

Hangar Flyin'



April - May 2017



President's Message Steve Krazer

Wow! What a great workday we had after our April breakfast! Many thanks to everyone who stayed and helped make some needed repairs and improvements around Hangar 3. Wait 'til you see the cabinet work Audie Gill has crafted for the pantry and meeting room! I never cease to be amazed at the many talented folks we have in our Chapter.

Fly AirFest 2017!

As I've mentioned previously, this year's AirFest will be very different from previous AirFests held at Abilene Regional Airport. The primary difference being that aviation fans who attend will be able to buy a flight on up to 9 different classic aircraft. So, rather than have several aerobatic pilots doing their hair-raising maneuvers before our wondering eyes.... the crowd will be able to experience flight and see what AirFest and the Abilene area look like from the blue skies above. One of those aircraft will be the EAA's own Ford Tri-Motor. The Tri-Motor visit is also a fundraising project for our Chapter. So book your flight online now for \$70 or sign up at AirFest and fly for \$75. A portion of every ticket sold will go toward our Chapter. What a deal! *(see information for signing-up near end of newsletter)*

AirFest Volunteers Still Needed!

Crowd Line Set up– Volunteers are need on Friday, May 5th to go pick up the traffic cones at Contractor Services, bring them back to the airport and set up the crowd line. Trash barrels and rope will also be used to form this barrier. Then, on Monday, May 8th, the cones will need to be returned. This effort will require a truck and trailer to accomplish.

Hosts– Volunteers are needed to be hosts in our meeting room on Saturday May 6th to make sure our guest pilots, Chapter members, AirFest staff and Distinguished Visitors have a steady supply of drinks and snacks available to them. This is a great way for our members to tell the EAA story and help gain new members. EAA brochures will be available to hand out.

Passenger Guides– Volunteers are needed to help guide passengers from where they sign up to fly on one airplane or another out to their airplane for their flight and then from their plane when they arrive back.

Rental Car Pickup and Delivery– Abilene auto dealers supply cars for use by visiting pilots and crew. **Volunteers** are needed to go pick those cars up on Friday morning May 5th, and then deliver them back to the dealerships on Monday morning May 8th.

Display and Flyby Member Aircraft– Another way we can tell the EAA story is by having a variety of member owned aircraft on display in Hangar 3, on the ramp and in the air. We will have more time for members to **participate** in AirFest during the waived airspace portion on Saturday afternoon. Sign up! Fly by! You too can see what AirFest looks like from the air!

Thank you to those who have signed up to take care of trash pickup during AirFest, and helping staff the Tri-Motor from Thursday through Monday.

Please sign up and help in the areas mentioned above that most interests you or just let me know you are willing to help wherever you are needed, email me at... spkrazier@sbcglobal.net. *It's fun!*

We'll have our regular monthly breakfast on Saturday, May 15th. Hope everyone will be recovered from AirFest by then and ready to bring forth ideas for some fun fly-outs we can plan during the rest of the year!

Have fun! Fly AirFest on May 6th!
Steve

Chapter Meeting Room and Pantry Improvements Coming Along

By Sam Evans

Steve said it, and I'll say it....WOW! Things are just getting better and better in Hangar 3. **Audie Gill** has done a super job with the cabinets in the meeting room and pantry. I stopped in one day not long ago and found Audie and his son, **Harley** along with **Lon Beasley** working away. Audie and Harley were installing cabinets while Lon was adding and/or relocating electrical boxes and wiring. Then on the Saturday breakfast/workday, several of you stayed after breakfast to work on other projects: **Lynn Beard** and **Dick Humphrey** tackled the job of screwing new trim on the east end of the hangar. (West Texas winds can be brutal on metal buildings.) **Chris Ulibarri**, **Cliff Hale**, **Brian Trail**, **Neil Siebert**, **Frank Berg** and **Earl Zimmerle** replaced broken window glass and hung the new banners in the windows along the north wall. (Thanks to **Steve Krazer** for getting those banners done...they are a great addition.) **Chad Rubino** along with his wife, **Dani**, and daughter, **Shelby** mixed concrete to smooth-out the rest of the approach to the hangar door. Now, that was indeed a family affair. Then, **Audie**, along with the help of **Gary Potter**, **Lon Beasley** and **Steve West** added additional lighting over the cooking area and installed more electrical outlets.

I probably left some names out, but you can be assured that their work will not go un-noticed. As mentioned, you will be quite impressed with the improvements.

(see workday photos on next page)



Cabinets going in!! Top (l to r): Audie Gill and Lon Beasley
Bottom: Audie's son, Harley. Cabinet with countertop nearly complete!

(more workday photos on next page)



Left: Lynn Beard (l) and Dick Humphrey work on replacing metal trim on the outside of hangar.

Right: (l to r) Neal Siebert, Cliff Hale and Chris Ulibarri work on replacing glass in north wall windows.



