

Hangar Flyin'



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President's Message Steve Krazer

Two Hundred and Twenty Two

That's 222! Our Chapter pilots flew two hundred and twenty two Young Eagles this year.... that's 10 more kids than graduated in my high school class! Wow! Many thanks to the pilots who participated as well as Charlotte and the "ground crew" folks who kept the participants moving and organized. Way to go everybody!

When I saw our Chapter's directional sign outside the gate today I couldn't believe it. I mean, it was muddy the last time I saw it. So much so that I stopped and took a picture. One of the water line workers that saw me taking pictures that day assured me that they would clean up the sign after they complete the new water line work. Then I saw it today. It's literally buried in a sea of mud... almost up the face of the sign. I was reminded of a State Farm agent back home in Illinois who had signs posted along the highways all over the area. They read "Cover it with Mudd". Hope they do in fact clean it up!



In spite of the fact that it looks like it might be a hot one this summer.... It would be great if one or more of our members would volunteer to organize a fly-out or two. Some have suggested going over the Breckenridge to tour the Ezell's warbird restoration facility. Someone else mentioned going to get a piece of the "world's best pie" at a café in Marble Falls. The Hangar hotel in Fredericksburg is always a good option. Any takers?

Along that line, I've wondered if one of our Chapter "board Member" positions should be designated as the Chapter's "Activities Director". Not just to give someone a title, but to have a member who knows that it is their responsibility to organize activities for the membership. Then of course it is the responsibility of the members to support these activities. We currently have our monthly breakfast meetings and as few random additional get-togethers. I know all of you are also committed to other things. How many additional Chapter activities would you be willing to attend? One more per quarter? Two per quarter? One additional activity every month? Let's talk about it.

Our July breakfast will be on Saturday the 8th! I hope all of you have a great 4th! Hope to see you at breakfast!

It Was a BIG Abilene Young Eagles Day!

By Charlotte Rhodes, Young Eagles Coordinator

If you missed June 10th at the EAA Hanger, you missed a great day. It all started with burritos, a pilot brief and a silent wish for a safe and successful day. Well, we had that. Our Pilots flew 222 kids and only one upset tummy. What a day! Jeff Randall had the only mishap mid-morning when his starter cable broke and grounded him. Ralph Hamby needed help on the ramp so guess what Jeff did the rest of the day. Rusty Lindfors and his wife, Kim, along with Lon Beasley helped escort kids and parents to and from the planes. Betty Clements and Karen Saunders ran registration while Deb Ulibarri and Connie Carroll did Young Eagle certificates and log books. Debbie Pearson handed out water and Sam Evans took pictures. We ran out of current registration forms and certificates, so we had to use the older ones we had. The wooden numbers are most likely a thing of the past since about half of them are now broken. We talked about doing the double tickets next year. Our pilots for the day were, Chris Ulibarri, Larry Chapman, Ron Pearson, Jeff Randall, Gary Potter, Lynn Beard, Cliff Hale, Jim Carroll, Jim Berry and Steve West. If I missed someone who participated, I apologize. Everyone that day worked their tails off to see the smiles on the kids' faces and I want to thank each of you for that. You are what makes Chapter 471 a great one! *(Photos below courtesy Sam Evans)*







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Abilene Young Eagles 2017 ~ A Pilots View

By Ron Pearson

Last year when I flew Young Eagles I had only flown into KABI twice before. A lifetime of non-electric airplanes had left my ATC prowess somewhat lacking. After flying two kiddos I hit the road on back to Cisco (3F2). This year I was back to make it right.

The pilot briefing/burrito fest happened right on time with Charlotte Rhodes assigning our Young Eagles number, squawk and giving us the route and altitude we were to use. I was Young Eagles One. Nice ring to it! That was the last time there would be a break. When we stepped out the door of the briefing room we were greeted by kids, kids and more kids. I looked at Charlotte and she simply asked, "Are you ready?" And I was off.

I love to fly! I use any excuse to get in the air. I now have the best excuse of all... Young Eagles! I lost count of how many kids I flew, but I enjoyed each and every one. With just my little C150 I could only take one child at a time, but this was perfect. I got to know each one better than if I had several aboard.

There was one teenaged boy who came with his own headset and knee board. He wanted to take the controls right after lift-off. Ummm.... No! He also wanted to taxi on the ground. Well, Okay!

There was another little girl who had never flown before. The last thing her Mom said was, "Don't scream". I thought that was odd until we got airborne and she giggled and screamed into the mic. I thought I would go deaf. And then she announced that she was feeling a little light headed. "Abilene tower, young eagles one request landing. We aren't doing so well". "Young Eagles one, Abilene Tower, you're cleared to land runway 17 right".

Another little boy who was 9 years old and weighed in at 42 pounds (his Dad told me this) and suffers from autism was a bit overwhelmed with all the action. His dad gave me instructions on how to calm him down if the need arose and that he most likely wouldn't talk much if at all. The kid talked the whole entire time he was in the plane and although he was hard to understand I understood that he was loving it. When we landed he ran to his Dad and told him all about the ride. The look in daddy's eyes was worth the whole afternoon. And so it went, one child at a time... one lasting memory for each.

The weather was hot and the winds at one point were 18kts gusting to 30kts straight down the runway. I don't think any of the pilots really noticed. We were all on a mission... Fly the Young Eagles.

