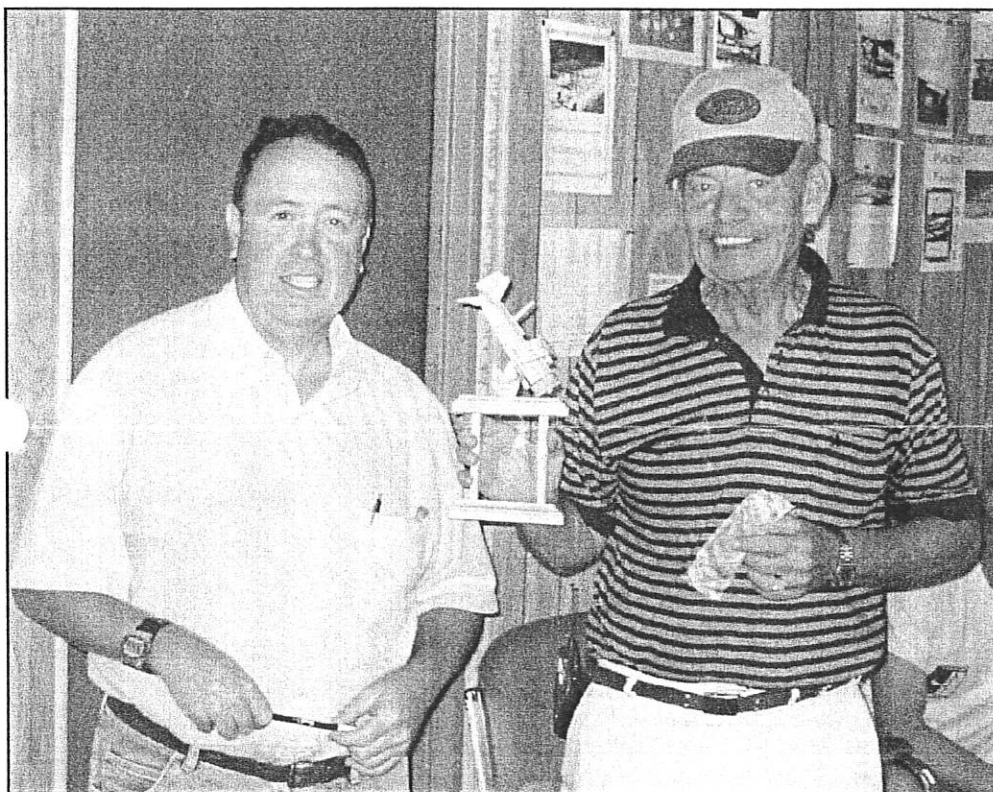


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Sweet Taste of Success



Doug Prior (L), contest director and creative trophy designer, awards our Spot Landing Contest Winner, **Butch Carr**, the perpetual trophy and a popsicle. After eating the popsicle, Butch wrote his name on the stick and glued the stick to the trophy. The next contest winner will get the same "prize" and add their stick to the trophy. Is this fun?! Practice landings, win a popsicle!



August 9th **Meeting:**

AirVenture 2003

recap and travel

stories to be

shared and lots

of hangar flying

after the meeting.

Young Eagles ~ Share The Dream

A word from our President, Perry McConnell

Tales from the Trip, Part II -- Things We Never Would Have Gotten To Do Without Our Plane...

We launched from EMT at 7:00 am and it was wonderfully smooth until we hit some turbulence past Deming, N.M., the afternoon heating beginning to take its toll. We stopped in Pecos overnight due to big, mean, nasty thunderstorms in west Texas. (Tops at 380 & hail). We had originally thought to overnight in Fort Stockton, but the storms were in the way. Stayed in Pecos' top-of-the-line hotel, Le Bag of Fleas, aka the Comfort Inn. Left Pecos at 7:15 a.m. and got all of about 100 miles before visibility dropped below minimums. Put down in Iraan. Waited for about 2 1/2 hours for the fog to burn off, then limped through central Texas with relatively low visibility, passed on two possible airports due to the weather between us and them, and finally made good time again after fueling

at Lago Vista just outside of Austin. (\$1.96 self-serve).

Still, all was not for nought. Oddly enough, the cafe at the Comfort Inn in Pecos was excellent, and I had a 'Mexican style' chicken fried steak, served with an excellent green chile sauce rather than gravy. I've had green chile sauces that were good, but none better than this one. What the person who cooked that was doing in Pecos, I have no idea. He or she could be making a lot more money in bigger cities. The guy that runs the FBO at Pecos is friendly and helpful. The 'crew car' isn't much to shout about, but it ran, and he let us use it overnight to get to the hotel.

