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Gaggle East Flight Visits The Holy Land

Text and photographs by Scribo and other members of Gaggle East Flight



L to R: Eddy Huffman, Brian O'Lena, Chris Kelly, Carl Bumpurs, Dean Zacos and David Zacos

On 29 September 2007, six of us departed KRAC in three aircraft bound for the holy land. Well, okay, it wasn't the Holy Land, but it was the holy land for those of us who love flying. We maintained a one half mile in-trail formation for the entire trip, and ATC seemed entirely comfortable giving us flight following as we maintained that configuration.



Gaggle Flight East with Spirit of St. Louis

Here we will hit a few high points and offer a few pictures. We will be the program for January chapter meeting, so we'll save most of our stuff for that. We hope to see you then.



B-29 named Enola Gay

We parked on a very crowded ramp at Frederick, while visiting Washington D.C. area aviation museums for two unhurried days.



Granite markers for the Wrights' four successful powered flights.

On day four we visited AOPA headquarters, discussed the slowly improving weather for a while, and finally launched for KFFA, First Flight Airport. Since there is no FBO at First Flight, we choose to lay-over at nearby Mateo Island's Dare County Airport.

Day five greeted us with brilliant sunshine ... at the airport only. Hard IFR conditions prevailed over the mainland. There was some thought given to packing it in for the day, but our guru of all things meteorological, Professor O'Lena, kept muttering about the favorable "trend." Eventually conditions improved, just as he predicted, so we set out for West Virginia, then Dayton and the USAF Museum.



Many, many, many airplanes.



After a morning with the Air Force, we cranked up one last time and "formatted" [there is no noun that can't be verbed] across Ohio and Indiana, up the lake shore and into KRAC right on schedule.



The President's Corner...

By: Bob Helland

Happy New Year to all my fellow Chapter Members, I hope you had a joyous Holiday Season. As I write this on December 27th I am watching a storm front moving our way. They are predicting up to 8" of snow. The significance of this is that Marsha and I are leaving tomorrow morning for Florida. It looks like we will be able to get far enough south before the weather gets here. Twelve days in the sun and a trip to cheer on the Badgers in the Outback Bowl sure sounds good.

On December 8th the Museum was the site of the Chapter Holiday Party. Lots of good conversation and fellowship. Many thanks to Barb and Jim Hantschel for hosting this year's party. Phil Fountain was this year's recipient of the President's Award. For you folks that don't know, the President's Award is basically our member of the year award. Phil has spent countless hours working on Chapter projects. Phil repaired the building roof which was starting to leak and show signs of more to come. This alone saved us several thousand dollars. Phil led the way in installing new energy efficient ballasts and lamps in the lighting fixtures in the old part of the building. A rebate from WE Energies paid for most of the material. In fact it was probably less expensive than if we had just changed the lamps, which needed changing anyway, and we will save some money on the electric bill. Last but not least, Phil championed the new Flight Training Device that will be available for use by Chapter Members. There has been a tremendous amount of financial support from the members to get this device off the ground. If you are interested or would like to know more about it, see Phil.

Daryl Lueck is our new program director. If you have something in mind for a Chapter Meeting or a Chapter road trip, contact Daryl. I would also like to thank Frank Fonk for serving as program director the past several years.

Have a safe and Happy New Year.

Bob

2008 BSA Leadership Breakfast

Friday, February 22, 2008
The Pfister Hotel Grand Ballroom

Chaired by John Shiely of Briggs & Stratton. The breakfast promises to be a fast-paced, motivational program. The best part is, your participation helps change lives. Contact Adele Helmle at 886-5393 for more details, or see <http://www.milwaukeeboyscouts.org/site/c.huLSJ6MUKxH/b.1755885/>.

While there is no charge for the Breakfast, participants are asked to make a pledge or gift to support Scouting

Country Western Flying

Text and photographs by R.G. Blocks

Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson sing praises of Luckenbach, Texas. Only two things in life make it worth livin': guitars that tune good and firm feelin' women. Population three. Guitar players lounging under pecan trees are pick'n an'a grin'nin. Well-worn wooden guitar cases abound. Fingerboards with inlaid ivory; guitars are classic but not classical. Beer is available in brown bottles. Mockingbirds are stealing corn chips from the Levi clad crowd. More pickup trucks in sight than a little boy should be allowed to see. It's almost a religious holiday; but, not quite.



Marge and our grandchildren at Luckenbach Post Office Est 1849.

Luckenbach is located between Johnson City, Texas, boyhood home of Lyndon Baines Johnson, our thirty-sixth President and Fredericksburg, Texas. This is Texas Hill Country. It's near the Peder-nales River where dogtrot homes

were built with the prevailing winds blowing through an open middle porch: a venturi. A hot kitchen is on one side with entertaining and sleeping on the other. Ceilings of porches are painted blue so bees and hornets would be fooled into thinking ceilings were part of the sky and thus wouldn't nest. Folks slept on their porches during hot summer months. Iceboxes not refrigerators dominate local porch deco. LBJ was probably our last president born in what amounts to a cabin without water, electricity or a necessary room. The LBJ outhouse was an impressive forty strides from the house.



Marge and our grandchildren admire LBJ boyhood home and privy.

