



# NEWS LETTER



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Place: La Hacienda of Joanne & Nally Tuttle

7 Andershire Drive  
Conroe, Texas

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## The fork in the Road Notes from El Presidente, Coyle Schwab

Most organizations on occasion come upon forks in the road where decisions are to be made that will affect the character of the group for all time. Chapter 302 is just such an organization, and I believe we're at the intersection right now.

Our Chapter, for all of its strong points and attributes, has a problem shared by more than just a few groups. As I write this month's newsletter column, our active roster shows 31 members and we're about to shrink by two more when the Lockyer's move out of town. (Lois and Bill said that "fun though we were, the monthly commute from Dallas was just too much to ask!) We all hate to see people like the Lockyers go, and we'll all miss them, but the facts of life are that for various reasons some members will move on, leaving a vacant spot on our roster.

Most of us are pained to see the group become smaller and would much prefer to see a little growth in force as new blood joins us bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm. How do we attract newcomers? What's to keep them coming back to each meeting, to make them want to participate in Chapter activities such as our annual FlyIn?

Besides a mere love for airplanes and flying and the want to socialize with others who share this eccentricity, I believe that prospective members are drawn to a particular in some type of unique project...if it's aviation oriented, it's perfect!

Chapter Notams

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED



...with new member, Charles J. Cosme, who's aeronautical background reads like an aviation history book. Charles began flying ten years before the editor was born, and owned a Curtiss JN-4 license #141 in 1929. (Upps, get back in the bag, cat) His experience includes B-24 mechanic, flight engineer instructor, hydraulic systems instructor, same for B-25s, (WW 2) maintenance inspector, Teterboro Airport (That's in New Jersey, you rednecks) DC-3 Aircraft Maintenance, for IBM, maintenance officer in (AP, licensed A & P, just to list a few. He told me not to be impressed with this, but I decided to be, anyway. Welcome, Charles, hope to see lots more of you.

....Several 302 members descended on the Barnsomer's Bash at Crockett in a variety of aircraft--Coyle and Ray in Coyle's (120, Wally, Robert and Kim in 319'n and herself and friend, Carolyn in a Grumman Cheetah from Fletcher Aviation. (Boy, did that put a crimp in the budget!) We hope that 659 members enjoyed the heck out of that video tape that we couldn't stick around for on Saturday night!

....Unfortunately, it was necessary to postpone our planned plane trip and picnic for the (AP members who helped at the Fly-In due to an unavoidable shortage of bodies and airplanes. Be advised that we plan to reschedule this event at the July 13th meeting, so try to free up a weekend for this important event.

....Good barbecue and hangar-flying at Skylakes Airport this past June 23rd. Tough for ya'll who didn't make it.

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## We're Going!



to Oshkosh, of course, and soon! All you lucky devils out there who are gearing up for the "big shew", oil up your cameras and pad your walkin' shoes, cause times awastin'. For those who remain behind, our sympathys, and we'll ogle a few for ya!

...Rice Aviation has forwarded several resumes and recommendations for the Rice Scholarship. They will be presented at the next meeting, and the decision will be made by the Executive Board.

SHOE JEFF MacNELLY

