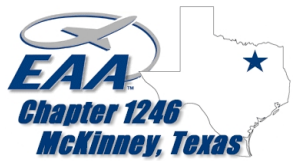
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### On the cover...

Dick Flunker's RV-6A and his Packers Jacket, or should we say "his Packers Jacket and the RV-6A?"

## Chapter Events...

February 10, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

February 16, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

March 5, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

March 10, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

March 16, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

April 2, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

April 14, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

April 20, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

May 7, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

May 12, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

May 18, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

June 4, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

June 9, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

June 15, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

July 2, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

July 14, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

July 20, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

August 6, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

August 11, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

August 17, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

September 3, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

September 8, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

September 14, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

October 1, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

October 13, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

October 19, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

November 5, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

November 10, 2011- [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

November 16, 2011- Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

• **Chapter Meetings** are held at 7 pm in [Conference Center Room D 106, Section A](#) on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a pilot or a member to attend.

• **Officers Meetings** are held at 7:30 pm at the [Cutter Aviation](#) Conference Room at Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney Texas. Members are welcome to attend.

• **First Saturday Coffee and Donuts** at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney Hangars Association area. Let's get together for fellowship and fun. Free coffee and donuts for everyone. Fly or Drive in. Everyone is welcome! You don't have to be a member to attend.

## Chapter News...

### EAA Chapter 1246 Monthly Meeting for February 10, 2011



#### **Homebuilt Aircraft Final Inspection - What a DAR is looking for**

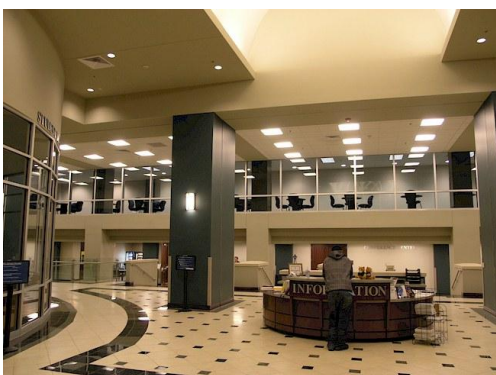
Is your Experimental Aircraft almost ready for it's final inspection? Are you ready? Join us for our Monthly EAA Chapter meeting where our own Mel Asberry, an award winning DAR, goes through the inspection process and details what's involved in getting that approval slip.

Mel is the 2005 recipient of EAA's Tony Bingelis Award. He has volunteered as an EAA Technical Counselor since 1986, advising aircraft builders on safe completion of their projects. He became an EAA Flight Advisor in 1994, helping local pilots assess their flying skills to be able to safely fly their newly built or restored aircraft. Mr. Asberry has also written several articles for the benefit of the aviation community.

He has written nine programs and 37 technical articles for his chapter newsletter. He has also written two chapter programs for other chapters. He has also presented a number of forums at the Southwest EAA Regional Fly-In, an event co-founded by Tony Bingelis.

Mel continues to educate and guide aircraft builders through numerous presentations in Texas, as well as forums during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

He has constructed two ultralights and one motorglider, as well as an RV-6 aircraft that has won numerous awards. In 1993 he won the Southwest Regional Fly-In Kit Built Custom Workmanship Award, while in 1994 he won the Best All-Metal Homebuilt Airplane award at the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In at Lakeland, Florida, as well as the Grand Champion Kit-Built award at the All-American Sport Aviation Fly-In. In 1995, he won Homebuilt Outstanding Aircraft at Sun 'n Fun.



#### **The Meetin' Place**

Collin County Community College, McKinney, TX

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Meetings are held in Conference Room D106A on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

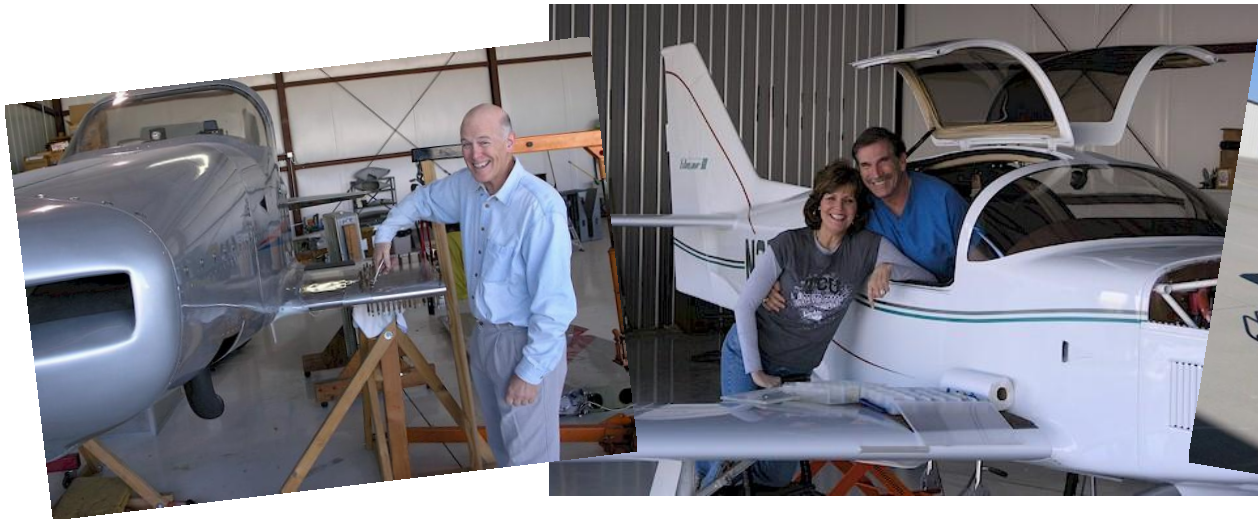
Directions: North on Central Expressway (Highway 75) to McKinney, TX.

