



# THE *SPORT FLYER*



July 2005

**!!! NOTICE !!!**  
**July meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**At West Houston Airport, 7:00pm**

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## July Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm at West Houston Airport

Our July meeting will be held at West Houston airport. We'll be showing a video on the new Sport Pilot class, covering both airplanes and regulations. Also, if available, Woody will give us an update on the new airport situation. Hope to see you there!

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## Heads Up for August.... The Spitfire Project Update !!



For our August 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, Mr. Rayburn Thompson will be speaking about the restoration and history of his Spitfire project. That meeting will be held at his hanger at Covey Trails, with more details to follow. For those who've seen the Spitfire project in the past, you already know the amazing restoration journey this Spitfire has been through. But it's always a super treat to get to see this animal up close and personal. Our many thanks in advance to Mr. Thompson for hosting us in August and giving us the latest scoop.

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## EAA Chapter 774 Email List growing...Sign up now !

If you want the latest scoop and details that concern our chapter, be sure to ask to be added to our Chapter 774 email list. Pam Kelley has been gracious enough to manage this for us and gets timely info out concerning local events, meetings, chapter news, etc. Send a note with your email address to Pam at [EAA774@aol.com](mailto:EAA774@aol.com) .

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## Chapter 774 Project Photos and Updates Section Now Online !!

Thanks to our chapter Webmaster, Phil Birkelbach, the Member's Project section on our website is up and running! If you haven't sent in your project, then here's your chance to show off your baby, either finished or in the process. If you have any digital pictures of your project please feel free to email them to us. Send your pictures, descriptions, or even your own website address and we'll figure out a way to get them on the site.

Send your emails to: [webmaster@eaa774.org](mailto:webmaster@eaa774.org)

## Member News.....

### **Pam Kelley Reports:**

"Well, Lon and I are back from our flight to Gettysburg, Oneonta NY, Menassas (Bull Run) and Washington, DC. We had good flying weather until the end and were vectored around afternoon showers north of Bush. The visibility was generally poor, so the sightseeing from the air was limited and a little disappointing. The battlefields were beautiful rolling hills dotted with cannons and markers -- blue sky, cool days and few people. However, Washington was another story! "

### **Ed Lake reports on the passing of Lamoine Waldron:**

As noted in the June 19<sup>th</sup> Chronicle: "J. Lamoine Waldron passed away on June 18, 2005. Lamoine is survived by his wife Ione; children, Carol Diane Marshall, Troy L. Waldron, and Trudi Dill; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Those desiring may forward memorials to E.A.A. Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter No. 774, Young Eagles Program c/o Leonard Milholland, P.O. Box 747, Brookshire, TX 77423."

I must admit that I personally enjoyed the several conversations I had with Lamoine, who continued to express the utmost enthusiasm for his project airplane and its construction effort (the aircraft as I recall headed up towards Dallas for display in an Air Exhibit). With sincere condolences, Ed Lake

### **Jack Williams reports on Red Deel's status:**

Johnnie Deal said that Red was not doing well and that all meds were stopped except for the bare necessities. He is in hospice now and may expire at any time. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Postage Stamp Landing

