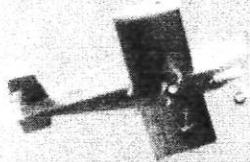


EAA Chapter 302

Conroe, TX

Darrell's RV-6A Flys!



Darrell showed everyone the famous RV smile when he returned from the first flight. 2,000+ FPM climb rate, take-off in about 300 ft.... Can you tell Darrell is happy? Congratulations Darrell and Kay Frazier!



\$ Dues \$

Shirley Park is our new Treasurer, so your 2001 dues can be sent to her or delivered in person at the meeting January 13th.

\$18.00 for 2001

Shirley Park
25523 Long Hill Lane
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► **Darrell's 1st flight story**

► **Meet the new officers**

Dick Parkans President

I've wanted to fly since I was about 14, but I didn't get my first airplane ride until I was 21 at ROTC summer camp. It was a six-hour orientation ride to nowhere in an Air Force radar Constellation RC-121 out of Otis AFB in Mass. By the time I graduated I could no longer pass the Navigator eye test so spent my time as a non-rated officer. I was finally able to start lessons in 1988 at Houston SW Airport in Arcola and earned my Private license in Cessna 152s. I then stopped flying since all that was available were the flight school aircraft, but got current in the early '90s. Again I stopped flying for the same reason.

I went to a local EAA fly-in at Bay City in the spring of '91 and decided to join EAA Chapter 12 in Houston after meeting some of the members. Although I wasn't flying at the time I was interested to learn how airplanes were built. I moved to the Conroe area in Dec. '95 and joined Chapter 302 the following spring. I retired from 31 years with Shell Oil Co. in 1996 and was able to purchase my C-172 in Feb. '97. It was being restored by none other than Bill Teaff right here at CXO; new paint, new windscreen, new interior. I had decided I would rather spend the next few years flying than building. Now I've put some 320 hours on the Skyhawk and have earned my instrument rating in it. And once again, thanks to Bill Teaff, I have a "0" SMOH engine to fly behind for the next few years.

Now that I am becoming more "senior", I find one of my senior symptoms is trouble remembering names. I know I know you but am embarrassed since I've lost your "handle." So, if in the future we are talking and you aren't wearing a nametag, give me a break and help me out with your name! (Now I know why we senior pilots wear kneepads to write down ATC instructions!)

Now that you know something about me, how 'bout giving Paul Loghry a short biographical sketch so we can get to know a little more about you. *Dick*

Don Brewer Vice President

Don continues to make good progress on his GN-1 Aircamper. The fuselage is complete now with the exception of covering. The engine is mounted and was to be started for the first time last weekend. For building the wing he bought a complete set of ribs and has just received the spruce (\$\$!) he ordered for the spars. He is in his last year with TWA and looking forward to retirement, building, and flying.

Shirley Park Treasurer

Please see the "Member Profile" in this issue for Shirley Park and her aviator/RV builder husband, Bill. *PS: Dues can be sent to Shirley now. \$18.00*

David Chaplin Secretary

Four things of note happened last year, three connected with aviation and the fourth not.

In March me and the missus formed Acme Aviation, Inc and became the proud owner of Hangar number 13 at Montgomery County Airport. EAA Chapter 302 became the tenant to landlord Acme Aviation.

In May we bought a Piper Warrior, 5673V and leased it to the flying school. This seemed an economic proposition at the time since me and the missus were learning to fly. A cheap way to get the use of a 'plane, so we thought. Something went wrong on the deal and 73V was handed back to us in September. After spending a small fortune, reducing my small fortune to almost zero, to get the machine into a suitable condition we have become the 'sole users' and now can use it when we want to. What a great feeling, to be able to take to the skies just when you need to!

The third item of note is that in August I got my Private License. That's why having 73V available is so great.

The last item of note is that we bought an Ice Cream/Smoothies franchise, MaggieMo's. We are negotiating a lease on a shop in the Target center in Conroe, at the junction of 45 and 105. The shop should open in 2001, hopefully in the Spring. It is a premium grade ice cream, fairly priced and the quality will knock your socks off!

By the way, progress on the Lancair ES is sloooow. *Dave*

Technical Counselor Report

by Bill Park, TC#4253

When the word got out that Darrell Frazier was going to fly his new RV-6A on Sunday December the 10th between 2pm and 3pm, my son, Will, (who was recovering from the flu) and I just had to go and be a part of the event!

Darrell used a DAR to inspect his airplane for \$300. Darrell requested a 50-mile radius around Huntsville and got it!

Will and I arrived at Butch Carr's hangar about 2pm. Darrell arrived shortly after that. There was quite a crowd when he pulled the airplane out of the hanger.