Left on Highway 380 (W. University Drive)

Turn right at Collin County Community College entrance.

## The Boys (and Ladies) hangin' in the hood

We caught these guys at the airport on the one day in the past several weeks when the sky was blue, the temperature was warm and the time was right for hangin' in the hood. No more sleet and snow please...



## Items of Interest:

### Rock 'n roll: Take a ride upside down



Rolling inverted, diving, pulling 4 Gs in a split second, the split-S sends adrenaline flowing and blood pumping as full left aileron and rudder deflection rolls the 1975 Citabria upside down, momentary forward pressure stabilizes it, and back pressure forces the occupants of the tandem taildragger against their seats while plunging toward the earth. Watching aircraft dance across the sky at airshows in ways one wouldn't think possible can give the impression that aerobatics are complicated. However, an aerobatic workout of loops, hammerheads, rolls, Immelmans, Cuban eights, snap rolls, spins, and the split-S demonstrates that many of the maneuvers are built from the basic loop and roll—and can be mastered with practice, just like any other skill in aviation. Still, for beginners, sights of the ground, horizon, and sky flash by seemingly as quickly as tumbling in an orbitron ride. [Read more and watch AOPA Live](#) >>

### Updated Airport Information for old GPS's



EAA Chapter 1246 Member Robert Allen has been using a Garmin Pilot III for years, but Garmin no longer supports the model, so he can't update the database. So he has been maintaining a list of airport IDs which have been changed and wants to share with our chapter. He plans to update this list every 56 days with the latest changes. Click [HERE](#) to get your free copy. THANKS ROBERT!

### Sleet first, now snow?



From DallasNews.com

“And now three days of being battered by bitter cold, ice storms, treacherous roads, rolling blackouts, mass closures and mass transit breakdowns, North Texas and their Super Bowl guests awoke this morning to ... snow.”

“The snowfall began in most areas around midnight, moving from south to north through the region. Totals varied widely, but were generally greater to the east. At Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, the official snowfall by sunrise was 1.8 inches. But people near Love Field reported receiving more than 4 inches; in Richardson, 5 inches; and in Kaufman, nearly 8 inches.”

### Night air show returns to Oshkosh

The Night Air Show and Fireworks with the “Wall of Fire” will return on Saturday, July 30, to light up the sky on the final evening at EAA AirVenture 2011, slated for July 25-31 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.



The inaugural Night Air Show at EAA AirVenture 2010 drew tens of thousands to the flightline after dusk, according to EAA officials.

Several of the performers from last year will return this year, including the return of the AeroShell Aerobatic Team (T-6s), Bob Carlton (Jet sailplane), Gene Soucy (Showcat), and Matt Younkin (Twin Beech) along with addition of Steve Oliver (Chipmunk). Start time is approximately 8:45 p.m., with fireworks to follow at 9:30 p.m.

Following the Night Air Show, performers will be available for a meet and greet alongside their aircraft.

## Items of Interest: (cont)

### Gary Sinise's Lt. Dan Band Returning to AirVenture 2011



From EAA.org. "Last year more than 6,000 attendees packed into and around EAA's Theater in the Woods to see Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band during AirVenture 2010, and we're pleased to announce the actor and veterans advocate will make an encore performance for this summer's annual gathering.

Sinise, who is well known for his role as Vietnam veteran Lt. Dan Taylor in the classic film "Forrest Gump" and as star of the hit TV series "CSI: New York," is the band's bassist and is a well-known supporter of veterans as well as active-duty military.

"We are thrilled to welcome back Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band to AirVenture," said Tom Poberezny, EAA and AirVenture chairman. "Gary Sinise has been a tremendous supporter of our veterans and active duty military personnel and we're proud to have the opportunity to join Gary in thanking our veterans for their service to our nation."

The Lt. Dan Band covers everything from Bruce Springsteen to Linkin Park, Aretha Franklin to Jimi Hendrix. Following the band's first hit concert before several thousand people at AirVenture 2008, EAA Warbirds of America and Disabled American Veterans teamed up to sponsor the band's return last year.

"The genuine interest Gary Sinise shows for our veterans fits perfectly with our objectives to pay tribute to our veterans at EAA AirVenture on July 29," said Rick Siegfried, EAA Warbirds of America president.

EAA Warbirds of America is a non-profit organization and division of EAA that is dedicated to the preservation of former military aircraft, better known as "warbirds." Since 1964, EAA Warbirds of America has worked to "Keep 'em Flying."