By Leonard Milholland

"Are you going to land on that postage stamp?", I asked Mike Kimbrel as we approached the very small landing strip at Red Lodge, MT. We were returning from Oshkosh fly in and were dropping off a passenger. We had 26 people on board Mike's DC3 and all the baggage that goes with that many people. I had the honor of being the crew chief this trip and I was sitting in the jump seat between the pilots so I had a real good look at what Mike was attempting to land on. The strip at Red Lodge was way up on a mesa. The town was nowhere in sight; it was down in a valley several hundred feet below the mesa. The landing went off ok but we used the entire tiny strip. The end of the strip was down in the valley below. We taxied back and decided to stay the night. All of the family started to put up their tents after the passenger was picked up by his wife. I have a good friend who ran a saw-mill back in Washington (close to Mike and Mary's home). His name is Lou. We decided that we wanted to sleep in a bed and take a shower. We had spent many nights camping out at Oshkosh and felt the need. I called for a taxi but this little town had no such animal. I also called a bed and breakfast place that was in the tiny phone booth I found in the out house looking FBO. They told me just go down main street until you come to the Texaco station turn right and on the next block right on the corner you will see a big house and that's us. This was good news but how are we going to get there? The passenger had long since gone. Then we spied a 150 Cessna in the pattern and thought, "there is our ride". We went over to his hangar and helped him put up his plane in exchange for a ride to town. Down the hill we went and it was steep and twisty. This pilot was proud of his little town and decided that we needed a tour. Up and down Main Street we went and finally I spotted a Texaco station. I told him to turn right here. Sure enough there was a big nice three story house on the corner. We thanked the driver and unloaded out bags. Looking forward to a good shower and bed we went to the door and knocked. No answer, that's funny I thought they knew we were coming why was every thing locked. We had no way of going anywhere so we sat on the porch swing and waited. Soon some one opened the front door and asked us what we wanted. I explained that we had called for B and B they said, "This is a B and B but no one has called. You guys must have called the other one on the other end of town". As we had no transportation we asked if we could stay here. They had no guest that night so we had the place all to ourselves. A good shower and a good night's sleep in a real bed were enjoyed by both of us. The breakfast was as good as it gets. Lots of eggs ham and biscuits. We were picked up by the passenger. He had gone up to the airport to see them off and was told to come get us. As we rode back toward the airport I ask him to drive by the other B and B to see just what we had missed. We drove to the other end of town and turned by the Texaco station and what we saw was the worst dump you could think of. Boy, am I glad we made that mistake!



## EAA SportAir Workshops to be in Houston September 10 -11

If you've ever wanted to attend one of the fantastic EAA SportAir workshops, but didn't have the time or money to get there, then here's your chance! EAA SportAir Workshops will be in Houston, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Westwood College of Aviation. Topics available include:

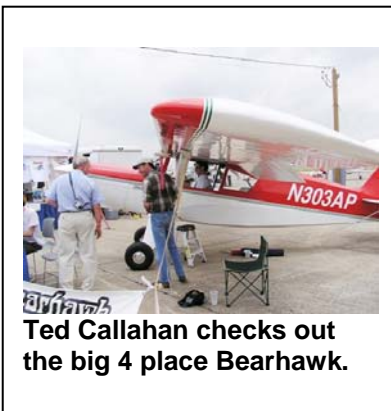
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## Going to Oshkosh ?

If you're planning on going to Oshkosh this year (and who wouldn't with the one-time chance to see things like the WhiteKnight / Spaceship One and the Global Flyer), and you'd like to see who else from the chapter is going, drop myself, Gary Craze, an email at [garycraze@hotmail.com](mailto:garycraze@hotmail.com) I'll collect up a list of attendees and contact info and when we near the date, I'll have the email list share it with everyone so that perhaps we might have a chapter get-together one evening for dinner. Ted Callahan and I will be trailering his freshly hatched Nieuport 11 up to OSH for display. Hope to see you there !

## Southwest Regional Fly-In (Texas Fly-In) Report



Ted Callahan checks out the big 4 place Bearhawk.

With Ted Callahan's nuclear-bomb-looking cargo pod full of camping gear secured to the bottom of the Kitfox, we lifted off and headed GPS direct to the Stinson VOR south of San Antonio, and then direct to the first reporting point east of Hondo. Kudo's to the fly-in team responsible for the maps and aerial photos made available on the SWRFI website, as it made spotting the reporting points a non-event. The facilities at Hondo were first rate, and there were plenty of new, large hangars for eating, booths, etc. Our one complaint was the fact that airplane camping was stuck away literally out of site and on the far northeast end of the complex. Not very conducive for displaying your aircraft. Thus, we opted to park on the display flightline, and tote our camping gear over later. However, chapter member Tom Orsborne came to the rescue. He had driven and was staying at a motel about 30

minutes away. A quick call confirmed that another room was available, so we opted for showers and air conditioning. The event was well attended, even with the constant threat of thunderstorms. It was pretty hot, but shade provided relief in the dry air with a slight breeze. The all-you-can eat BBQ dinner Friday evening was great, and we followed it up by attending an informal ice-cream social with other 774 folks, members from other chapters, and a couple of representatives from EAA headquarters where we got to eat free ice cream, ask questions and voice concerns over keeping chapter membership up. Although our original intent was to stay until Sunday, the continuing threat of approaching thunderstorms made us hit the air after lunch on Saturday and it was smooth sailing back to Hooks and home in time for dinner.

It looks like Hondo will be a good place to grow the Texas Fly-In... -Gary Craze