LBJ was actually born on a ranch lost by his family but would later be re-bought and incorporated into LBJ's western White House. LBJ's family lost money driving cattle on the Chisholm Trail. They bought land to raise cotton when it

sold for 45 cents per pound only to find cotton selling for 7 cents the next year. The real-estate market soon crashed. Marrying La-

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Holiday Party and Member Recognition Awards

Text and Photographs by Scribo

Our annual holiday party was held 8 December 2007, and nothing compares with dining and socializing among the airplanes in our museum. We enjoyed a delightful evening, and we have Barb and Jim Hantschel to thank for planning it all. Jerry's Monday Mavens Of All Things Mechanical accomplished the set up with adult leadership provided by Marsha Helland.,

Outgoing President Jerry Baker presented the President's Award to Phil Fountain. Jerry cited Phil's many contributions to Chapter 838 during 2007, and incoming President Bob Helland outlines Phil's accomplishments in his President's Corner on page two.



Membership

Did you send in your membership renewal check and form? If you have already taken care of that responsibility, thank you. If it slipped away from your attention during Christmas, please do it now, and if you have misplaced our mailing, please complete this slightly modified application and return it with your payment. Thanks from the membership guy.

Membership Application/Renewal EAA Chapter 838

Today's date _____

Name _____ EAA Member Number _____

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Circle your type (see details below) and attach payment.	Regular (individual)	\$35 annually	All categories: plus \$5 initiation fee when first joining Chapter 838
	Family	\$45	
	Senior	above less \$5	
	Youth	\$25	
	Life	\$1,000	

Attach payment and mail to: EAA Chapter 838, 3333 North Green Bay Road, Racine, WI 53404

Optional Information

Pilot and mechanic certificate types _____

Aircraft owned/flown regularly _____

Current projects (homebuilt, restoration, etc.) _____ Past projects _____

What kind of work do you do? _____

Primary interests in joining Chapter 838 (circle those that apply) Learn to fly Learn to build Improve
flying/building skills Just like airplanes/aviation Social Young Eagles Other _____

I'd like to participate in Chapter 838 activities, so call me about: Classroom programs Workshops

Museum Finance Building & grounds Newsletter Social Flight instruction

Do you have special skill, talents, or hobbies that might be of benefit to your fellow chapter members? Please tell us
about them here: _____

Have you NEVER received a name tag? No, never [Circle if applicable.]

Membership Categories Abbreviated information. See bylaws for complete details.

Regular: (18 and over): Enjoys voting privileges, may hold elected office, receive newsletter and name tag.
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Senior: (65 and over): Same as Regular membership.
Life: Same as Regular plus special recognition.
Youth: (14 through 17): May not vote nor hold office. Receives newsletter and name tag.

Note: Regular, Family, Senior, or Life chapter membership requires membership in EAA. Family requires only one adult member to be a member of EAA, and Youth members are not required to be members of EAA.

Country Western

dybird, now ninety-four was one of his many good decisions. She inherited money, bought a radio station and made him a millionaire. It would be a wealthy Senator and Ladybird to pay off family debts and help his neighbors with rural electrification. He spent his life attempting to have government underwrite man's risk, prop-up the poor, educate the unmotivated, and cure all social inequity.

The LBJ Ranch was about 1500 acres (see www.nps.gov/lyjo/) for details). Some land was gifted to the government. It is now both a Texas State Park and National Park. LBJ never made a dime on ranching.



LBJ Ranch Runway: avoid many cows, deer, shrubs, and vehicles.

It just looked good, western and masculine. The best part is the 6292 x 75 ft paved airstrip 0TE7 he built can be accessed. The airstrip is about 5.1 miles from the Stonewall VORTAC (STV 113.8). There is a 300 ft

tower west and near 17 touchdown; thus, stay east on all approaches. You must be pre-approved to use the airport by signing a hold harmless agreement. On May 4-7, 2007 a fly-in for the L-19 Birddog Association (www.ibdawe.com) was scheduled and the public invited.



Thought of camping on the ground in Texas is quickly dissuaded by fire ants. It explains why near-everyone in Texas owns a trailer. If you contemplate visiting Hill Country, for LBJ history, Luckenbach music, the Mooney factory (35 mi), Admiral Chester Nimitz history in Fredericksburg then try Hangar Hotel, Fredericksburg (www.hangerhotel.com) located on Gillespie County Airport (KT82). The Hangar Hotel may be worth the trip.

Hangar Hotel is WWII retro. This is the officer's club. Fantastic Place !

January 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Museum Open 10-4			Museum Board	Post 218 Meeting 7 p.m.		Museum Open 9-3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Museum Open 10-4	Hanger Craftsmen 7 p.m.		Chapter meeting 7 p.m.			Museum Open 9-3
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Museum Open 10-4	Marvels of Mechanical Mysteries 7 p.m.		7 p.m. Board	Post 218 Meeting 7 p.m.		Museum Open 9-3
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Museum Open 10-4	Aeronautical Apparatus Aficionados 7 p.m.					Museum Open 9-3
27	28	29	30	31		
Museum Open 10-4	Pacer et al Builders 7 p.m.					Museum Open 9-3

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Chapter Meeting

>>>> Wednesday, 9 Jan 08 <<<<

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Chapter 838 Events:

Wednesday	7 p.m..	9 January	Chapter Meeting
Wednesday	7 p.m.	16 January	Board Meeting
Mondays	7 p.m.		Hanger Builders

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