

Experimental Aircraft Assoc.

Chapter 302 ~ Conroe, TX

Dynamic Duo complete RV-6 N16DD



The Dynamic Duo of Dennis McCright and Dick Stevens have completed an RV-6 that even Bat Man would be proud to fly. This is a unique airplane made of many custom pieces, components and ideas borrowed from other RV models and the F-1 Rocket, a "glass cockpit", modified hotrod engine, and a 3 blade prop. It was inspected November 5th, with the 1st flight the same day. They flipped a coin to see who would fly it. The coin hit the pavement, rolled, then fell into a crack, coming to rest on edge! They tried again and Dick won the honor of making the first flight. All went well, so Dennis took it out for its second flight. Now, 50+ hours later, they have both been very happy with the results. Story is inside...



January 10th Meeting:

Dues for 2004 \$

(Remember, EAA membership is required to join a local chapter. We need your EAA # and updated e-mail address. Thanks!)

Dues are \$18 or \$20 man/wife

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EAA Chapter 302

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Interested in having a good program next month?

Volunteer to be the program director. It's not hard, just a few phone calls. We would all appreciate your participation!

Young Eagles ~ Share The Dream

EAA302 Minutes of 12/13/03

By Paul Loghry for Mike Singleton

Perry McConnell opened the meeting at 9:05.

Treasurer's report: November fly-in was profitable. Rosanne sent us Fly-In and monthly reports. They are posted on the wall.

*Perry distributed revised by-laws that he wrote to blend the EAA and Texas requirements. Doug Prior moved that they be accepted as presented. There was a second, a vote, it passed.

*Dick Stevens accepted the position of Fly-In Chairman. (*Thanks Dick!*)

*We still need a new Program Chairman.

*Perry and Don Brewer distributed the 2003 EAA pins and Certificates to all those people that are helping chapter 302 as officers, committee leaders, councilors, and advisors.

*We voted to contribute \$100.00 of chapter funds toward the purchase of a sign for naming the Lake Conroe bridge after the late Don Wylie, founder of Texas Air Aces.

*Dick Kardell shared the story of a safe off field landing by Sam Ward in Butch Carr's new RV-8. After hauling it back to the Brenham airport, they installed a mag to replace one of the electronic ignitions. It ran fine on just the one mag, so Sam flew it back to CXO. But, he decided to turn on the electronic ignition once the CXO was in sight. The engine immediately lost power and continued to get worse even with the electronic ignition turned off. He managed another safe landing. This time on the runway with only one cylinder producing any power. The dual EI is being pulled while the engine is rebuilt and two new mags installed. (*Glad Sam and RV-8 are OK!*)

*NOTAM: Pigs tore up the north end of Sandy Creek's grass strip.

*Jeff Bilyeu, CXO Airport Manager, was our guest speaker. He gave us a look at the future of the airport. He also has funds to promote the airport... that is spelled "FLY-IN."

Guests: Jim Jackson and Dan Montgomery

Classifieds:

RV-4 Completed in 1998, 250 Hrs, 180 HP 0-360, inverted fuel and oil, wood prop, no paint yet. \$49K Call Sam Ward (936) 597-7687 or Dennis McCright (936) 756-1092.

GN-1 Aircamper In classic blue and yellow military trainer colors, 85hp Continental with 350 hrs, airplane completed June 2002, AFS Polly Paint, \$16K call Don Brewer (936) 273-4416. **Don is also a CFI A&I** and available for your BFR or training.

Stinson 108-2 975 SMOH, Franklin 165 HP, 3224 air frame, annual 7-11-03, King 170B digital. \$32,500. Rick Anderson (936) 293-8881, cell (936) 661-8164.

Flight Reviews & Instrument Renewals:

Dennis McCright your Microlon Dealer and active Chapter 302 member, is also a CFI-II and available for your Flight Review and Instrument Renewals (936) 443-3562.

Sonerai IIL Project: Fully welded fuselage, canopy, all fiberglass, fuel tank, etc. No wings. \$3,000. Mike Singleton 713 594-2525 or msingleton@mccroryeng.com

Sonerai project: Sonerai LTS. Call for info., ark Lindstrom. (936) 321-5284.

Wooly's Pusher For Sale: \$15K See Red and Johnnie Deel (409) 372-5105 at Waller.

Stained Glass: Would you like a custom stained glass of your airplane? Our member Bill Clark can do it. (936) 539-6012

McCright/Stevens RV-6, continued...

+ Cowling is the Sam James "holy cowl" custom fitted and extended about 4" due to a 6" prop extention.

+ Extra inspection panels, and access ports, cooling fans above the panel that also act as windscreens defrosters.

+ Currently has electric elevator trim, aileron trim, flaps. Dennis is looking into an electric rudder trim.

+ Dick added a video camera to the tail. The signal is available in the cockpit and hooks up to a camcorder for recording in-flight videos.

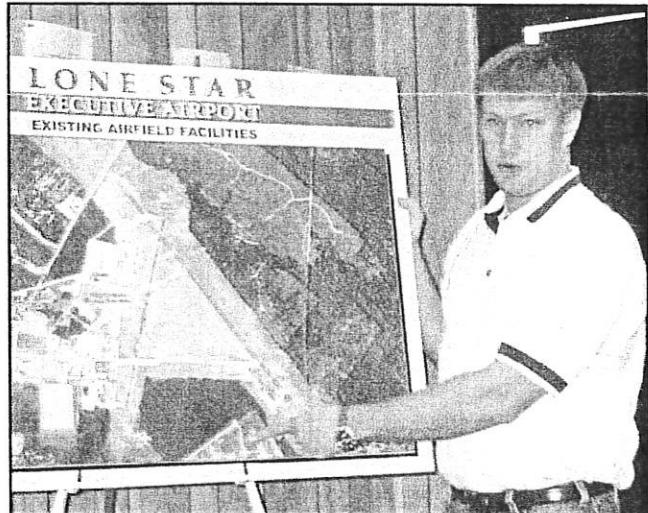
+ EFIS is currently being replaced by a Grand Rapids unit so the airplane can be IFR certified.

So far the speed comparisons to the other airplanes we've been flying with, RV-8s and RV-4s, we have no problem keeping up with or out running most of them and the engine is still not broken in yet.

Dick says, "Its performance is better than expected. It's a nice fast cross country airplane." (*Understated!*)

Dennis sums it up... "So far the airplane is running beautifully, smooth and very powerful. It's a pleasure to fly. The horsepower is amazing. It's fun! It's so fast and so easy to fly, it's been a real kick. I think it will be an airplane Dick and I can be proud of and that chapter 302 can be proud of."

(I agree, congratulations Dick and Dennis!)



(Photo at right) Jeff Bilyeu, the Lone Star Executive Airport Manager was our guest speaker in December. Yes, there will be a tower, more hangars, runways will be extended, 01/19 will be rebuilt. Growth is coming to CXO. Jeff is planning for that growth.

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