

# Experimental Aircraft Assoc.

## Chapter 302 ~ Conroe, TX

### Dick Kardell's First Flight award



Dick Parkans presented Dick Kardell with a First Flight award from chapter 302 for the first flight of his RV-8 on March 31, 2001. Nice plane!



### August 11th Meeting:

**Gary Hunter, Crew Chief, and/or Bruce Bohannon, pilot of the Exxon Flying Tiger world record setting airplane, will be here to share their experiences of putting a homebuilt into the record books. Free hamburgers for members and family!**

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**Young Eagles ~ Share The Dream, September 15th**

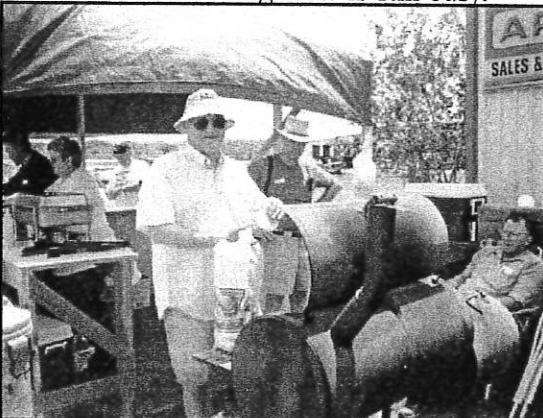


## People photos... *Spring Fly-In April 21st.* by Connie Utley

Sign-in, coffee and donuts.



Exhausted cooking crew is still busy.



Raffle table hangar flying session.



## June 16th - *Young Eagles* - by Shirley Park

We had a good Young Eagle event. Dick Parkans was the event coordinator, and Mrs. Parkans did a wonderful job of organizing the 11 children. They were from their church. They were all wonderfully appreciative of the opportunity and many wanted to go back up right away! The pilots were: Butch Carr, Richard Kardell, Doug Prior, Dave Chaplin, Darrell Frazier, Glen Bowman, Will Park, a total of 7 pilots.

Mrs. Parkans also brought coffee and donuts and they were duly scarfed down. "Thanks!" David Dauzart printed the certificates on his laptop. Dick Parkans lined everyone up and Don Brewer did the ground school thing again. Other helpers were Ivan Wimp, Bill Park, Byrdell Mathews, and Shirley Park. (*I think that is everyone.*) We are getting more efficient in the routine and in the printing of the certificates. Many of the pilots flew to Hooks afterward for lunch. And a good time was had by all.

Photo provided by Dick Parkans.



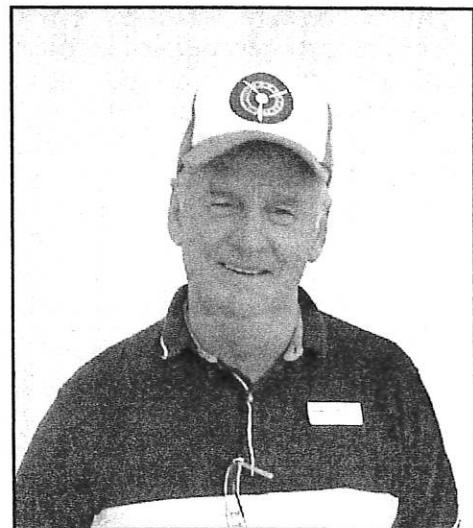
Jim is one of our newer members, now with us less than a year. (ed. Welcome aboard Chapter 302!)

As Jim looks back for that first spark of interest in aviation, he finds it was the World War II heroes and their exploits that started his love of flying. That interest also resulted in a two year hitch with the Marine Corps.

Jim, now eligible to retire if he wishes, has two grown children and calls Humble, TX his home. Over the years he has been in sales management and is now a building inspector for both residential and commercial.

Three years ago he sold his Piper Pacer, and says he sure misses the flying. Prior to the Pacer, he had owned a Tiger and a Mooney. Time constraints have brought a halt to his building project, an RV-6. (ed. Is there an RV project in every garage but mine?) Only the empennage is built and he is anxious to get back to it.