Left: Brian Trail hangs one of the seven window banners along the north wall.

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Below: Chad Rubino along with his wife, Dani (l) and their daughter, Shelby.



Frank Berg and Earl Zimmerle help with the window repairs.



Audie Gill uses a lift to install more lighting while Lon, Gary and Steve assist.
(Reminds me of scenes I've sometimes seen around town.)

**Member participation pays off.
Nice work folks!**



THANK YOU

Hangar Tenants Beware!

A few days ago, Jim Berry was going into his end-room shop and came within a few inches of stepping on that critter you see in the photo. Yep... a genuine West Texas rattlesnake!

With a little help from Lew Jones and his "snake snare", they managed to snag him (or her).

Seems the snake was probably looking for a warm place after that little cool front came through the area. Nonetheless, it's probably a good idea to have a look around before stepping into a dark hangar. *Sam*



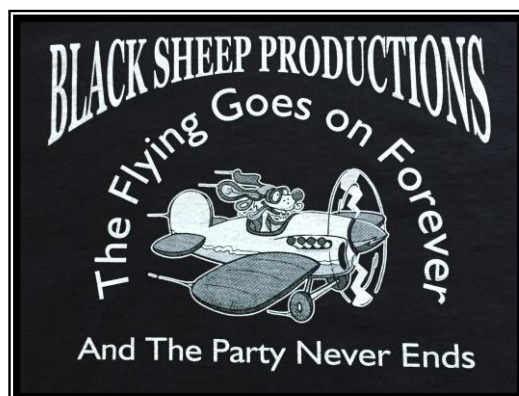
Another Big Turnout for March Breakfast

By Sam Evans

We sure can't complain about the trend in larger-than-normal turnouts at our monthly breakfasts. What a great way to gain new members and new ideas! We had close to sixty people at the breakfast with quite a few staying for the FAA presentation afterwards. **Wes Hays** even brought four students from Clyde High School. The students are studying aeronautics in school and wanted to get a closer look at different types of planes. Our Chapter appreciates the opportunities to reach out to youngsters that show an interest in what we do. Thanks, Wes!

We often have people show-up at breakfast that end-up joining the chapter. As the newsletter editor, I attempt to maintain a current email & address list of all the members. Without a doubt, some fall through the cracks and do not get the newsletter or notices that I am asked to send out. If you know of a new member that may have this situation, please let me or one of the officer / board members know so that we can get them on the email / address list. Thanks! *Email me at: sjevans "at" suddenlink.net*

On Friday, May 5, **Black Sheep Productions** is hosting a "gathering" between the EAA T-hangars, in front of Audie Gill's hangar. Chopped brisket sandwiches will be served. For those of you that are new around these parts, the Black Sheep is a loose-knit group of folks made up of mostly curmudgeons, airport bums and expert pilots. No one is "in-charge". **BYOB and a chair**. Everyone welcome! Show-up around beer-thirty. *(this is the Friday evening before Airfest)*



and in other news...



Sad Saabs..... slowly their numbers are dwindling. Some are being fixed-up and flown away; some are being cut up and hauled away.



Progress on the city's fire truck maintenance facility is coming along. That's the construction directly behind EAA Hangar 3.



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The folks over at the new Cisco airport (KGZN) are hosting a fly-in next Friday, May 5th.

This could be a fun, lunch-time hop over for some tacos and cheap fuel! (currently \$3.20/gal)

They are requesting an RSVP to manager@ciscoaviation.com or call (254)433-1874.

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The Breckenridge Airshow Returns!

After about a twenty-year hiatus, the Breckenridge airshow is returning and will run May 27 & 28. Lots of warbirds and lots of flying! Follow [this link](#) for more information.

One more thing...



Now, if you're still reading this newsletter, thank you!! I'm throwing out another request for **volunteers and helpers** during Airfest. This is an excellent way for the public to see what we do and what aviation is all about. Yes, I'm still one of those that prefer a good, old-fashion flyin over a public event any day. But, I've also come to realize that general aviation just "ain't what it use to be". Let's show folks what's still possible!

My plan will be to come out to the airport Friday morning and help with Airfest preparations; then hop in the plane and run over to Cisco at noon for some tacos. I'll gas-up while I'm there, then come back to ABI and do whatever else I can do. That afternoon, I'll boogie over to Audie's hangar and help with preparations for the Black Sheep party. (I might work-in a nap somewhere, too.) Friday evening: relax with friends and a couple of brews at the Black Sheep party. Saturday morning, bright and early, out to the Airport for Airfest! Hope to see you there!! *Sam*

Ford Tri-Motor Ride

If you are interested in taking a ride on EAA's Ford Tri-Motor, then follow the link below to sign-up. Once on the webpage, click the "Book Your Flight" link on the left side. [Ford Tri-Motor Rides](#)



**Monthly Breakfast
Hangar 3
Saturday, May 13
9:00AM
Full Breakfast Will Be Served**