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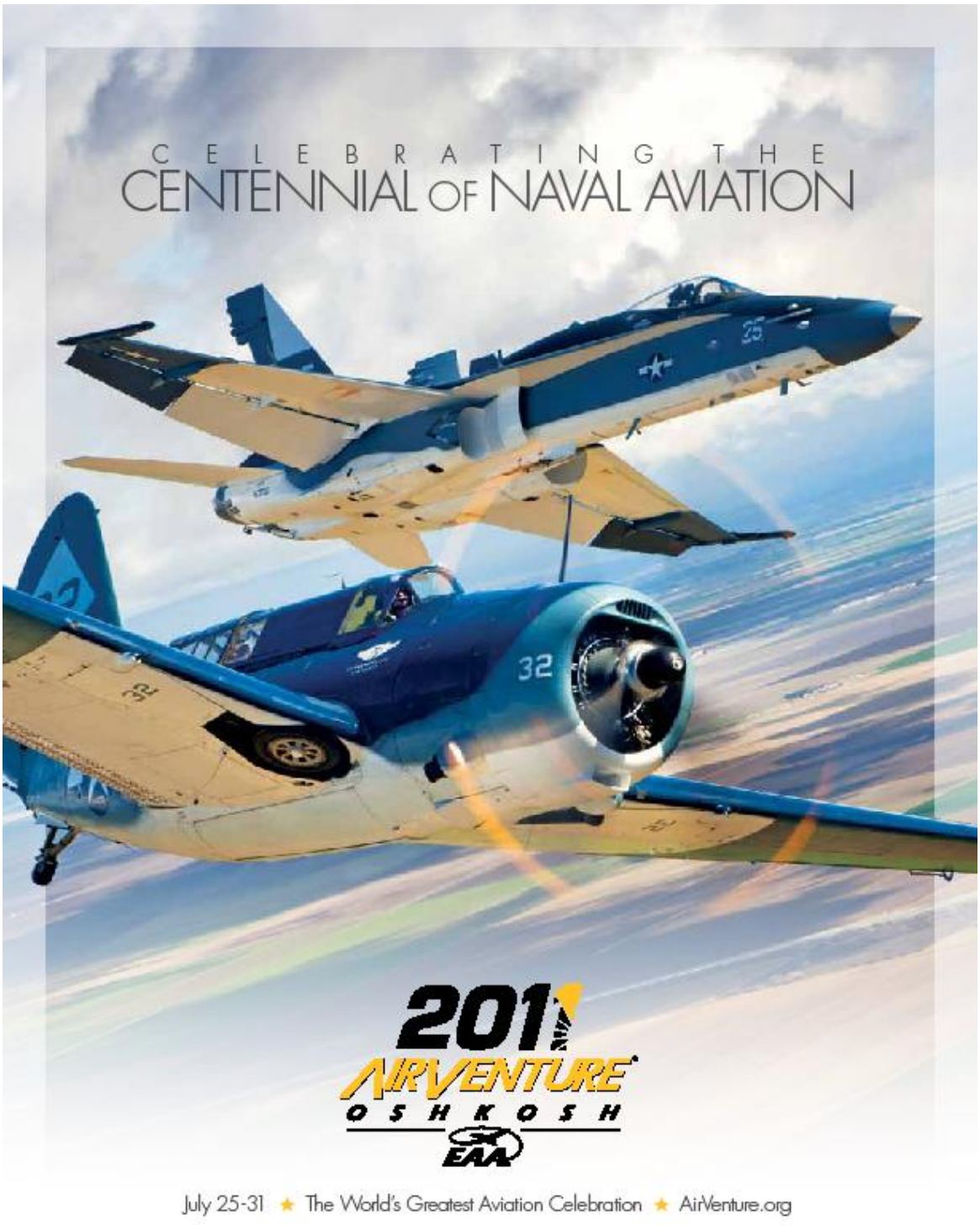


