# TAILWINDS

## **June Meeting Recap**



Our June chapter gathering was held on June 10. We started the meeting with a video from EAA on the restoration of the B-25H "Berlin Express" at EAA Headquarters and a how-to video on opening and inspecting oil filters.

We had several visitors at the meeting who are building projects, researching projects, or getting back into aviation. Welcome Cody, Justin, Ken, Bruce, Karen, and Chuck!

Several members discussed their projects. Eric Overton provided an update on the World War I biplane is is working on. He's modifying a Chevy Corvair engine so that the crankshaft can be thrust loaded. Eric's project sounds very elaborate and must keep him busy.

Rob Reese informed the members about some recent RV-12 modifications from Vans. There is a new voltage regulator and a new nose gear fork. Haruko described some engine issues she's had in her RV-12. It sounded like she handled them problems in flight like a champ!

William Bennett described his progress on his RV-7. He had his second engine run the week before the meeting and he's almost ready for inspection. He also told a story about a battery he's had around for a while and how when he put it in the plane, it started right up. You never know about the life of batteries.

Kevin Sanders gave an update on his RV-8 quick build project. He has been working diligently on the project and is just about ready to move the plane from his garage to a hangar at the airport.

Ed Sinayi is building a Rotorway helicopter. He's been working on it for over four years and is installing the rotors now. He estimated that he is about four to six weeks away from inspection.

Valerie Barker described an issue with the yoke in her 1960 Cessna 182 where the yoke broke on takeoff. Afterwards she found out about a service letter issued by Cessna in the 1960s regarding the yokes, but just required a one-time inspection. Over 50 years later, issues come up, so it's always good to research previous safety problems with older production airplanes.



Valerie's 182 yoke showing the point of failure.

Seth Hancock provided an update on Tango Flight. The

airplane is flying and each student builder is getting a flight. Many of the students plan to go to Oshkosh this summer.

## **July Chapter Meeting**

The July meeting will begin at 10 AM on July 8. Our tech councelors Bill Bennett, Seth Hancock, and Deene Ogden will share their tips and tricks in a hands-on workshop.

The meeting will begin at 10 am at <u>Georgetown Municipal Airport's</u> terminal building. The address is <u>500 Terminal Dr, Georgetown, TX 78628</u>. **Early bird breakfast at 9:15 am!** 

# **Upcoming Events**

## **Rockdale Tiger Flight: Help us Build an RV-6!**

Rockdale Tiger Flight is a group organized by several EAA 187 members in Rockdale, TX. The group is focused on teaching mid- and highschoolers airplane building skills. Our current projects are an RV-6 and a Zenith CH-601. We get together **every Saturday at 10 AM**, and focus on building those airplanes. We also offer **weekly Young Eagles rides** to kids, subject to weather and aircraft availability.



This weekly event is free to participants, and we are looking for help! Both kids and adults are welcome! For more information, log on to rockdaletigerflight.org.

### Wisener Field July 4th Fly-In

Wisener Field is hosing a flying at Mineola-Wisener Airport (3F9) on July 4. It's the 100th Anniversary of the Field, so come out and celebrate! Stearman rides start at 9 AM (\$150-\$275). Note that the airport will be closed between 11:45 and 12:15 for SRC Airshows.

#### Chapter 187 Oshkosh Meet-Up

Chapter members who are at Oshkosh are meeting up for lunch on Friday, June 28, at 11:30 for lunch. If you'd like to join, meet between the EAA Member Center and the Airventure Welcome Center, at the red star on the map.



#### **Texas STOL Round Up**

The 4th Annual Texas STOL Roundup will be held at Honda (KHDO) September 29-October 1. The event sounds like it will be a lot of fun. On Friday morning, there will be a STOL Seminar describing STOL techniques, a hangar dance on Saturday evening and much more!

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Meetings Georgetown Municipal Airport (KGTU) Terminal 2nd Saturday each mont at 10 AM

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