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Short Wing Piper Club

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting – September 24, 2011 – Driftwood

Gloria & I will be hosting the next meeting at our home at the Driftwood Ranch Airpark on Sept 24. Directions both driving & flying are listed below. Hopefully the heat will have broken by then, & we should have good flying weather, but we will have the meeting regardless of the weather, if you are uncomfortable with the weather drive on out, it's really not all that far! If it rains, even the day before, the taxiway should be just fine, this ground dries out very quickly, if you think it might be too wet, park at the hangars on the south end & I will drive down & pick you up. (We should be so lucky as to have to worry about rain!!) We will be eating in the house, so if the heat hasn't broken, or if it is cold (ha ha) we can spend most of the time indoors. We should have everything "set up for visitors" by 10:00, hope to eat around noon (ish), & hope everyone will stick around for as long as they are enjoying themselves. We will have BBQ brisket & sausage, and drinks; we plan on potluck for the side dishes & desserts. I have made (a little) progress on my PA22/20 since last year, & will be glad to try & explain why my progress is so excruciatingly slow (the short version is that I am lazy!) I have installed the Stewart's wingtips on one of my wings, & plan to have both wings displayed to show what steps are required for the modification.

If you have any questions, reach me at (817) 491-9529, or paulwatts@juno.com

Directions to Driftwood:

By air: Our identifier is XA86, the name is Driftwood Ranch, and it is depicted on the latest DFW Class B Chart. The lat/long are N32-34-01.03 / W097-48-17.13 . We are halfway between the towns of Weatherford and Granbury. Locate Lake Granbury, and then follow it north until it becomes the Brazos River, and you are there! We are (sort of) on the west side of the river. It is hard to say for sure because we are located in the first bend of the river, so we are surrounded on three sides by the river. Those who are familiar with Horseshoe Bend (F78) can over fly that airport, then fly straight east for 4 miles.

The runway is hard surfaced, 3000' long x 50' wide. The runway (at this time) has no markings but is easily recognized by the "dog bone" shape, and has 5 large hangars on the south end. I still have not heard the "official" numbers for the runway, but it is approximately 16/34, 700 MSL, and I would recommend using a traffic pattern east of the field in order to avoid a REALLY TALL TOWER two miles to the NW of the field. The wind sock is at midfield. The approaches from either end have no obstructions although (again) be very careful of the REALLY TALL TOWER two miles to the NW of the field, it is 2,000 MSL and yet is remarkably hard to see!!

Our house is quite far from the runway (1/2 mile +). There is one (grass) taxiway at about midfield (sort of across from the windsock) heading west. I will post signs to follow; we are the first house/hangar.

I will try to monitor 122.95

By car: From north, east, or west, take I20 to Weatherford; if heading west, take Exit #408, if heading east, take Exit #407. Then stay on service road through the first intersection (traffic light). The second intersection is Tin Top Rd. Take Tin Top Rd south for 12 miles to Driftwood Ranch Trail (1/2 mile after crossing the Brazos River Bridge). Turn left on Driftwood Ranch Trail, go 2 (long) blocks to Silver Sage Court, turn right. We are the second house (on left).

Directions by car (Cont): From south, southwest: from Granbury town square, take Hwy 51 north for app ½ mile. After crossing RR tracks, turn left on Hwy 4, to Thorpe Spring (app 3 miles) turn right on CR 2580 (across from the “Pocket Change” convenience store/gas station). Drive 8 miles north on 2580 to Driftwood Ranch Trail. Turn right on Driftwood Ranch Trail, go 2 (long) blocks to Silver Sage Court, turn right. We are the second house (on left).

From southeast, from Cleburne, take Hwy 171 northwest for app 34 miles to Hwy 51. Turn left on Hwy 51 for app 3 miles to FM 1708 (look for Wilson Lane, then Spring Creek Pkwy, then 1708), turn right on FM 1708 to dead end, app 1 ½ mile, turn left @ the “gun store” for app 5 miles to Driftwood Ranch Trail (1/2 mile after crossing the Brazos River Bridge). Turn left on Driftwood Ranch Trail, go 2 (long) blocks to Silver Sage Court, turn right. We are the second house (on left).

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Last Meeting – Granbury (August 27th) – Breakfast & Wings Seminar:

Another hot breakfast at Granbury (KGDI) - Paul Watts and I drove in. AC Weatherly was there, but I missed him. Got there just in time to see Jim Putney and son depart in their TriPacer. Kurtis Samples flew in with his instructor. A couple of builders from Denton flew in in their RV-12 (light sport RV), commented that their Lightspeed headsets kept the noise down when cruising at 120. A nice looking Morrisey was there, also a Pitts S2.