If you've never flown the Young Eagles you are missing an opportunity for some real fun. Charlotte, put me down for next year. I can't wait!

Charles Screws and the French Connection

Editor's Note: Hobby Stevens had sent me an email recently, regarding some correspondence he had with some people in France who were relatives of those that had helped Charles when he bailed-out of his plane during WWII. I thought it would be best that you see the email and related documents Hobby sent to me, rather than trying to explain otherwise. What a great story! ~ Sam

Sam,

Attached are 2 pictures and a letter that I recently received from a lady in France that I had written to concerning Charles Screws.

She had written to Charles on learning of his being honored with the French Legion of Honor award late last year. Her relatives still live in the small village near where Charles bailed out north of Paris in 1943. Charles showed me her letter that he had received, and I wrote to her explaining how proud Charles was of the award and that he had many friends here in Abilene. *Hobby*

Ref : Veteran being honored France Friday Austin/93643176/News Abilene Reporter News

Dear Sir,

February 14 2017

Last week, through Internet, we were very happy to come across your articles and photos about Charles SCREWS, a pilot of WWII, the day he received the Legion of Honor on Nov/11/11/2016 in Austin.

In fact my cousin, Francis HOUSSE, is the mayor of ETALON, one of the first villages C.SCREWS went through, just after his plane was shot down by the German Flak on January/29/1944.

In that first village people gave him a "béret", a piece of bread with pork fat and then a pair of pants and a coat. In the second village called "CURCHY" a lady: Mrs d'Hautefeuille, who could write English, took him to Paris by train.

My cousin Francis HOUSSE lives in ETALON, a very small place, around 150 people in the north of France, in the SOMME.

Next September there will be a special week-end about the history of ETALON and the inhabitants would like to pay tribute to Charles SCREWS and they would like him to know he is not forgotten where he took so many risks for our freedom.

Would you be kind enough either to forward him this letter or to give us his address and his e-mail address if he allows you to do so.

We would be very grateful to you if you could help us.

Sincerely Yours

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Photos to the right:

Charles Screws and
Genevieve Le Berre
(February 2015 Near Paris, France)

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Dear Mr Stevens,

Thank you very much for your kind letter showing your friendship with Charles Screws.

His son, David, has sent me this beautiful photo, I thought you would like to have one: it is a fantastic photo! Charles Screws is so smart in his new military uniform, he has such a beautiful face - This document is very moving.

You may also be pleased to have the photo of the lady: Geneviève Le Berre, who took him from Paris - to Pau by train, she was awarded the "legion d' Honneur" in February 2015.

Kindest regards
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Oshkosh Bound!



The Chapter has at least three adventurous pilots going to [Oshkosh AirVenture](#) this year. Jim Berry in his Wittman Tailwind and Brian Trail with Ron Pearson in Ron's C-150 will be making the 870nm trek later this month. The pilots have been spending time lately getting all their "ducks lined-up" for the trip. Now, how cool is that? I expect photos and a story when you guys get back!

...and on a related note... A certain AcroSport II builder said recently that he wanted to get a Chapter "gaggle" together for an Oshkosh trip next year. Ahhh...brings back memories of a nine-ship departure from KMSN and an evening at "The Pit" many years ago. Something to think about. Sam



Left: Jim Berry has been working on his Tailwind in preparation for his trip to Oshkosh.



Right: Brian Trail (l) and Ron Pearson (r) are ready for the big trip in "Tweety".



So long, Marc...

You may remember back in March when C-130 pilot Marc Austin moved into a t-hangar to work on his RV-10. (small photo below) Well, he has made great progress since then. However, Marc's job is requiring him to be transferred. Several days ago, Marc and some of his buddies, and wife Katie loaded-up the RV for the move. We wish Mark, Katie and their daughter Amelia all the best in their new adventure. Come see us when you finish that '10! Sam



Michael Murphy Solos

Michael Murphy (l), who recently became a Chapter 471 member, made his first solo flight in his C-172. The accomplishment was made on June 29 after his instructor, Gary Potter (r), gave him the sign-off. Congrats, Michael and blue skies ahead!
Sam



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Have a safe and enjoyable
Independence Day!

Monthly Breakfast
Hangar 3
Saturday, July 8
9:00AM
Full Breakfast Will Be Served

To the right, is a listing of the current hangar assignments. There are no vacancies at this time. If you wish to get your name on the hangar waiting list, contact Jim Berry, Chapter Secretary.

A 1	Arrighi	David
A 2	Fletcher	Clyde
A 3	Cannon	Harold
A 4	Evans	Sam
A 5	Holden	Eric
B 1	Clement	Jeffery
B 2	Stevens	Hobby
B 3	Hendrickson	Ryan
B 4	Murphy	Michael
B 5	Chapman	Larry
C 1	Potter	Gary
C 2	Berry	Jim
C 3	Bradshaw	David
C 4	Pearson	Ron
C 5	Berg	Frank

D 1	Gill	Audie
D 2	Beasley	Lon
	West	Steve
D 3	Hale	Clifford
D 4	Ulibarri	Chris
D 5	Randall	Jeffrey
HANG. 3		
1	Wilson	Allen
2	Hanneman	Mike
3	Rubino	Chad
4	Smith	Kenny

END ROOMS		
NE	Bledsoe	Don
NW	Berg	Frank
SE	Jones	Lew
	Clement	Jeffery
	Berry	Jim
SW	Berry	Jim