## 1st Saturday Coffee and Donuts!



Let's get together for some fellowship and fun. There will be hot (Free) coffee and donuts for everyone on the first Saturday of every month at Chuck Roberts Hangar (#2520) in the McKinney Hangars Association area.

Gathering time will be around 9:00 am. Drive, fly, hitchhike or walk in. You don't have to be a member to attend. See you there!

Sorry, the February 5th Coffee and Donuts has been cancelled because of weather. Our next Coffee Donuts get together will be on March 5<sup>th</sup>.



Be sure and say thanks to Chuck and Shirley for the use of their hangar!



## *In The News...*

### **The Latest News From EAA - Experimental Aircraft Association:**

#### [College to Receive Vintage Aircraft Collection, Airport](#)

Thanks to the generosity of a Madison, Ohio, teacher and longtime EAA member and pilot, Lake Erie College in Ohio will soon possess an incredible collection of vintage airplanes, as well as an airport on which to operate them.

#### [Left Seat Blog: We Need More Gray Eagles](#)

While EAA continues to lead the charge to attract young people to aviation with its powerful Young Eagles program, I propose that we open a second front on the war against the declining pilot population: baby boomers.

#### [Onex Makes First Flight](#)

Sonex's newest kit aircraft, the Onex, made its first flight Thursday (January 27) from Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

### **The Latest News From AOPA - Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association:**

#### [Mass. aircraft tax exemption repeal returns, now in House](#)

After previous attempts to remove the commonwealth's aircraft sales tax exemption were defeated in the legislature, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick opted not to include the proposal in this year's budget. But the proposal is still alive in the state legislature, where a representative has introduced a bill to repeal the exemption.

#### [AOPA Airports print edition: Limited quantity, limited time](#)

Due to the overwhelming demand for the "2011/2012 AOPA Airports" print edition, AOPA has printed additional copies for purchase.

#### [Public meetings set on Joint Strike Fighter base planning](#)

The Navy is inviting public participation in two informational meetings as it begins the process of studying two possible locations in California as a base for the new Joint Strike Fighter.

### **The Latest News From Aero-News Network:**

#### [Boeing, Comair Limited Announce Next-Generation 737 Order](#)

Comair Purchases Maintenance Performance Toolbox An order for eight Next-Generation 737-800s has been placed with Boeing by Comair Limited, which will use its new 737s to update the fleet of Comair's low-fare airline, kulula.com.

#### [Lindbergh Foundation to Lead 'Aviation Green' Alliance](#)

New Program Highlights Aviation Industry's Environmental Progress In a presentation to the Wichita Aero Club luncheon Thursday, the Lindbergh Foundation announced the Aviation Green Alliance ("AGA"); a new program that brings stakeholders together to address aviation's environmental challenges.

### **The Latest News From AVweb:**

#### [Ebay Sale: Shell Of Harrier Jump Jet](#)

Rescued from a scrapyard in 1997, the restored two-seat first generation ex-RAF 4 SQN Harrier Jump Jet currently available on ebay.co.uk was accepting bids over \$112,000, when last we checked, but if you want an engine you'll be paying more. It's current owner, 33-year-old former RAF mechanic, Chris Wilson, says the decommissioned display-worthy aircraft could be made airworthy with the addition of the appropriate Rolls Royce engine, sold separately (and not by him). That fantasy will take some work. The aircraft's front cockpit is "around 80-percent complete" (it does include a Martin Baker mk9 ejection seat), and the rear cockpit is "fairly empty," according to the listing. But the aircraft is sporting a full set of external stores, including 100 gallon drop tanks and SNEB rocket pods. "There is also a set of Aden cannon pods fitted to the belly."

#### [Hangar Collapse Damages 7 Aircraft \(With Photos\)](#)

click for more photosNo one was hurt, but one man had to be rescued and six airplanes and one helicopter were damaged when the roof of a hangar collapsed under the weight of heavy snow at Norwood Airport, near Boston, Wednesday. The hangar, occupied by Swift Aviation Services, reportedly had two people in it at the time of the collapse. Employee, Ted Robinson, who had to be rescued from a corner office told the Norwood Bulletin that the event was, "a little out of the ordinary." Fire officials were called to contain leaking fuel and a ruptured gas line estimated that damage to two of the aircraft was excessive. Images appear to show the tail of a Lancair IV P suffering under the weight of debris while the helicopter next to it is nearly unrecognizable. Meanwhile, a Piper Malibu (or variant) sits nearby relatively unscathed and a prop jutting from the snow behind it suggests another outcome for a different aircraft.

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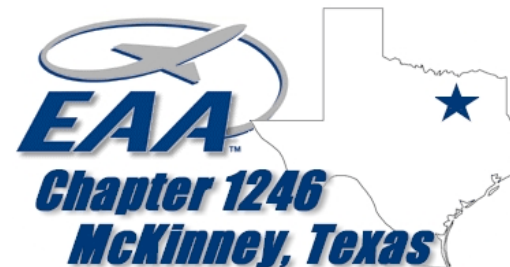
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