EAA Chapter 302 Minutes for June 4, 2011

By Shirley Park, Secretary

- Meeting was opened at 9:04 am by President Dennis McCright who announced the Celebration of Life event for Bud Warren at 1pm at General Aviation. Please bring a covered dish and drinks.
- May minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Treasurer Lynell Gipson reported a bank balance of $3,839.22 and in this amount is a compass rose contributions of $755.50.
- Treasurer Lynell Gipson also reported Chapter 302 sent flower arrangements to the funerals of Bud Warren and Phyllis Ridings which were attended by many of Chapter 302 members.
- Pictures of Tom Fisher's Zenair 601XL-B printed in the newsletter were taken by Ed O'Quinn. Thanks Ed. Tom said the airplane flew well.
- President Dennis McCright announced a breakfast fly-in scheduled for September 17th with Dick Stevens as the chairman. Hopefully the weather will be cooler then. There will also be a FAAST Team presentation at Wing Aviation the same day.
- Mark Haskell reported that Jose Ruiz did an EAA tech inspection on his wings and all was well.
- Brent Crabe reported that he has received the empennage kit for the Vans RV12, but won't work on that until his RV8 is finished.
- Dennis McCright has cleaned his hangar out in preparation for Don Guice bringing his airplane in.
- Dennis also reports his RV6 has oil leaks because of a broken ring at 600 hours.
- A group of flyers went to lunch at the Woodville Pickett house on May 7th and enjoyed the trip even though it was a bit turbulent.
- A group also, took Cubs and Champs to Huntsville for lunch on May 7th.
- Another trip will be planned soon and will be announced in the newsletter so all can be involved.
- The City of Willis is planning an event on July 2nd at the old high school. The Freedom Flyers will perform at 7pm.
- Sonny Webster and Jim Burtner joined EAA 302 today. Both Sonny and Jim live in Magnolia. Jim just bought an RV6A and has that RV smile! Sonny is building a Zenith CH 650.
- Visitor Robert Pemberton has a glider rating and is building an air camper from scratch. Also visiting was Lyle Moss from Louisville, Kentucky.
- The program was presented by Michael Doyle, flight instructor from Galaxy FBO on Instrument Flight Rating. He says an instrument rating gives a pilot the necessary skills to handle marginal VFR situations, while at the same time giving the pilot more confidence in executing precise maneuvers. Galaxy has a new simulator called RedBird which can be of great help in attaining more economically an instrument rating or maintaining this rating.
- Swindle was won by Carlos Diaz, Don Guice' father-in-law. T-shirt was won by George Wheeler.
- In attendance were 37 members and guests.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:50am

Galaxy's Michael Doyle speaking at the June Meeting

Don Guice's CH601 project in tow by Dennis McCright for instrumentation work at Dennis' hangar.

Celebration of Life for Bud Warren held at General Aviation on June 4th

Air Corps Vet William T. Howard Gets Stolen Medals Re-issued

By Randy Woods

Nine-five year-old William T. Howard lived up to his nickname *"Happy"* recently when he received his World War II medals that had been stolen in a break-in robbery of his home several years ago in Louisana.

The jovial veteran is a member of the No Bull Club, a group of senior men which meets every Thursday for lunch at Culver's Restaurant in Shenandoah.

When club member and an Army and Navy retiree Michael Newman learned of Howard's loss, he decided to do something about it.

"I had to do some digging," Newman said, "but what helped was his DD 214 form, which is a record of his military service. It is issued to everyone when they retire from the military or are discharged," he said.

Howard's DD 214 verified that he had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Philippine Liberation Medal with one Star and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

There is a procedure to re-issue stolen or lost medals, and Howard's were sent to Newman who returned them to Howard in ceremonies this month at Culver's and before his friends at the No Bull Club.

When word got out about the presentation, more friends, relatives and the media turned out for the event.

