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**EAA732 January 2013 Meeting:**

Jim Younkin presented our program at our January 2013 meeting. We were all surprised when the subject was their – TruTrak project - installation of a TruTrak autopilot in the above Antonov aircraft. The Antonov is an AN2 bi-plane, a utility transport aircraft manufactured in the Ukraine. TruTrak has a contract to provide 110 autopilot units. At the present time, they are completing the first one in the Antonov.

These planes were first manufactured in the former Soviet Union during 1942, and continued through 1980's. It is the largest single-engine bi-plane ever made, and longest production aircraft. When cruising, the 1000-hp engine consumes 50+ gallons of fuel per hour.

After his presentation, Jim and the pilot Jimmy Beckford flew the plane for the initial testing of the autopilot unit. They flew from Springdale to Siloam Springs and back in perfect weather, with perfect results. For those of us on the ground, you could see the big smile on Jim's face after they landed. I don't know what kind of connections they had, but two free-lance passengers, Mark Occhipinti and Randy Resh, got to ride along on the test flight, and they are still talking about the experience. Thanks Jim for giving us such a great program !

YOUNG EAGLES At the meeting, Rich McKinney reported that we are planning to have our first Young Eagles event on the second weekend of June - Saturday, June 8th – the airport location to be determined. We are also planning a Young Eagle event, coinciding with the Air Race Classic. This is a six-month class for young women who are interested in aviation. From this class we will have a limited number of young ladies to fly the weekend of June 21st.

Dr. Jamon Pruitt, Fayetteville Cardiologist, gave a report on his progress in building a 70% model of the famous P 51, using a Chevrolet Big Block, 570 cc engine. Fantastic project - keep up the good work!

Also at the meeting, Charles Coger demonstrated our new "sound system". This should be a great help for us older guys who have a hard time hearing many of our speakers. Thanks Charles for getting this for us.

Thanks also, to Bill Smith for doing a superb job cooking hotdogs for our meeting. He had quite a good system going simultaneously cooking several rows of hotdogs on his grill. You might get a permanent job, Bill!



From Wedington;

From Springdale Airport to Wedington, and I'm not sure what these guys are up to, but I think they have a fuel problem. Also from Wedington, the rumor is out that Mark has gremlins in his hangar. One day there was brake fluid under one wheel. After cleaning it up, the next week, there was brake fluid under the other wheel. And the problem is - he cannot find where the fluid is coming from. So it must be gremlins!

Randy and Gerald Resh have completed their HKS Hawk - and now they cannot keep Gerald out of it. We were glad to see Gerald fly into Springdale for the EAA meeting. He and Scott Musgrave were the only ones to fly in that day. Thanks guys, you both look sharp.



While on the subject of Wedington Woods, Mark Ochipinti seems to have things under control. Mark is shown here celebrating his 55th birthday with four of his 'girlfriends.'

I should add that the Wedington wives are getting concerned about Mark - as several years have gone by now with no wife to tell him what to do. And he is so happy about it !!

From Drake Field: The tower said to Frank Goodnight, "Go For It", on his First Flight of his Zenith 701 that had just been certified for testing. And the happiest part was the flight was on his birthday - December 9, 2013. It has been just 7 months since Frank began construction on the kit he picked up from Zenith in Mexico, Missouri. Being retired, wife Linda has let him work full time, many days, on the project. The 701 is powered by a Rotax 912 ULS, and has a Dynon D10 for the main instrument. Note the picture taken the day before the flight - and Linda says Yes, he will paint it ! Frank is hangared at Drake and enjoys landing and "visiting" at Wedington. Some of you may remember Frank was the cook for our EAA 732 meeting last year, and made the Jambalaya that so many raved about. Thanks again Frank, and good luck with the 701. By the way, Frank has a used FireStar with a HKS engine for sale - can't fly then both.



Work In Progress: Quite a few years ago, Jay Hale, in Fayetteville, started to build a Model 4 Kitfox.



Work forced his project to the back burner, but now he has revived his “life’s work” and making great progress. He has the fuselage, wings and tail feathers ready to cover, and now he is concentrating on firewall forward and completing the engine installation and instrument panel before the check out . The panel does incorporate a TruTrak EFIS. Note the picture of the air ducts and cowling. Jay does beautiful work. Keep it up.

From Neosho: Al & Brenda Smith reported: On June 21st and 22nd , the Neosho Airport will be hosting “Celebrate Neosho”. The Airport activities will include a brief air show, including a performance by Kyle Franklin and fireworks. I hope some of our members of EAA732 can attend and show our support. By the way, the EAA Chapter 932 of Southwest Missouri will be hosting an extensive air show on September 21st & 22nd at Neosho airport. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar.

.From Camelia Smith

The Air Race Classic, Inc. (www.airraceclassic.org) is a non-profit 501(C)(3) annual all women competition VFR cross-country race. This year the 37th ARC starts June 18th in Pasco, WA (PSC) and terminates June 21st in (FYV) Fayetteville, AR with a weekend of activities.

The ARC Mission is:

- Encouraging and educating current and future women pilots
- Increasing public awareness of general aviation
- Demonstrating women's roles in aviation
- Preserving and promoting the tradition of pioneering women in aviation

A program called "Girls Without Limits" focusing on science and math is starting in Fayetteville in February and ending in June.

It takes many to make this event "fly" - coordinators, drivers, timers, airplane inspectors, event organizers, food/beverage providers and much more. Please consider being a sponsor or volunteer!

As part of Race Team #20, Julia Matthews and I also welcome sponsors to fly this worthy event. For more information contact Camelia Smith, 479-530-6947 or email: ccamelia2fly@gmail.com

Chapter meetings, Feb 17 tentative schedule: Air Museum – Drake Field Fayetteville

March 17 –Deborah Monger – “Control Tower Operation”

April 21 - Rick Wantz – Progress Report –“Building Sonic”

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