The next morning, stuck in Iraan, we walked down the street to kill time and to try to find breakfast. The high end of our hopes was an Exxon with a donut rack. Found a little Mexican restaurant ("Los Arcos") and had a couple of excellent burritos with chorizo y Papas, the way it should be

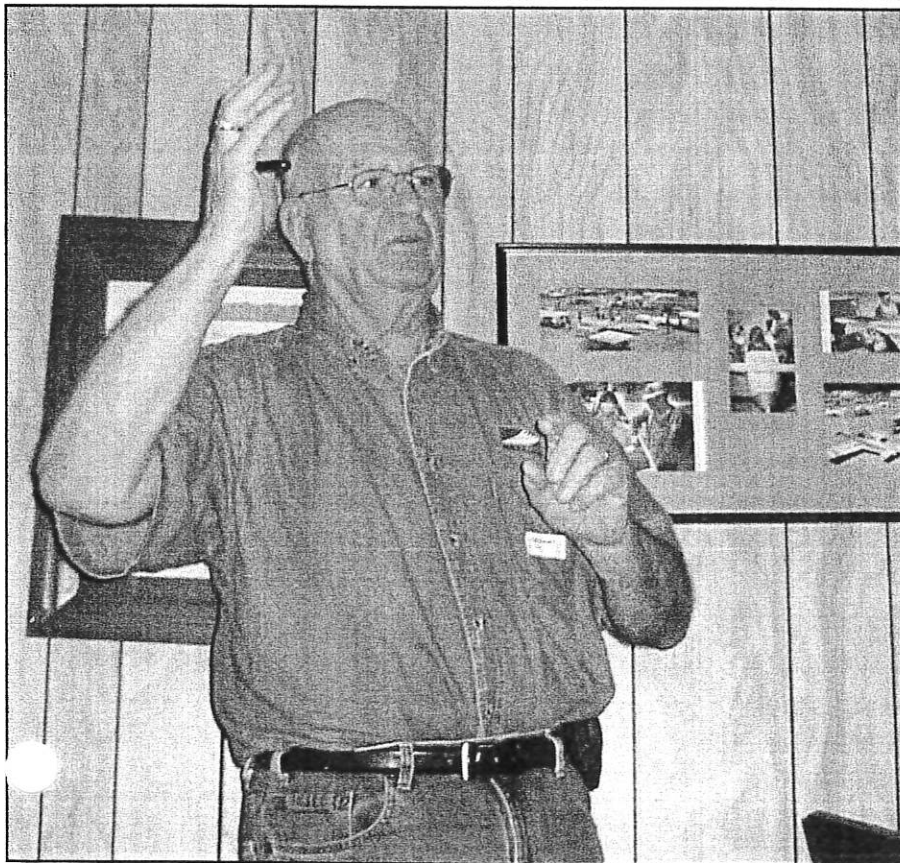
done, and a plate of wonderful pancakes. We ended up buying a jar of the picante sauce they served with the burritos, it was that good. We asked if they had it for sale and they said they would sell us some, but they were going to put it in a styrofoam cup with a lid. We asked if they had any jars, fully realizing the consequences of turbulence shifting anything in the baggage area, so they pulled out what looked like a used Coffee Mate jar (the large size) & made up a very reasonable price, putting the final touches on making the trip a culinary success.

It's odd. Up till now I never thought to go to far west Texas for the food. It's amazing what can happen during a weather delay if you just look around a little.

See you all on the 9th. Until then, fly good.

Perry

Bill Cotter explains the PAL of NDT



Confused about the headline? Then you should have attended our July meeting! Our very own Bill Cotter gave a slide presentation on the Physical Laws, Applications, and Limitations (PAL) of Non Destructive Testing (NDT) methods.

He covered 5 methods of inspection:

- Penetrant Inspections
- Ultrasonic Inspections
- Eddy Current Inspections
- Magnetic Particle Inspections
- Radiographic Inspections

Bill's handout listing the PALs of each method is a great reference page. If you didn't make the meeting, you may want to see if there are extras at the August meeting. Bill teaches this sort of class around the country. So, "Thank you, Bill, for sharing your knowledge with us!"