Hangar will be open by 6:30 usually for tall stories and meeting at 7:00pm in the Hangar 3 meeting room. We will watch some videos which will be our basis for discussion afterwards instead of David Bradshaw or Gary Potter being our presenters.

Pizza and with some extra snacks will be provided and available while they last. BYOB if you like.

The VMC club and meeting is open to all EAA 471 members. Hope to see you there.



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NEXT MONTHLY BREAKFAST

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