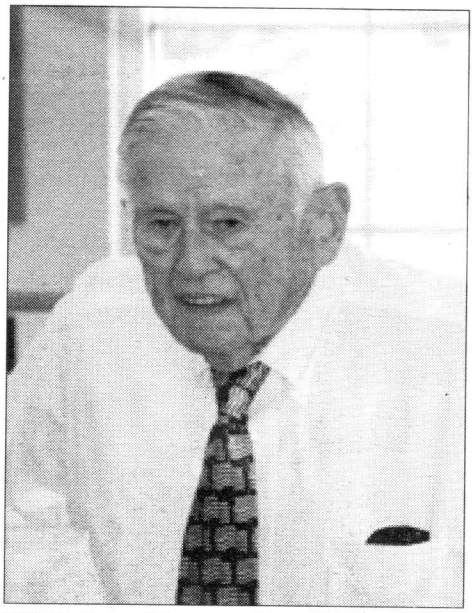
"There are just no words to tell you what this means," Howard told the crowd when the medals were presented to him. "These are pretty special to me."

Born in 1916, Howard was 25 years old when the war broke out and he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He worked his way up to captain and served in the 375th Squadron of the 55th Carrier Group and piloted transport planes.

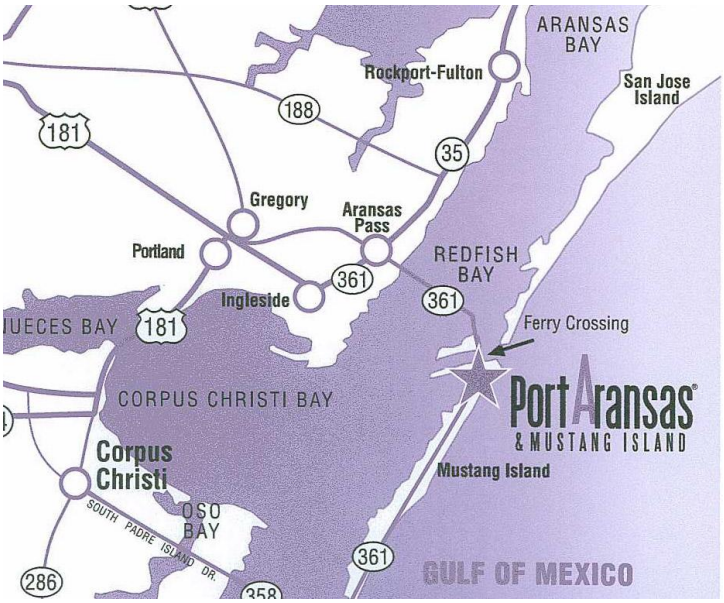
"We hauled everything from bombs to General MacArthur's bathtub," he laughed.

Glenda Kralm, Howard's daughter, attended the presentation and said, "This is extremely important to our family and recognition of dad's service to this country. It is not that he *wants* the recognition, he deserves it. I am so proud of him and all the other members of his generation, as well as all veterans," she said. "We owe them so much for what they did and are doing to keep our country free."

THEN: As a young captain in the U.S. Air Corps, "Happy" Howard was a pilot in the 357th Squadron of the 55th Carrier Group and flew C-46's and C-47's.



NOW: As a 95-year old resident of The Wodlands, "Happy" is a member of the men's No Bull Club, which meets for lunch each Thursday at Culver's in Shenandoah.



