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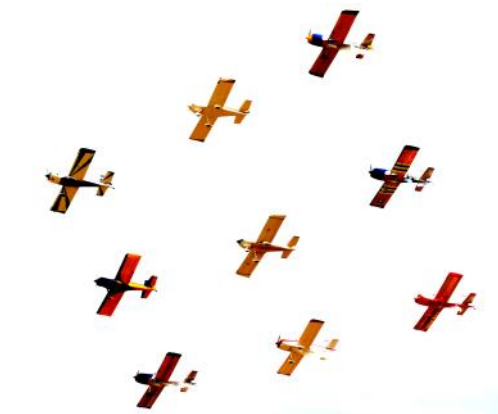
Dan Badwey, Editor

Air show edition

With the opening of a new flying season, air shows are being presented and seen countrywide, many of which take place right here in Texas. One, the Bluebonnet AirSho, was staged April 13 in Burnet. It, along with Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida, (attended by yours truly) are featured in this issue. Regarding the Bluebonnet show, you'll see excellent photography by Kelly Walker, Falcon Flight pilot Ron Walker's wife.

Bluebonnet AirSho

Falcon Flight's first air show performance of the year was featured at the show in Burnet, April 13. The group's two "Rub the Rust Off" practice sessions, held in near KTPL and reported in the March issue, resulted in precision crowd-pleasing formation flying. Below is shown proof of this performance in the form of Kelly Walker's photography.



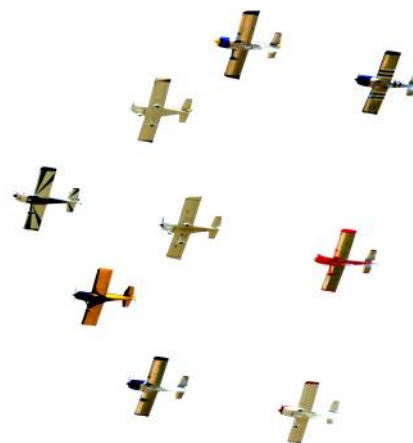
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Pilots flying at Burnet were: Leader Stu McCurdy (Falcon); Bill Gunn (Gunnbody); Bobby LuCroy (Luke); Jim Averett (Flagman); Scott Card (Scoot); Ron Walker (Shorts); Pat Tuckey (Glider); Jeff Jackson (Shiner); Mark Frederick (Rocket); Roy Geer (Jarhead); Winn Harris (Dallas); Steve Richman (Lizard) and Rusty Williams (Rooster).

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After Falcon flight's performance, Randy W. Ball flew a rare Mig 17F. His routine consisted of aerobic maneuvers and several high speed "camera passes" down show center. The final pass was just short of creating a sonic boom, .92 Mach.



Although the Mig didn't make a boom, spectators witnessed several booms that were created by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) during its traditional pyrotechnic war zone reenactment. The bombers were a B-17 and B-25. The latter, "Devil Dog," was flown by Beth Jenkins, owner of Pilot's Choice Aviation at GTU and major sponsor of the B-25. P-51's were war-winning escorts over Germany.



After completing its show at Burnet, the nine-member "Team Falcon" flew north and joined up with 14 additional skilled formation flyers. They set up into a red, white and blue 23 ship formation and flew over Texas Motor Speedway where a NASCAR race was being held. It's what the spectators saw before the race began.



The view from above. These set-up shots were made by Kelly Walker from the right seat of husband Ron "Shorts" Walker's RV-7A.

Editor's note: Falcon Flight's next performance will be at the Centex Air Show, Temple, May 3, 4 and 5.





Members who have attended AirVenture and Sun 'n Fun largely agree that, in terms of content and scope, Sun 'n Fun rivals AirVenture. Pilots from the U.S. and beyond arrive in great numbers. Throughout the airport grounds, visitors will find aircraft of all makes models and vintages. As in the case at Oshkosh, they are, for the most part, parked in accordance with their classifications.

