

# Experimental Aircraft Assoc.

## Chapter 302 ~ Conroe, TX



### **June 8th** **Meeting:**

**D.B. Waller, WWII fighter pilot, is scheduled to speak to us. He flew the P-40, P-39, and P-51.**

**EAA Book and Video Sale. 50% off! Our June meeting is the last month to get your order in. See Paul Loghry for details. We will be placing a single order for the chapter.**

Greg Young has a new love, his 1950 Navion B. It has a geared Lycoming 6 cyl. (GO-480). He brought it back here, it's home area, from FL May 10th. (5.1hrs, non-stop, 170mph, 13.5gph) Greg calls it his XXL RV-6. Ask him about it.

**Young Eagles ~ Share The Dream**

# What is a technical counselor?

by Don Brewer

In the course of constructing a homebuilt aircraft, one can expect to make mistakes - lots of them. Correcting these minor mistakes is part of the building process. An EAA technical counselor can help in preventing mistakes from occurring and rectifying those that do occur.

In EAA Chapter 302, Byrdell Matthews and Bill Park have served as our technical counselors. Byrdell suggested that I apply to headquarters to become an additional tech counselor for our chapter. Last month EAA headquarters added me to the tech counselor list for Chapter 302. Each counselor has an area of expertise - Byrdell's is in composite, metal, and steel tubing; Bill Park's area of specialty is metalwork. My area is in wood construction, adhesives, and fabric covering.

The tech counselor program is planned

as four continuing inspections of a homebuilt aircraft during its construction. Of great importance in building an aircraft is "another set of eyes" to spot problem areas, check for missing components and improper installations. By sharing their experience and knowledge, tech counselors encourage the tradition of EAA members helping members. There are also insurance benefits for builders who utilize tech counselors and are EAA members.

I urge each member who is constructing their aircraft, or is in the planning stages, to consult with one of our chapter's tech counselors. Hopefully, this will be done at initial construction. If your project is already underway, it is never too late to consult with a tech counselor. When a tech counselor visits with you and views your aircraft he will fill out a report form that is forwarded to EAA headquarters.

The form is not an in depth report on your construction techniques, just brief comments such as "nice woodwork" or "nice fuselage welding." As a builder, you can expect a tech counselor to critique your work; but he will never judge your work. Suggestions for improving your skills will be offered but not imposed.

While building my GN-1 Pietenpol Aircamper over the past 3 1/2 years, Byrdell has visited my project three times, and I plan on his fourth and final visit after the aircraft has been assembled in the hanger. I have taken his suggestions and appreciate his involvement in my project. I hope that every member who is in a construction phase will avail themselves of the EAA Technical Counselor program.

Don

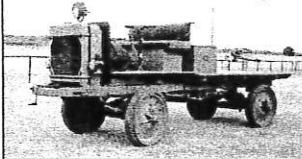
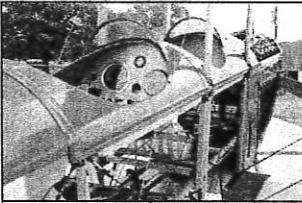
## Young Eagles Day



May 18th we had children from Redd School take their Young Eagles flight. Pilots were Butch Carr, Doug Prior, Nick Altizer, Greg Young, and Dick Kardell. Dick was on the front page of the Conroe Courier on the 19th (*photo above reprinted by permission*). This was Nick's first YE event, his wife Jennifer is taking lessons! One of the Dads bought Subway sandwiches for our crew. Dick Parkans and Don Brewer did the intro and safety talks. David Dauzart did certificates on his computer. Bill Park, Dalton Nelson, Emmet Stoker, Dave Chaplin and Perry McConnell were supporting ground crew. There was great coverage in the Courier. (*Thanks Don.*) Shirley Park



Old Kingsbury Airfair was held May 25th. Just north of I-10 and about 50 miles E. of San Antonio a group is creating a W.W.I air



field. With both actual and replica W.W.I aircraft, trucks, and motorcycles it was quite a treat to see. I saw John Inman and Pete Fusco there too. Paul L.

Your editor was driving through TX the 23rd as the Popular Rotocraft Assoc. was setting up their fly-in near Waxahachie. There were several gyros & autogyros, (above). Paul



John Weikel and son (pictured) have been restoring a wind damaged Taylorcraft. They finished in May and it sure looks good with its new cloth and new paint. Photo by John.