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## Hot Topic: DAR

Norm Beauchamp e-mailed the FAA about the hot topic from February's meeting: What's it going to cost to inspect your homebuilt or classic aircraft for an airworthiness certificate?

Hi Norm,

Thanks for your note. Due to cutbacks, the FAA has instructed local FSDO's to put on the lowest priority Experimental-Amateur built inspections. That is why local FSDO's are referring homebuilders to a DAR (Designated Airworthiness Representative).

At this time the DAR is the only alternative to the FAA inspection. You could insist upon an FAA inspection, but they might inform you that they could do it in 6 months to a year or more...

There is work on legislation that would allow a greater number of qualified individuals to become DAR's but the time frame for this is uncertain, certainly not in the near future.

The DAR issue is one of EAA's top priorities. We have a list of recommended DAR's and could forward contact information for one in your area if you provide your location.

Most DAR's charge from \$300 to \$500 although there is no set fee schedule. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Best Regards,

Mark Forss

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## Here are two of the DAR's in Texas:

Fred M (Fritz) Mair  
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Keller, TX 76248  
817-491-4840

Mel Asberry (NE Texas Area)  
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Fritz kept a brown Luscombe at Dutote Airpark 20 years ago.

## Tax Rebate

What's better than President Bush's 1.6 trillion tax cut for everybody? The Clinton tax cut. If your name is Rich, you don't pay the over 130 million you owe in taxes, you leave the country as a fugitive, and then pay Clinton's Library less than one percent of the taxes you owe for a full pardon. Is this the first time a President has pardoned a fugitive?

## February Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President George Spinks. President Spinks began the meeting with the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Donald Treadwell for being Editor of the Newsletter and Coordinator of the Young Eagles Program.

President Spinks called on Joe Christian, Program Chairman. Joe introduced Michael Webb, pilot and investigator, U. S. Customs in San Angelo. Michael relayed some highlights of the history of Customs, which began in 1789 to ensure proper tariffs on goods. Michael said the today the work of Customs centers on the smuggling of drugs and that protecting the border "air wise" is the mission of the Customs Agents and Inspectors in San Angelo.

President Spinks thanked Michael for the very informative and interesting presentation. The President then offered a break in the meeting to enjoy the cookies and cold drinks brought by Bonnie and Steve McDuff.



This is from a recent lunch meeting in Brady of SPOD, Slow Pilots of Ducote.

President Spinks announced that Joe Christian and Donald Treadwell were recognized by EAA for having flown at least 10 Young Eagles in 2000.

Jim O'Hara moved that the Chapter hold the Christmas Party, December 18, 2001, at Zentner's Steak House. Leon York seconded the motion. The motion carried. President Spinks asked Mitzi O'Hara to make a reservation at Zentner's Steak House.

Jim O'Hara congratulated George and Martha Spinks for being named Schleicher County Outstanding Educators for the year.

Jim O'Hara announced that the San Angelo Regional Mathis Field Airport Advisory Board will meet March 8, 2001, 1:00 p.m. to hear three proposed plans for upgrading the terminal facilities. Interested persons are invited to attend.

President Spinks announced two fly-ins. The Lone Star Flight Museum, in Galveston, Texas, will host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Flight Air Show and Aircraft Walkabout, April 28-29, 2001. For more information, visit <http://www.lsfm.org> or call 409-740-7722

. NASA's Small Aircraft Transportation System, NASA's program designed to revitalize General Aviation, is hosting a fly-in with free pancakes and free admission at the General Thomas P. Stafford Airport, Weatherford, Oklahoma, May 5, 2001. For details, check out [www.weatherford-ok.org/sats](http://www.weatherford-ok.org/sats) and <http://sats.nasa.gov>.

Leon York announced that there will be an opportunity to see vintage aircraft built by Roger Freeman who has built exact replicas of World War I airplanes for movies. There will be an Open House, April 7, 2001. Leon said that Roger had moved recently. (Secretary's note: Roger moved to Kingsbury, Texas. Information regarding Roger Freeman's fly-in appears on Page 4 of this newsletter.) Roger Freeman will be the speaker at the March 1, 2001, meeting of Chapter 197, Austin, Texas.



Another recent meeting of SPOD in Big Lake. There were several others in attendance.

Tom Hyde relayed his adventure of seeing a handsome Cub in a hangar in the country in northeast Georgia and learning the history of the pilot's first airplane ride when he was a little boy.

Paul Shacklette related some of his experiences in trying to obtain an air worthy certificate now that FAA no longer performs the inspections but rather requires that a private Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) be hired to perform the inspection.