Jim is looking forward to working with the chapter were needed. (ed. Glad to have you as part of the group.)



#### Continuation....

## Greg Young update

a Navaid, EIS4000, SL15, GX65, SL30 w/CDI G/S & SL70.

Second guessing: I've had 2 days to reflect and can come up with a million woulda/coulda/shoulda's, particularly knowing the outcome of one branch of the decision tree. While I was in the hospital, my RV buddies were beating themselves up on what <they> should have done/said. Hindsight is wonderful! While there may have been "better" choices, I'm comfortable (and I'm the one that has to live with them) that I made "reasonable" choices given the circumstances at the time. Once I wound up in that coffin corner on base, I think I made the "best" choices coupled with a lot of luck. I never once thought of saving the aircraft. I traded my RV's life for mine - it was a good trade. But I'll miss her - for 30 minutes it was the best time of my life.

Regards,  
Greg Young  
RV-6 N6GY, Houston (DWH)  
first flight/destroyed  
7/12/2001"

*In passing along this information, Greg also gave us this update as of August 4th.*

"Not too much has changed since then. The aircraft was recovered and taken to a salvage yard in Dallas, the FAA and NTSB are done with me and I'm waiting on the insurance company to settle. Physically, I'm pretty much healed except for a back problem (BIG except!) that did not manifest itself

until 3-4 days after the crash. It will require surgery, but at least it's the kind where I'll be back on my feet the next day. I still have no word on the cause of the crash and I'm beginning to suspect I never will. The insurance company and TAA said they'd investigate but I don't think it will get much attention given there were no fatalities and little liability. Sort of good news-bad news.

I've attached some pictures. The "before" shot was taken while taxiing for that first flight. What a difference 45 minutes makes!"

Thanks Greg.  
Good job of putting it down safely.  
Glad you're doing well!



# For Sale

- New hangars for lease, (CXO) 33' deep, 42' wide, electric bi-fold door, insulated roof, dedicated power outlets, concrete floor. several small planes could share, or \$425 solo. Peter Toung (832) 428-4597 (3/01)
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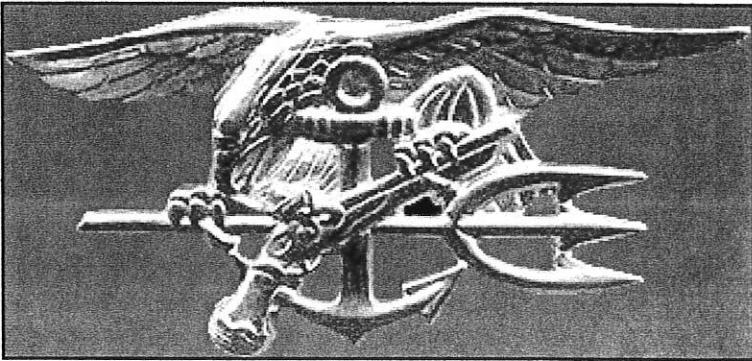
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## Navy Seals Reunion & Airventure flight

by Shirley Park

Bill and I along with daughter, Barbara, went to Virginia for the Navy Seals Reunion in July. Bill is one of the original frogmen. We had a great time. Weather was great. Scenery was wonderful. It was a pleasure to be around so many vital challenged people. We met Bill



Shepard the Seal/Astronaut who went up with the Russians. He showed films and shared lots of stories. Also met Rudy from Survivor! There is an action figure of him now! Bill talked and talked. We saw some impressive displays of air power, sea power and manpower on the beach. We got home Monday and Bill left on Tuesday with Will for Oshkosh. When they arrived, the air show was on and they landed at Fond du Lac. After the show Will flew into Oshkosh and settled in. They were weathered in till Tuesday. They had to replace a vacuum pump on the artificial horizon before they could leave. Personnel were super nice when they explained to them what they were doing they were offered help and tools and were given another's day badge for free. They came back saying how wonderful the weather was and how thoroughly they enjoyed the trip.

Shirley

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