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# Winds

EAA Chapter 187 Newsletter

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## Georgetown AirFest 2013

*Thousands attend . The Young Eagle's program and Falcon Flight were prominent attractions.*



**Gary Hamilton's report:** Georgetown AirFest was, once again, a big success. We had a great turnout of pilots, ground crew and participants. A total of 9 pilots flew 40 missions with 71 kids. It is always rewarding to see the excitement of the kids and their parents. Many of the parents remarked about their kids desire to become pilots. For some, it was their first ride in *any* airplane.

On behalf of Stan and I, thanks to all who participated: YE coordinator Stan Jenkins; Gene Cockrell, and Dave Wesley from Ch. 542 Killeen; the whole Dan Wyant family, Jim Crawford, Chip Cotton, Cowden Ward, Haruko Reese, Bob Elliot, David Nelson, William Bennett, Barry Gould, Lesley Rousey, Anthony Plattsmier, myself and photographer Dan Badwey.

You all did a great job making this Young Eagles event a success.

However, our mission is not over. We have many kids who are on the waiting list that could not get into the cockpit at AirFest. Please stay tuned for the next event coming soon. (See the following article.)

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**November 23** is the next YE event. It involves flying the Cub Scout members of Pack 404 and will take place at GTU. It's estimated that 20 to 25 scouts will be arriving at about 9a.m. Pilots are to arrive by 8:30.

At this point three pilots are committed. One more would be welcome. For further information, contact Anthony at 512 657-0541

## November meeting

Attend the meeting November 14 and hear and see Major Lloyd Stearns' C-5A Galaxy presentation. In words and pictures . He will tell about the capabilities



and possibilities of this huge bird. Major Stearns served honorably in the USAF and later joined IBM as an engineer. His career there had spanned 32 years when he retired as a project manager.

Throughout the years Major Stearns earned 5 patents and the following degrees:

- MS in Project Management, USC.
- MS in Computer Engineering, Wright State College.
- Bachelors in Aerospace, Aeronautical and Astronautical/Space Engineering, UT.

We will appreciate the fact that GA airplanes are no stranger to Major Stearns. . He has owned and flown Stinsons and an award winning Mooney M20C. Closer to our interest is his involvement in a KR2 project.

Major Stearns' web site is [http://pages.suddenlink.net/lloyds\\_stearns](http://pages.suddenlink.net/lloyds_stearns)

Other good reasons for attending the November meeting are (1) we'll be electing a new slate of officers to lead our chapter for the coming two years and (2) plans for our annual awards banquet will be discussed..

The meeting location is unchanged...Wells Branch Community Library. Arrive around 6:45 to be on hand for a 7 p.m. start.



On the following pages there's more coverage of our Young Eagle's work plus Falcon Flight's recent performances consisting of a special formation flyover at the Kansas City Chiefs /Oakland Raiders pro football game at KC, their performance at AirFest and a second formation flyover at Hutto High School that honored veterans.





Chapter Young Eagle's Coordinator Stan Jensen poses with three of the many more Young Eagles he flew in the Cirrus he and his wife own. His flights contributed greatly to the grand total of 71 YE's taken for their first rides.

Nine pilots, 40 missions and 71 first-flight kids!



The forty missions that gave 71 kids their first airplane rides resulted in constant crowds at the sign-up table. William Bennett was on duty most of the day scheduling pilots and passengers.



Chip Cotton, restorer of a Steen Skybolt, readies his young passenger for a ride. A helmet and goggles are necessary when flying in an open cockpit. Throughout the day, Chip flew several additional youngsters.



Haruko Reese has been a frequent participant in Young Eagles rallies although she didn't own an airplane and opted to rent one in order to fly kids. Now, she has her own, an RV-12 which she and her husband Rob built.