The FishFryFlyout

August 9th—Raindate August 11

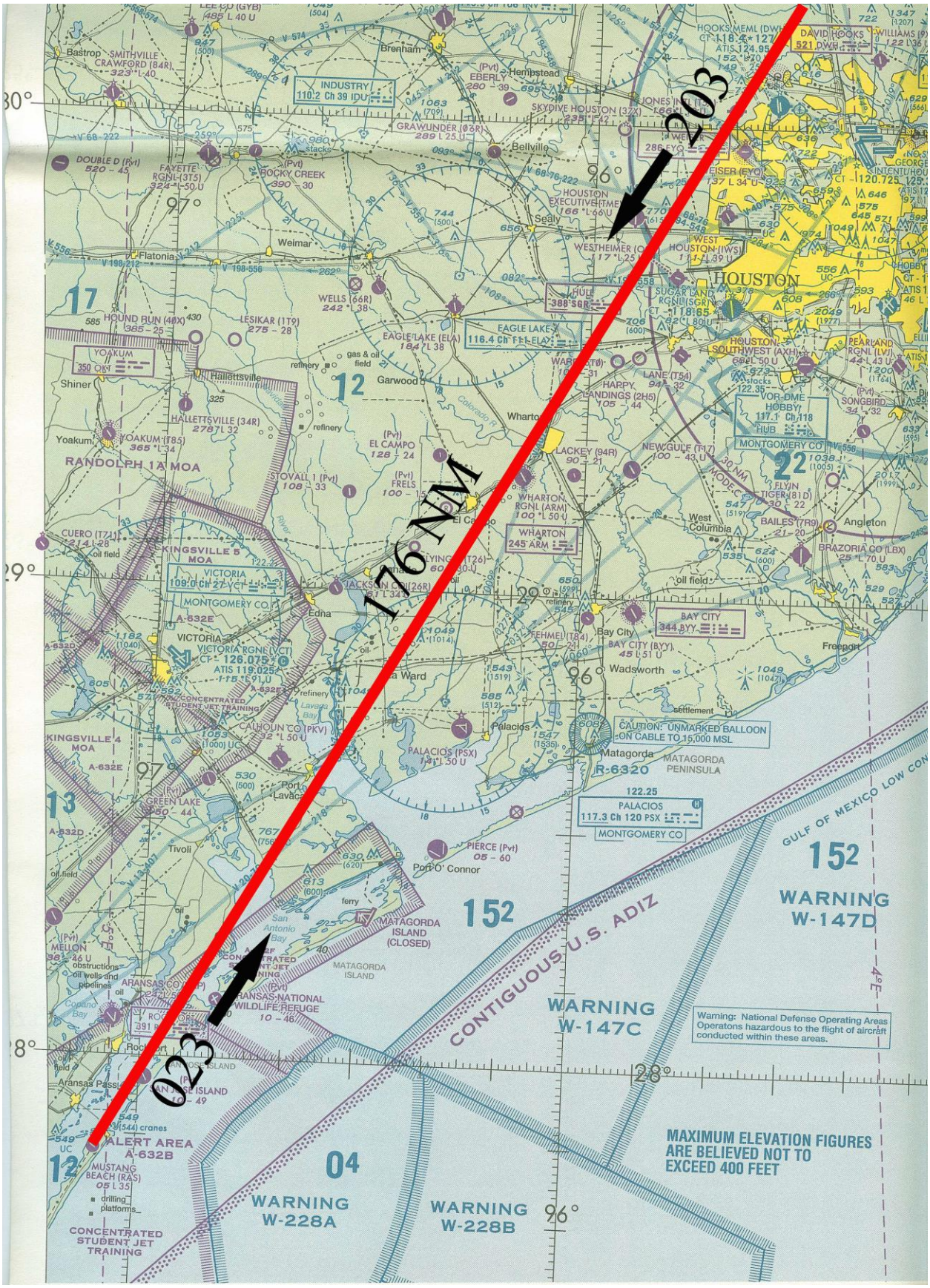
Did you miss the "Chicken Run"? It was a blast with great flying, good food, and new airports. Well, we're doing it again in August with the FishFryFlyout. Take your wife/partner/buddy and we'll head for Port Aransas--Mustang Island.See attached map.

The airport is served by hourly trolley service, starting at 10:48 to 5:48, and we'll head downtown. Lunch is planned at Kody's Restaurant and Grill.

Return to CXO will be on your own. The airport is not attended regularly, but does have self serve fuel. Present price is $5.20/gal. Runway is 12/30, 3482 x 70 paved. AWOS 118.42 CTAF 122.9 Elevation….5 Feet! You can eat, watch the ferry traffic, see ships in the channel to CRP, and take time to shop.

