



# CHAPTER 42 NEWSLETTER

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Monthly newsletter from Chapter 42 of the Experimental Aircraft Association

## FROM THE LEFT SEAT

**Jake's Bar and Peavine Airstrips Report:** Fall is here, the air has a chill, there has been lots of rain, and sometimes walking through the woods, the air just smells like fall. Engines are running cooler and aircraft performance is getting better! Beginning with a turbulent spring, the National Park Service (NPS) had a schedule conflict at the May Creek work center, so the fourth annual Backcountry Airstrip Improvements weekend was delayed. It's easy to shift the blame to the NPS, but I was not ready to make the scheduled trek into the park. With only a few days notice, three airplanes (including the NPS) and eight people showed up to toss spring rocks off runways, chop, whack, slice, trim, tug and pull brush, and cut trees penetrating the runway approach surfaces. Will Tipton and extended family, Tom George and family, and I showed up in the GlaStar for the volunteer weekend. By the end of a hot sunny day, my hands were well exercised from the love of labor, winning the battle at Peavine and Jake's Bar airstrips. Our event was plagued with metal fatigue on the NPS aircraft gear leg, which left three people stranded at Peavine. A NPS contract helicopter working in the area diverted and extracted three members of the work party from Peavine to May Creek. We took advantage of the public use cabins for the night, met for breakfast the following day, then headed home, all grateful for the awesome flying weather during the entire weekend.

**Annual Picnic Report:** We had a great show of members at the annual EAA Chapter 42 picnic on July 26 at Birchwood airport. A few generous members helped create a memorable event by giving rides during a marvelous flying day. The passengers returned from the blue skies with big smiles and plenty of gracious body language. It was a great time to revisit with friends supplemented with plenty of good food, beverages, and desserts. Thanks to all who attended to make the annual event a success.

**History:** Each year, Jim Moss creates a collage of picnic and other chapter events. It's rewarding to see a history of our chapter, to see what airplanes people were building and flying. If you have pictures to share, give them to Jim and he may add them to the next collage.

Fly Safe!

*Matt*

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 7pm.** We will re-visit **Mike Luther's Pietenpol** which we looked at 2 years ago this month. The plane is a beautiful work of art and should be a treat to see and touch. Mike's address is **2215 Daybreak Court** in the Eastridge condo project just south of Merrill field.

**Directions:** Take Lake Otis to E 20th and go west, go to Eastridge Dr and turn north(R). First cul-de-sac on the right is Daybreak. Parking will be tight so please be courteous to Mike's neighbors.

**Editor's Note:** This edition starts our newsletter for the year until next June. My contribution to this issue is a bit sparse as we are in the midst of a home remodel where I am tearing down most of my existing house starting about the time you get this newsletter. A well driller is in the yard as I write and the septic and foundation guy is waiting for the driller to get out of the way. Needless to say things are hectic. (My GlaStar and the garage will remain untouched.) See you at Mike's garage on Tuesday.



*Chris Gill's Murphy Super Rebel*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

EAA Chapter 42 will be wrapping up the 2003 season with three more club meetings, and along with the closing of this years activities we will be drawing our clubs checking account down to the last few pennies. Our expenses for the year were about the same as last year. Funds collected from the annual dues go towards National dues and insurance, snacks for monthly meetings, monthly executive meetings at Peggy's Restaurant to plan coming events and organize the monthly newsletter, activities such as air-field improvement trips, and expenses related to printing and mailing monthly newsletters to those not on email.

Our dues this year will remain at a low \$24 per year due in January (but gladly accepted anytime between now and then). Your club officers will continue to look for ways to minimize expenses to ensure you get the best value for your money.

## CHAPTER 42 PICNIC FLY-BY

EAA Chapter 42 once again held its annual summer picnic this past July. The club purchased enough hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and condiments to feed approximately 70 people and by the end of the afternoon, all dogs and burgers had been consumed. As always, club members generously contributed to the picnic with baked beans, cakes, cookies, potato salad and a myriad of other goodies.

Making the picnic even more fun was the selection of planes flown to the event by local members. Ken McLeod flew in his beautiful Red Kitfox 5, John Davis brought his silver and blue RV-8, Matt Freeman had his GlaStar on hand, and Jack Brown arrived in his Aerocoup. Several members even got the opportunity to take rides in these planes. Thanks to all who attended, contributed and participated and made this, once again, a great event.



3 reasons why we meet...Jack Brown's Aerocoup, Matt's GlaStar and Ken McLeod's Kitfox

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Brad Cruz's GlaStar - almost done!



Matt's Hangar - Picnic 2003