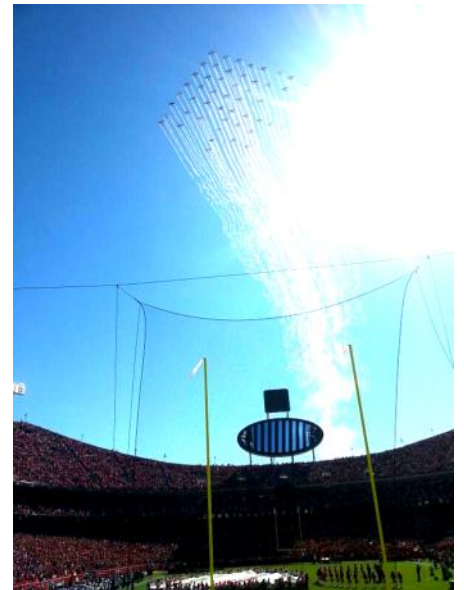
# Falcon Flight at Kansas City

On Friday, October 11, a group of 8 Falcon Flight pilots joined 41 other formation flying pilots in Kansas City to prepare for a flyover at Arrowhead Stadium where a game between the Chief's and Oakland Raiders was to take place on the following Sunday. For a special reason, Brackets for smoke canisters were installed on the aircraft and two practice sessions were flown on Saturday with pictures being taken from the air and ground for review and to assure precision, tightness and timing.



The 49-ship formation arrived at the stadium precisely on schedule... just as the last note of the national anthem was played. Pink smoke was deployed simultaneously in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The formation performance received great applause from the audience and set a new Guinness World Record.

Falcon Flight pilots were:  
Stu McCurdy (Falcon)  
; Bobby LuCroy (Luke)  
Winn Harris (Dallas)  
Ron Walker (Shorts)  
Pat Tuckey (Glider)  
Roy Geer (Jarhead)  
Jeff Jackson (Shiner)



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## Next on Falcon Flight's schedule...AirFest

Unlike in years past when Falcon Flight was not allowed to perform exhibition flying, the situation changed this year when arrangements were made for the group to fly formations in an area southeast of the airport. Since most of the attendees were congregated in that sector, it was an ideal location in terms of exposure to viewers and safety in the air.

*Superb photographs of the formations on the following page were taken and provided by Kelly Walker, Falcon Flight pilot Ron Walker's wife..*

# Formations at AirFest



Arrow



Airplane



Double V



Cluster



Delta



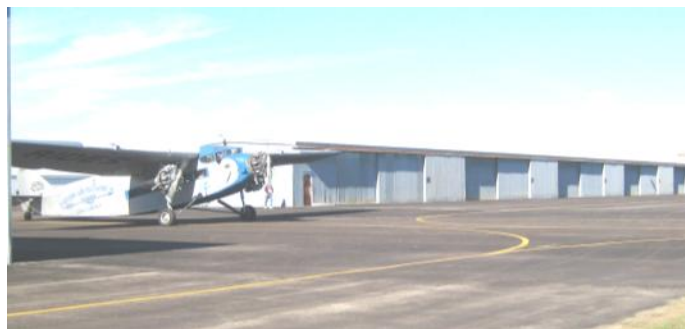
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# Miscellany



Ken Firestone poses with his RV-7A which he has flown twice and had planned a third launch on the day this picture was taken. That day was November 7 He'll get an award plaque at the banquet. *A reminder: In order to receive a plaque, first-flyers must inform a chapter officer of his or her achievement.*



Yes, that's EAA's Ford Tri-Motor spotted on the ramp near Chapter 59's hangar at McGregor. Imagine our surprise when a few days before it was scheduled to be at GTU Seth and I saw it as we I taxied in my Debonair up to the hangar. Why was our show cancelled when the aircraft was so close, we wondered. The answer came from a headquarters representative who was selling rides. Here it is: Because the second Tri-Motor operated by EAA, which was leased, not owned, had mechanical problems the schedule of this one we were to get was changed and it's next stop was Florida, not Georgetown.

As for next year, there's a chance that the Tri-Motor could be scheduled to coincide with AirFest 2014.

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## Destinations

If you plan to fly to any of the following destinations post your intentions on [lister@eaa187.org](mailto:lister@eaa187.org). Others may wish to join you.