KODY'S restaurant and bar

Questions?? Call Denny Irvine—936-827-0091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Plane Talk: Getting to Know our Members

by Bill Gipson

(This article is the fourth in a series designed to get to know our members better. I will randomly choose a volunteer member of Chapter 302 to provide their story and interesting experiences that they are willing to share.)

This month's Plane Talk features **Brent Crabe**, a member of EAA and a native Californian who found his way to Texas back in 1979. Brent, like many aviation enthusiasts, was introduced to airplanes at a very early age. Trips to Hayward Airport in California with his father inspired Brent to learn to fly sail planes at the age of 14. He soloed in fixed-wing at 16 and became a private pilot at 17. He earned is ATP license at 23 and was flying Lear jets (favorite because "it was hot") at 24. He has since racked up 3000 hrs of flight instruction time.

Brent flew freight including dynamite and jet fuel in Skyvans in Alaska from 1977 to 1979. WOW! During this time he also began flying 737's around Alaska for Wein Air.

SC.7 Skyvan

Brent wed Mary in 1977 and their first born Jason came along in 1979. Mary and Brent also have a daughter, Mauvi. Unfortunately, Brent was furloughed in 79 and came to Texas looking for a flying job. He hired on with a small company named EXXON in Houston. He thought that this would be a short-term job, but little did he know that he would work as a corporate pilot for EXXON for 32 years and would become Chief Pilot for the last 7 years. During his career with EXXON Brent has flown JetStars, Hawkers, Challenger 300s, G2s and G3s. He continues to fly and is responsible for 15 pilots while being Chief Pilot. Responsibilities include the Houston and Washington DC flight centers while flying mostly to destinations in North and South America. Today Brent is just days away from handing the keys over to his successor. He has lived his dream and now it's time for him to be his own pilot. Brent is retiring from EXXON. Way to go Brent!!

His next assignment is completing his RV-8 project of 8 years. Understandably, Chief Pilot duties interfered with the job of pounding rivets and running wire. Brent has had help along the way. Both he and Mary took the 7 day Griffin, GA. Course for RV construction and learned the skills to finish the job. Mary is a big supporter of Brent's dream of building and flying their own plane. Almost there! Go by Brent's hangar at KCXO (building 44E1 at 9am every Monday for coffee, donuts and stories) and see Brent's RV-8 with an Aerosport IO-360, 200HP, Lasar Ignition and Whirlwind 200 prop. Gonna be a fast one!

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Calendar of Events

- 1st Sat., La Grange BBQ Fly-In, Fayette Regional **(3T5)**
- 1st Sat., Fly-In Lunch, Leesville, LA **(L39) EAA Chapter 1356**
- Quarterly, Fajita Fly-In, Lufkin **(LFK)**
- 3rd Sat., BBQ Lunch, Disc. Fuel, Jasper Apt. **(JAS)**
- 4th Sat., Fly-In Breakfast, 8-11 am, Tyler Pounds Fld, **(TYR)**
- 4th Sat. Fly-in BBQ Spud Lunch, **KCXO** at Galaxy FBO
- 4th Sat. Fly-in Drive-in Beauregard Regional **(DRI),** DeRidder, La

- July 25-31, AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin (KOSH) Notam now available
- August 13-14, EAA SportAir Van's RV Assembly Workshop Waco, TX. See EAA .org website for details
- October 15-16, Houston, Texas Wings over Houston Airshow, Ellington Airport (KEFD)

NEXT MEETING:

AUGUST 6TH

9 AM

HANGAR 41

EAA 302 regularly meets @ 9 AM on the 1st Saturday of the month, Lone Star Executive Airport, (CXO), Lone Star Builders Center, 10150 Dorbandt, Hangar #41

Visitors are always welcome!

Take IH-45 Exit 90, follow the signs 3 miles east to the airport.

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