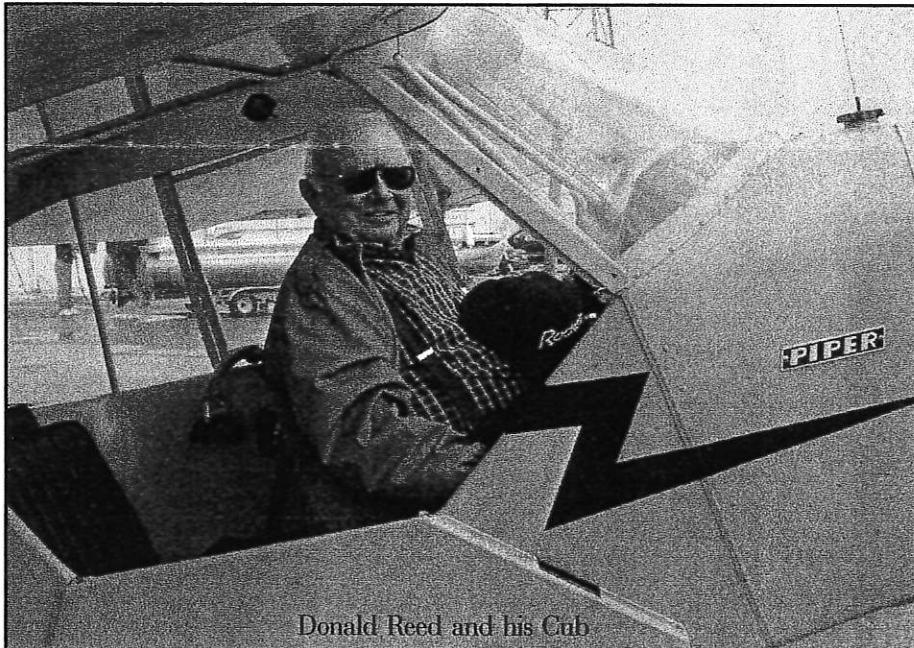


Experimental Aircraft Assoc.

Chapter 302 ~ Conroe, TX

FLY-IN NOVEMBER 15

EAA 302,
Montgomery County Airport (CXO) Conroe



Donald Reed and his Cub

Raffle for Garman III Pilot GPS
and other prizes.
Pancake breakfast and Hamburger lunch



November 8th Meeting:

Plan to bring your \$
for raffle tickets that
were mailed out.

The name badges have
arrived. So, if you ordered
one, please pick it up.

There will be discussion
and final plans made for
next Saturday's Fly-In.

Young Eagles ~ Share The Dream

Contact Lenses / FAA Medical Exam

This was found in a recent internet post. "In our last EAA chapter meeting, a member brought up that there is a new question on the FAA medical exam. regarding vision. I don't remember how the question was worded, but it had to do with multi-focal correction. His doctor told him that he should check the question NO even if he did use them, or he would, at least temporarily, loose his medical. It seems that multi-focal contacts are heavier on one side than the other so they stay "upright" when floating on your eye. If you happen to pull negative Gs, they can invert and cause your distance vision to be blurred."

RV Jerks ???

I'm sorry, but I've never met an "RV jerk."

This term came from someone on a builders' web chat group recently. It was prompted by a comment made by one of our members who mentioned the differences between RV and Sonex plans and manuals. He simply stated, in effect, that the RV builder manual was better than that of the Sonex, but that the Sonex plans were better than RV plans. However, he did complain about the 1/64 inch specifications on the Sonex plans. As sometimes happens on these sites, several people began venting. Most here concerned comments they had received from RV owners.

Since I have never met the so-called RV Jerk, I was amazed at both the rudeness of some of the comments people had received and the over-sensitivity of those on the receiving end. I love the RV series of planes (and like all of the owners I've met) and I understand the pride of owning one. I also understand the pride of those that fly ANY type of plane.

I am NOT pointing a finger at the RV guys. We have all heard careless comments from other builder/owner/flyer types. The only reason RV is mentioned here is because that was the subject of the discussion mentioned above.

One of the main things I have enjoyed about the aviation community is the camaraderie of the people. Most pilots understand that flying is the common bond and not the type/cost/speed/size/engine quantity.

I know that product loyalty is a fact. I am proud to be a Sonex builder and flyer. Everyone chooses their aircraft to fit the constraints of need, budget, appearance and other factors and have a right to that natural product loyalty.

As case in point, you may not like my pop-type rivets but I don't like your time of riveting. Or you may go faster but I go cheaper. Or you can carry more but I can't (HA! Got you there!).

The point of this is to ask that all of us try to be tactful in dealing with other owners when discussing their planes or projects, realizing that some are defensive (or even jealous). In other words, be as snobby as you want inside but hide it from others.

Mike Singleton

Reklaw, Flying M Ranch Fly-In... M is for Mud

The Reklaw Fly-In, always a great fly-in, received rain for the second year in a row. Pictured are Dennis McCright (piloting the Park's RV-6) and Dick Stevens (RV-6 at right) moving into position for take-off during one of the breaks in the weather.