Other similarities are that Sun 'n Fun features hundreds of vendors with booths in large buildings as well as manufacturers' displays places eat and shop for souvenirs throughout the area. There's a large museum as well. Angels were working in a vendor's booth. Of course, the air show is a primary

reason for attending Sun 'n Fun and, it too, rivals the flying at AirVenture. A key reason is that many performers participate in both events.

Some of the images that follow are of aircraft that were thought to be of general interest. Also shown are some highlights of the air show itself. The 2013 show marked the 39th year of fun at Sun 'n Fun.



This ultra light-ultra light was located near the main entrance and was the first ship most visitors saw. There was no information placard so one might wonder if it was inspired by the famous English Channel-crossing Bleriot monoplane. And, did it arrive by air or truck.



Nearby was this immaculately restored, inside and out, Grumman Goose. Again, no information placard



Above left is a Cessna 195, one of a few especially modified for the U. S. Army. It has been used for reconnaissance and, because it can be fitted with floats, water operations. The rounded out window provides better downward visibility. It's compared to the real thing.



A rare collection of Republic Sea Bees.

Yaks were in abundance in the War Bird section. Some of these later flew in the air show.



The ship shown left was a mystery to observers unless they read the name plate. It's an Aeronca, probably dating from the late 40's. The yellow ship barely seen on the other side is shown below.

It's a Culver model "V" with retractable landing gear. (Yours truly once worked for the Culver dealer in Harlingen and observed two ships simultaneously land wheels up. Word was that they probably had been scud running while delivering the planes from the factory and had turned off the wheels up alarm then forgot to turn it back on.)





The AOPA is completely restoring this 60's vintage Beech Debonair. If you're a member, you might win it.

This is a Sea Rey light sport amphibian. One is currently under construction by Terry Scott at GTU. Deene Ogden is helping with the wiring.



Light sport airplanes had a place of their own.

This weird one is a turbine powered Lockheed XFY-1 prototype of a vertical take off and landing war plane commissioned by the DOD. It never went into production.



The air show



Each day's aerial performances began with aerobatic formation flying made up of groups of T-6's, T-28's T-34's, Yaks and Asian Nan Tang CG-5's, shown above to the left. Aero Shell flew its T-6's. John Mohr, who also performs at AirVenture, flew his pristine U. S. Army PT 17 in the low-altitude routine for which he is famous. Loops, tight turns, rolls and last-minute recoveries were achieved within the show's waivered air space.



A wing walking act closed the show each day. The Dare devil, is Jane Wickler. The bi-plane was flown by her ex husband.



Events and destinations

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May 11, 2013 at 10 AM
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- Brenham (11R)—café on the field
- Giddings (GYB)—barbecue, 2nd Saturday, but must be confirmed
- 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
- Stephenville (SEP)—Tex-Mex and barbecue nearby
- 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. A buffet lunch is served daily. The field is on the Houston Sectional, about 35 miles north of the College Station VOR on the 20-degree radial.

Central Texas Air Show
 May 3, 4 and 5, Temple.

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May 11th

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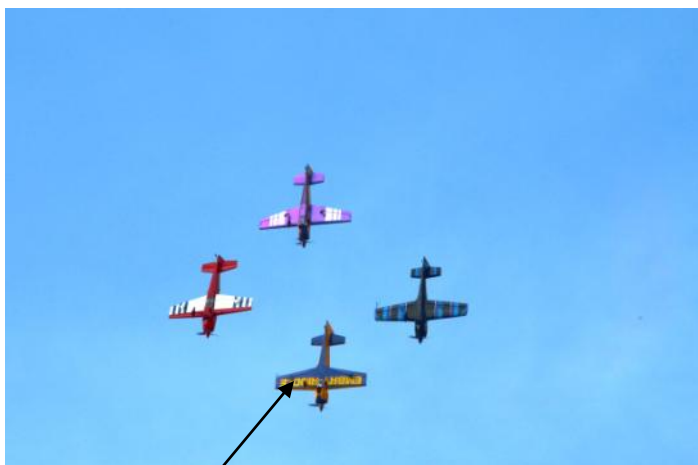
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