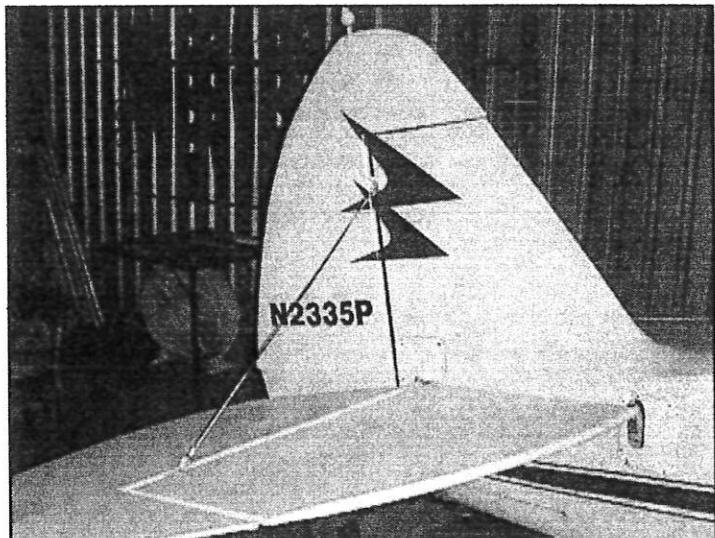
Darrell's RV is equipped with a new Lycoming engine 180 hp, with a constant speed prop. It makes your mouth water just looking at it!

The engine fired right up and sounded just perfect. When taxiing a brake problem was detected, so back to the hangar. With the help of two human jacks, a couple blocks of wood and a few tools, the problem was solved quickly.

Again the aircraft was fired up and taxied to the intersection of 14 and 19. Darrell selected 19 and after a run-up was on his way! The take-off run was short and he climbed out at a good angle. Butch Carr flew his Mooney for a chase plane but he came back soon, as he couldn't keep up with the RV-6A. Darrell stayed around the airport and came in for a perfect landing! There were many watching to record the famous RV SMILE! Darrell said the right wing was a little heavy but otherwise it was perfect!

On the way home, Will said, *"Just being around airplanes makes you feel 100% better."* So the moral is, if being around airplanes doesn't make you well, it will make you forget you don't feel so well, so come on to the airport!

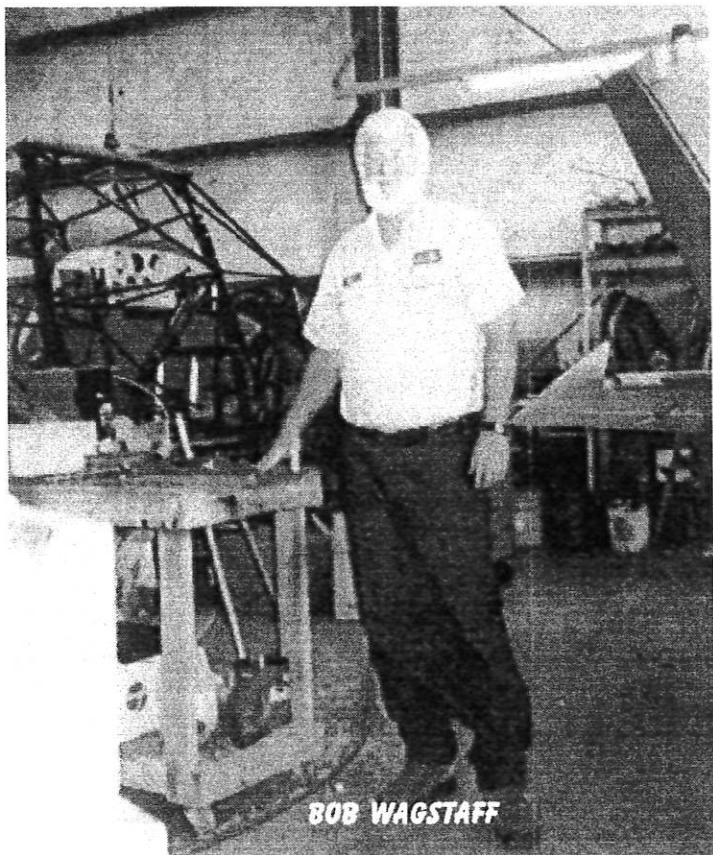
See you at the meeting. *Bill Park*



Ray Coker has added a dash of color to the pacer.

Lunch at La Porte

Last month Stan Peterson wrote an article titled, "Lunch at La Porte" in which he told of the many pleasant hours spent at K&W Aviation and of their, "...benevolent commander bearing a striking resemblance to Santa Clause who goes by the name of Bob Wagstaff." Here's the photo. *Sorry it's late, editor problems.*



BOB WAGSTAFF

For Sale

- Nieuport 11, complete and flying with Subaru engine. \$8,000. Jim Leftwich (936) 494-2955 (10/00)
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- Small sailboat, new sail, 11', ideal for Lake Woodlands size lake. \$245. Paul Loghry (936) 273-2106 (12/00)

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ELECTION RESULTS

Chapter 302 Officers for 2001

Just as promised, there were no recounts required. The new slate of officers for 2001 was unanimously elected at the December 9th meeting.

The new officers are:

President.....Dick Parkans Dick has a great looking 1979 Cessna 172 and is heading up our Young Eagles program.

VP.....Don Brewer Don is a skilled woodworker building a GN-1 Aircamper. He also flies for TWA.

Treasurer.....Shirley Park Shirley enjoys the RV-4 and RV-6 with husband Bill and son Will. For many years, she had her own Tax and Accounting business!

Secretary.....Dave Chaplin Dave, our current secretary, is becoming an expert with fiberglass. He's building a 4 place Lancair ES.

Newsletter....Paul Loghry Paul, our current newsletter editor, is now building a Legal Eagle ultralight with 1/2 VW.

Dick Parkans - Don Brewer - Shirley Park - Dave Chaplin - Paul Loghry



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