
TAILWINDS

Chapter Banquet



The annual chapter banquet was held on the evening of January 14 at Morelia Mexican Restaurant. Attendees enjoyed lovely conversation, some “hangar flying,” and a Mexican food buffet.

Haruko Reese receives her award for service as the Chapter President.

After the meal, Haruko Reese, our chapter president, presented the annual chapter awards. Dick Gossen and Gary Hamilton received first flight awards. Mr. Gossen’s first flight was in a highly modified RV-12. He spent about 2500 hours building the plane and the modifications include a Honda engine and placing the fuel in the wings. Mr. Hamilton has flown his KR 1.5 based plane twice. The plane also includes parts from a Zenith, RV, and Lancair.

The chapter presented service awards to the leadership team: Haruko Reese (president), Pete Christensen (vice president), Rob Reese (treasurer), Valerie Barker (secretary & newsletter), Jimmy

Cox (Young Eagles), Fi Dot Fomichev (webmaster), Deene Ogden (tech & flight advisor), Seth Hancock (tech advisor), and William Bennett (tech advisor).

To cap off the evening, we had a fun raffle for door prizes. After deciding that prizes from Neiman Marcus would blow the budget, Rob Reese presented a variety of prizes from Home Depot. Jim Moss and Beverly Christensen won Home Depot gift cards, Eric Overton won a Chili's gift card, Ed Sinayi won an Olive Garden gift card, Roy Panton won a double ratcheting wrench set, and Mary Ann Sinayi won a gyroscopic electric screw driver. Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

****Apologies for the dark pictures. The mood lighting in the restaurant was not good for photos!****



Dick Gossen receives his first flight award.



Gary Hamilton receives his first flight award.



Pete Christensen receives his service award.



Rob Reese receives his service award.



William Bennett receives his service award.

February Chapter Meeting

The February meeting will begin at 10 AM on February 11. We will be joined by Frank Johnson of [Performance Propellers, USA](#) fame, who has been crafting propellers since 2009. In addition to building propellers, Frank has built an RV-6, a grass strip and a hangar, has a Legal Eagle with 3-cylinder radial nearing completion, and just started a Bearhawk LSA.

The meeting will begin at 10 am at Georgetown Municipal Airport's terminal building. The address is 500 Terminal Dr, Georgetown, TX 78628.

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 high-schoolers 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.

In December, Rockdale Tiger Flight celebrated its two year anniversary. Teens from Dripping Springs, South Austin, Pflugerville, Cedar Park, and areas in between come out each weekend to help build. The group has almost completed a Zenith 601HDS airframe and is fundraising for the panel and firewall forward.

The group also offers Young Eagles flights each weekend. One weekend in February, 26 kids came out to Rockdale to fly. Once the airplane is finished, the group plans to offer flight training in the plane.

Rockdale Tiger Flight is a really exciting program and way to share aviation with a new generation. Donations of time and/or money are always accepted!



A member of the Rockdale team working on the fuselage.

Teamwork on display at Rockdale Tiger Flight



In between working on the plane, there's still time for fun at Rockdale Tiger Flight!

Armed Forces Weekend Celebration and Fly-in

May 19-20, 2017 - Brady, Texas

The Morgan Military Aviation Museum is hosting a weekend celebration and fly-in including a dinner and World War II themed hangar dance. Advanced tickets are available now at: <http://www.morganmilitaryaviationmuseum.com/services>

Type Aircraft Classifications

Courtesy of Pete Christensen, we are featuring an article from ATC controller, Rose Marie Kern. Republished with permission.

What kind of aircraft does Air Traffic Control think you have?

This is a question many homebuilders face when they go to try and file a flight plan. For awhile it was possible to just use HXA/B/C to categorize homebuilt types but that changed. In general, an aircraft type designator is assigned to all aircraft heavier than micro-/ultra-light, but what if yours is unique?

If you have no official designator as found in FAA Order JO 7360.1 Aircraft Type Designators, , you are now required to file ZZZZ under Aircraft type in the flight plan and then add a description of your aircraft in remarks. Most experimental aircraft fall under “small fixed-wing piston”, though there are many other options listed in the order.



Even if the aircraft you are flying has been around a VERY long time, sometimes the FAA decides to change its designator. Many pilots of Piper Cherokees still try to file PA28 as their type, but over a decade ago it was officially changed to P28A. (The funny part of that is that the book shows 38 different models use P28A as the official “type”)

When entering flight plan information be aware that only 4 digits/letters can be entered in the field. Frequently pilots call Flight Service to file a flight plan and when asked what type they have they will say “Cessna 182, RG, 350....” And all kinds of other information that is not needed. C82R does just fine.

The JO 7360.1, says “The more significant “homebuilt”, “amateur-built”, or “kit plane” aircraft will be assigned a designator; however, these aircraft will only be listed under the original designer or under the manufacturer that produces or produced the aircraft type in series.”



If you have built a unique aircraft, you can request a type designator for your aircraft by going to <http://www.icao.int/publications/DOC8643/Pages/ContactUs.aspx> and filling out the appropriate forms.

Rose Marie Kern has worked in ATC since 1983. Questions or comments may be sent to author@rosemariekern.com. Note: If you enjoy these posts, Ms. Kern is releasing a book, Air to Ground, this month containing many of her previous articles. Please visit her website at www.rosemariekern.com for more information.

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Meetings

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

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