Making progress on the wing, all rib stitching is complete. It was taking me one hour to stitch a rib, Dan and friend Robbie stitched one in 26 minutes. The man-hours were comparable. They did the last 5 ribs-greatly appreciated. I'm now applying the inspection rings and finishing tapes. Paint next week?

Driftwood is in September 24th; it will be much cooler and Paul will put on a good lunch. Make plans to be there, we haven't had a "real" meeting for a couple of months--the long hot summer!

Art



iPad Aviation - Ed & Ellie Block

We have a new iPad 2 mounted in 172B with a RAM suction cup and Dual Bluetooth remote GPS and are experimenting with programs. It is amazing and we are very glad we got it. The programs we have loaded are: WingX, Weathermeister, Weather TAP, Weather Underground, AirNav, Landings, AOPA, EAA, AvWeb, and \$100 Hamburger. And, if we get delayed, we can read books we have stored or review the FAA AIM. Incredible!



Judy with Bishop before his flight to Conroe, TX...

Our first trip with the iPad was flying a puppy to Conroe with the Pilots N Paws program.

Even had pictures of the airport, as well as frequencies, etc. We can hardly wait to show it to some of the Young Eagles we are flying. We think they will really take to using an iPad.



Young Eagles from Oklahoma and Texas as well as a younger sister with her dad. (We flew brother; so we had to fly little sister - way to go Payten!)

Future Activities and Other News:

From Jack Brouse:

There is still a need for wing struts for the V173. We have gotten a few so far. See last month's Longhorn SWPC Newsletter for more details. Please call me at 817-275-1082.

Thank you very much,
Jack Brouse

From Ed & Ellie Block:

There are very few submissions to the Longhorn SWPC News - we need some more - people are going places and doing things, just not telling us. PLEASE send articles! (Or you may have to put us with only our pictures!)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Short Wing Piper Club - VIOLET, Others - BLACK.

September 2011:

13th - 7:30pm - EAA Ch 34 Meeting - UTA Campus Room 100 Nedderman Hall, Arlington, TX
21th - 7:00pm - EAA Ch 670 Meeting - Rio Concho Restaurant, Hicks Field (T67), Ft. Worth, TX
22nd - 24th - AOPA Summit 2011 - Hartford, Conn

24th - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - Driftwood, TX

October 2011:

11th - 7:30pm - EAA Ch 34 Meeting - UTA Campus Room 100 Nedderman Hall, Arlington, TX
19th - 7:00pm - EAA Ch 670 Meeting - Rio Concho Restaurant, Hicks Field (T67), Ft. Worth, TX
22nd - 8:00-10:30am - 4th Saturday Fly-In Pancake Breakfast - Granbury Airport (GDJ) - last of 2011
29th - Cleburne (CPT) - 5th Saturday Fly-In - breakfast (8:30-11) - sausage and pancakes

Contact Sharlette Bain or Gayla Harlow for more details, 817-641-5456

?? - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - NW Regional - Blue Hangar Cafe

November 2011:

8th - 7:30pm - EAA Ch 34 Meeting - UTA Campus Room 100 Nedderman Hall, Arlington, TX
16th - 7:00pm - EAA Ch 670 Meeting - Rio Concho Restaurant, Hicks Field (T67), Ft. Worth, TX

?? - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - Cleburne, Susannah's Homestyle Cookin Restaurant(???)

December 2011:

10th - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - Christmas Party - Outback Restaurant, Burleson
31st - Cleburne (CPT) - 5th Saturday Fly-In - time and activities TBD - Contact for more details, 817-641-5456

Other Events:

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

EAA Chapter 59 Blueberry Pancake Fly-in

McGregor Executive Airport (KPWG). 8 AM- 10:30 AM. Airplanes of all kinds, Demonstration, Videos and More.
For more info call 254-749-5490 or email President@eaa59.org

PLEASE send news stories, pictures, and items for the newsletter. It is YOUR newsletter; be part of it. Items for sale related to SWPC will also be of value and will be listed free of charge. If you need a shirt, contact Paul Watts. We still have t-shirts available which we sold during the SWPC convention at Lake Texoma. E-mail Paul Watts to let him know you want one. Shirts available; (1) medium, (5) large, (8) x-large, & (1) xx-large. These are high quality shirts with a collar and pocket. Prices are \$13 each.

SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER TO ED & ELLIE BLOCK

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We need information for articles and activities for the coming year! Please e-mail or send to us.

Membership Application for Longhorn Chapter

Dues are \$10 per year, due in July. Partial year will be pro-rated. Please make check payable to "Short Wing Piper Club - Longhorn Chapter"

Mail to Paul Watts, 111 Silver Sage Ct, Weatherford, TX 76087.

Name _____ Spouse/Assoc Member _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ National SWPC # _____ Date _____

E-Mail Address _____

Aircraft Make/Model/N# _____

Ratings, skills, interests, etc. _____