- Brenham (11R)—café on the field
- McGregor (PWG)—lunch every Thursday, pancakes every 1st Saturday
- Sonora (SOA)—Tex-Mex and barbecue a short walk away
- Fredericksburg (T82)—50's style diner on the field
- Near Stephenville (SEP)—Tex-Mex and barbecue
- Llano (AQO)—Coopers Barbecue, courtesy cars available.
- Hamilton (MNZ)—Deli in town, courtesy car available.
- Port Aransas Mustang Beach (RAS)—great seafood, trolley into town. Call (361) 749-4008 for the combination to the air conditioned trolley waiting room.
- Hilltop Lakes resort. This is a private field, but open the public and you can walk to the restaurant. .



One of the good destinations named above is the Southern Flyer Diner. Fine food can be enjoyed indoors and on the patio. Cute girls in bobby socks are the waitresses. As the nose of an airplane clearly indicates, the Diner is right on the airport ramp.



# Still for sale, Seth's RV-7

Yes, it's a fact, master aircraft and engine builder Seth Hancock is selling his RV-7 project. His plan after the sale is uncertain. He might find a Light Sport to his liking or buy a Harley.

Seth's RV-7 reached him as a "quick-build." The buyer can be assured of only superior workmanship performed during the process of completion. Ample evidence of this is made abundantly clear by the other airplanes Seth has built. They are a Vari-EZ, RV-6 and an RV-8A, the latter having been recently purchased by Bobby LucRoy..

Seth estimates that his project is 90% complete. This being the case, the buyer could, with reasonable certainty, be in the air in less than a year.



Here is the project as it presently exist. The sliding canopy is complete as is the airframe itself and all control surfaces, their mounting brackets and stops. The flaps, ailerons, elevators and rudder have been fitted and checked for proper movement and clearances. Seth is in the process of completing the wheel pants to the point of being ready for priming.



The panel has a 10" square cut out for a Dynon Sky-view EFIS (not included). The Rectangular cut out is for an Icom A-210 radio, which is included, but no other instruments are. Upholstered seats are in the box in which they were received.



The engine is a 180 HP Lycoming O-360 and is in fire-wall forward status which includes a Cato three-blade prop. As an ECI distributor, Seth is qualified to build that company's engines, which he has done here. With the exception of test running it is zero time!



A snug fitting plenum, which Seth designed and built of fiberglass with aluminum sides, assures proper cooling.



The asked by Seth is \$60,000. The new zero time 180 HP Lycoming adds great value to this figure. For more details and to arrange a viewing of the project contact Seth at 512-864-5529.



**Luke Skiles** as previously reported, has reduced the asking price of his Pober Pixie, from \$12,500 to \$10,500. The ship, which resembles in many respects the famous fun-to-fly Heath Parasol, is in excellent condition throughout. It's powered by a 65 horsepower continental with a mere 200 hours SMOH. There's equally low hours on the airframe. The fabric is in the green and was recently painted.

This rare bargain is offered because, since it's based at Kitty Hill, which has been sold, it will soon be without a home.

Interested? Call Luke soon. His number is 512 705-2383.

## Airstrip for sale

Kerry and Brian Rodgers are moving and, as a result, offering their grass airstrip for sale. Details follow:

**Location:** Eight miles north of GTU on the 358 degree radial. There's easy access to IH35, Toll Road 130 and the Parmer Lane extension.

**Property:** 22.3 acres in the countryside but surrounded by quarries. It's on a finger of black land prairie soil that's conducive to growing grass. Regarding taxes, there's an agricultural exemption.

**Runway:** 1600 foot turf; reasonably flat; aligned with prevailing SE/NW winds.

**Improvements:** Eight hundred square foot cabin and 40 by 60 foot hangar. All utilities (electricity, septic and water) in place.

For pricing and more details call Brian at 512-577-1696 or reach him at [brodrg@rocketmail.com](mailto:brodrg@rocketmail.com).

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### Newsletter

Dan Badwey: Submissions due last Thursday of each month. Send to [jdbadwey@aol.com](mailto:jdbadwey@aol.com)

### Meetings

General membership: Wells Branch Library, 2nd Thursday each month.

Business meeting: TBD (4th Saturday of each month proposed)

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## Hangars available

Gene Cockrell, member of EAA Ch. 542, Killeen, reports that new T-hangars are under construction at the Lampasas airport (KLZZ). Gene has a slot that he's not going to claim, so anyone interested can make a deal for it by calling him, 1-305-747-5804.