

Hangar Flyin'



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President's Message Steve Krazer

The Chapter Officer/Director Nominating Committee (Sam Evans, Charlotte Rhodes & Hobby Stevens) has been at work developing a slate of officers/directors for 2018. The suggested slate will be announced at breakfast on Saturday. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. If you would like to be considered for a place on the board, Saturday is when you need to make your voice heard. If you know of a member that you think would make a positive contribution to the board and our Chapter... nominate them! Elections will be held at our Annual November Breakfast/Business Meeting.

Our Chapter Directional Sign is Back! Yep... after being contacted by Dave Bradshaw, the contractor agreed that they needed to rebuild our severely damaged directional sign. Many thanks to all who helped make this happen!

We had an initial AirFest meeting about next year's event a few days ago. The event is tentatively scheduled to take place at Air Force Base the weekend of May 5-6, 2018. The Dyess POC is Maj. Drew "Boots" Johnson. If you have ideas for performers or aircraft you would like to see at AirFest 2018... please let me know.

EAA National is beginning the process of restoring a WWII B-25H "Mitchell" bomber. Several passionate volunteers are working side-by-side and guided by EAA's talented mechanics. This has allowed those involved to begin the restoration process.

In order for this project to succeed, EAA needs significant support going forward to bring this aircraft back to flying condition by the spring of 2018. To meet this objective, EAA is working to secure \$400,000 in donations to ensure that the following stages of the B-25 restoration are completed:

- Overhaul existing engines, propellers and acquire a back-up engine
- Repair hydraulic systems
- Install new brakes and wheels
- Install new avionics and engine instruments
- Interior and exterior painting
- Install new seating and passenger safety equipment

Restoring this B-25 is all about sharing the aircraft's history... teaching the importance of it... and helping people understand the contributions made by the crews who flew these planes and those who built them.

Let's work together as a Chapter to help make this project a success! Collectively let's work to put together at least \$1,000 to help the EAA meet the goal. Plan now to bring your donation check or cash to

our upcoming breakfast on Saturday, October 14th. Make your check payable to EAA Chapter 471. In the reference line write "B-25". Our Chapter will send a check to EAA National for the total amount donated by our Chapter members.



Work continues on the new lighting system for runway 17R/35L. The work is scheduled to be completed by October 16th.

I hope to see you at Breakfast this Saturday October 14th. It's gonna' be another good one.... Don't miss it!

Here's Your Sign!

If you've been out to the airport recently, you probably didn't miss seeing our nice new sign. (*Courtesy of the construction company that trashed-out the one we had.*) Thanks to Dave Bradshaw for doing the leg work for getting the sign replaced and to Steve Krazer for his outstanding design work!



Chapter Member Harry Amthauer Passes

(ed. I would like to express my sincere apologies for not getting the word out sooner to the membership regarding Harry's passing on September 4. sam) Below is text from Harry's obituary:

Harry Eugene Amthauer, 71, died Monday, September 4, 2017 in Abilene, Texas.

Born in Joplin, Missouri on March 8, 1946; Harry was the son of Evelyn Fern (Sandy) and Earl Walter Amthauer. He had a Bachelor of Science degree and was a U.S. Navy veteran. Harry was an Aerospace Engineer, having worked for Beech Aircraft and Northrup Grumman.

Harry married Judith Don Girvin in Kansas City, Kansas. Two years ago he moved from Arlington, Texas to Abilene, where he was a member of St. James United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, David Amthauer.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Amthauer of Abilene; daughter, Emily Amthauer of Abilene; brother, Paul Amthauer and wife Jackie of South Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

A committal service for his cremains will be held at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, 7457 W. Lake Road (FM 600), at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, with Rev. Dot Lea and Rev. Felicia Hopkins officiating. Arrangements are being made by The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to St. James United Methodist Church, 3100 Barrow Street, Abilene, TX 79605; St. Paul United Methodist, 525 Beech Street, Abilene, TX 79601; or the EAA Chapter 471 Young Eagles, PO Box 2585, Abilene, TX 79604.

Chapter member, Fred Novak remembered that he had met Harry in McDonalds about 3 years ago and invited him to join our Chapter, which he did. He attended our Saturday breakfasts regularly.

Officer Nominations Set for Saturday

As mentioned by Steve, the nominating committee has come up with nominees for our next election which we'll be having in November. (We will be electing for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and three directors.)

If you would like to make a nomination for a position in addition to those selected by the nominating committee, then please attend our breakfast meeting this Saturday, October 14. Keep in mind that a nominee must be a bona fide chapter member as well as anyone making a nomination.



“Light at the End of the Tunnel”

by Sam Evans

...and Audie Gill sees it!

Audie continues to make great progress on his AcroSport II project. He has spent the last few weeks putting the finish on all the parts. You know the drill... sand, clean prime, sand, clean, paint, sand, etc. But all the work is certainly paying off. It's going to be a beauty!



Above – Audie applies base coat to one of the four wings. Right – Audie’s trusty helper, Lon Beasley, helps to keep paint mixed-up and ready.





The Hangar 3 walk-through door got overhauled recently by **Audie Gill and Lon Beasley**. The door had become quite cantankerous to open and close. So, the two chapter members made some 'adjustments' to the door frame. Then with the assistance of Heath's guys, they made a nice sheet metal cover for the door window. Thanks guys... nice work!!



**Monthly Breakfast
Hangar 3
Saturday, October 14
9:00AM
Full Breakfast Will Be Served
then
Officer / Director Nominations**

"Fly it until the last piece stops moving."
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