Andy Spinks announced that there would be a meeting of the Mathis Air Show 2001 Committee February 22, 2001, 7:00 P.M., in the Conference Room, Mathis Field. Andy invited all who are interested in working on the air show to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mitzi O'Hara, Secretary



SPOD also like to eat in Crane.



Cody Braden photographed from Gerry Hatch's Citabria. Photo by Chris Hatch, I hope. I love Scott Buchanan's hand pressed up against the back window of the 172. Scott either wants to touch the Citabria or push it away. Looks like a GPS mounted on the dash, oh yeah, says Garmin right there, 4500 feet, heading 270. These digital cameras are great!

## Young Eagles

George Cude reports that there will be a Young Eagles Flight in Abilene (at ABI) on May the 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mike Agnello at 915 677-3897 or 915 677-8825 if you can help. George is taking A&P classes at TSTC in Abilene and hopes to be finished next year. We should have our own YE Day. If anyone knows of a group that wants to fly, call Don Treadwell at 655-4646.



# SWRFI

Here is a list of the hotels in Abilene if you want to spend the night during SWRFI. Mention you are with EAA SW Regional Fly-In for the block rate. Make your reservation directly with the hotel prior to September 4, 2001.

HOTEL Name	Phone-800	Phone-local	Address	RATE	Comp.Breakfast
Courtyard by Marriott	800-321-2211	915-695-9600	4350 Ridgemont	\$74	No - Buffet \$8
Embassy Suites	800-362-2779	915-698-1234	4250 Ridgemont	\$82-	Cooked to order
Fairfield Inn by Marriott	800-228-2800	915-695-2448	3902 Turner Plaza	\$57	Continental
Garden Inn	800-588-0072	915-673-5271	1625 Hwy 351 at I-20	\$52	Continental
Hampton Inn	800-426-7866	915-695-0044	3917 Ridgemont	\$58	Continental
LaQuinta Inn	800-531-5900	915-676-1676	3501 West Lake	\$59-	Continental
Motel 6	800-466-8356	915-672-8462	4951 W. Stamford	\$32-	Coffee - 6-10
Quality Inn	800-588-0222	915-676-0222	505 Pine	\$52	Cooked for 2
Ramada Inn	800-676-7262	915-695-7700	3450 S. Clack	\$59	Continental
Royal Inn	800-588-4386	915-692-3022	5695 S. 1st	\$28-	No - Restaurant on site
Super 8	800-800-8000	915-673-5251	1-20 & Hwy 351	\$ 40-	Continental
Travelodge	800-880-7666	915-677-8100	840 E. Business 20	\$54	Cooked for 2

## Saturday, April 7, 2001 Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, Kingsbury, TX

Pershing Lane off FM 1104. Take exit 620 from I-10, 45 minutes east of San Antonio.

Vintage Aircraft Rides Old Vehicles Radio Controlled Model Aircraft Displays Military Re-enactor Demonstrations Silent Auction Raffle with Great Prizes Gates open 10:00 A.M. Activities begin at Noon Admission \$5 adults, \$2 children under 12, Vintage Aviation Historical Foundation members FREE.

For more information call 830 639-4162



# Flight Level 50

By Donald Treadwell

Last Sunday Nancy and I enjoyed the thrill of flying in Leon York's RV-6A. The weather was beautiful. A light wind blew out of the south and a few high clouds gave the late afternoon sun an artist's canvas to splash with colors. Like all RVs, N64JF is light on the controls and great fun to maneuver around the sky. Ted Conrad also took a ride in the yellow bird, and could be seen performing lazy eights north of Ducote.

Leon has a hot rod if ever there were one. Fast, agile, responsive, his RV flies as though it were running on mental telepathy instead of avgas. No kid with a joy stick on a Nintendo could have more fun. The added bonus is that this is real, not virtual reality.

Norm Beauchamp will give us an update at the next meeting on the Kit Fox he is building. Norm's programs are always fun and interesting. He may even conclude with a song about DAR's. I suppose we will need to give a program someday on the RV-6 Nancy and I are building; that is, once some progress can be measured. It is intimidating to think you need a good singing voice to give a rousing, exciting ending to your program.



Corsair junkyard in Central America about 1984.

Another thunderstorm is moving into San Angelo as I finish this newsletter. How wonderful it is to see all of the wild flowers all over west Texas. What a change from last year! We truly are blessed with rain this year. If this keeps up, I will need to mow the runway at the ranch for the first time in over a year.



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