
TAILWINDS

2016 Chapter Banquet



The annual Chapter 187 banquet was held on January 23 at Morelia's Mexican Grill in Austin. The attendees enjoyed a delicious meal of fajitas, enchiladas, sides, and desserts, as well as enjoying some time to relax and catch up with fellow members.

Rob Reese accepts his Chapter Service Award for serving as the chapter treasurer.

Once everyone had finished their meal, it was on with the banquet program. The program kicked off with Dan Wyant sharing his plans for the future curriculum of the engineering programs he teaches for the Georgetown School District. Dan is planning to kick off an aerospace engineering class for his high school students. The class will learn about rockets, basic

aerodynamics, and engineering principles. The highlight of the course will be building an RV-12. Dan has partnered with Eagle's Nest Projects out of Houston to learn how to implement such an ambitious program at Georgetown. Dan is working to gain interest for community sponsorships and anticipates an enrollment of approximately 24 students per year in the class. Stay tuned to future issues of Tailwinds for additional information on this exciting opportunity for local students.

After Dan's presentation, Haruko presented the annual chapter appreciation awards. Deene Ogden, William Bennett, and Seth Hancock were presented awards for their



Dan Wyant shares about the future of Georgetown ISD engineering programs.



Dan Badway shows off his award for his work on the newsletter.

Treasurer, Berry Gould was acknowledged for

serving as Secretary, William Bennett was thanked for serving as Vice President, and Haruko Reese was recognized for serving as President.

Next the chapter recognized the members who achieved milestones on their aircraft projects in 2015. Rob Reese highlighted Dick Goshen's achievement of the first



Deene Ogden accepts his award for his service as a Technical Counselor.

“Half Taxi” in his “DG-12 Frankenplane.” I think there is definitely “a rest of the story” to hear! Next, Rob applauded Dan and Karen Wyatt for the first flight of their RV-9A, N96KD. They have achieved well more than just that first flight. Dan said they had put about 110 hours on the aircraft so far and are enjoying flying at 180 mph and only burning 7-7.5 gallons per hour.

Finally, it was time for the big awards - the door prizes! Deene Ogden and Dan Badway received Van's calendars, featuring our own Haruko Reese. Charlotte Firestone, Gary Hamilton, and Judy O'Fihelly received gift cards, and Karen Wyant received a tool set. She's now ready to start another RV-9A with those tools, so the Wyants can have his and her matching planes!



Dan and Karen Wyant celebrate the first flight in their RV-9A.

February Chapter Meeting

The February chapter meeting will be on Saturday, February 13, at 10:00 AM at the Georgetown Municipal Airport. This will be our first meeting since the chapter voted to relocate the meeting to the Airport. We will be taking advantage of being at the airport and will have a hands-on workshop presentation. The Chapter 187 Technical Advisors, Seth Hancock, Deene Ogden, and William Bennet will be demonstrating some building techniques and offering the chance to get some hands-on experience.

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.



Pitch Hitter Training

The Waco chapter is hosting pitch hitter training on February 6 at the McGregor airport. This is a great opportunity for a frequent passenger to learn to safely land your airplane should something happen to you in flight. If interested, submit your RSVPs to smwiseman@gmail.com with the following information: Your passenger's experience in small (GA) aircraft, aircraft most often riding in, personal reasons for taking the course, expectations of the course (what you want to learn), and dietary restrictions, if any. Additionally, please send your \$30 check to "EAA Chapter 59 Treasurer Ken Langley; 1103 Evening Sun Lane; McGregor TX 76657." More information is available at: <http://www.houstonpinchhitter.weebly.com/>.

EAA SportAir Workshop

The EAA SportAir Workshop series is returning to Texas on March 12-13, 2016, with a stop in Dallas. Four workshops will be offered: Composite Construction, Fabric Covering, Sheet Metal Basics, and Electrical Systems and Avionics. I have heard great things about these workshops. To register, visit <http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-education-and-resources/ea-sportair-workshops>.

Texas STOL Round Up

The third annual Texas STOL Roundup will be held on April 22-24, 2016 at the Llano airport. I watched the STOL competition at Oshkosh and it was very impressive. Since everything is bigger and better in Texas, I'm sure this event will not disappoint! For more information, visit the event website at <http://www.texasstolroundup.org>.

A Word from the President . . .

Hello Chapter Members and Aviation Friends,

It was great to see so many members at our annual banquet at the Mexican grill, "Morelia"! It is a great feeling when you know you are supported! The EAA Chapter renewal is done and we are waiting for a few more member's dues.

As the new year has started, the first Chapter meeting will be held on February 13 at 10:00a.m. at Georgetown Municipal Airport terminal which is going to be our official airport. The Chapter Tech advisors, Seth Hancock, Deene Ogden and William Bennett are setting up hands on workshop at a few hangars where we can participate and learn some technics to build our own. They are hammering down the details. It is nice to have our meetings where workshop facilities are available!

On Dec. 15, the full Senate has passed the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2, which will now go to the House for consideration. The Senate passed the bill, which includes third class medical reform, by unanimous consent less than a week after it was reported out by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. The House must also pass the bill before it can go to the president for a signature. Under the medical reforms of the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2, most pilots who

have held a valid third class medical, either regular or special issuance, within 10 years of the legislation's enactment would never need to get another FAA medical exam. The rule would apply to pilots flying VFR or IFR in aircraft weighing up to 6,000 pounds and carrying up to five passengers at altitudes below 18,000 feet and speeds up to 250 knots. (AOPA)

EAA member, Larry James, M.D. is scheduled to present "Aviation Medical" on March 17, touching on this Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 and transition from Private to Light Sports. Bring any medical questions you have to our Chapter meeting including special issuance cases. Larry is an experienced pilot and volunteers his time at Commemorative Air Force restoring old war birds. Many Chapter 187 members know him as their AME.

On a personal note, I just passed my 10th year medical and wondered where those 10 years went. It seemed like just yesterday when I stepped in to DA 20, my very first trainer, and turned on the engine for the first time. It was very scary hearing that much engine noise and didn't know anything about flying. One thing I knew was the experience from my very first flying adventure thirty years earlier. My friend's father took me up with two others in his Cessna in Provo, Utah. He handed me the control with no instructions and as I flew the field underneath started very gradually coming up the window. I was so fascinated in this experience that I didn't know the plane was tilting. He gently reminded me that the plane was heading to the ground.

Have a great month enjoying the good weather, perfect flying season! Those who want to fly with other members, please let us know. We will plan our Chapter fly-out this year if enough people are interested.

Blue sky and tale wind!

Haruko Reese
EAA Chapter 187 President

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