

HANGAR ECHOES



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Another One Flying!

By Michael Stephan

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Jay Pratt has done it again!..

This time it was an RV-6 he dubbed *Buckshot* that made its first flight on March 31st. He reported that the flight went well with a little heaviness on the left wing. After a bit of tweaking, all is well.

Jay hoped to have it for a while, but the right buyer popped up and it now lives in a new hangar.

But Jay is not without a project. He is now focused his Javron Super Cub project. He recently travelled to Idaho to pick up the prop and then off to Vetterman's in South Dakota to pick up the exhaust. Most of us

just have those shipped, but Jay and Carol do a little scenic camping and visiting friends while picking airplane parts.

After making his annual trip to the backcountry in Idaho and then his few weeks of volunteering in the camping area at Oshkosh, Jay plans on focusing his time on the Javron with plans to fly to Airventure in 2026.

Congratulations Jay!

We look forward to seeing the next project. You are going to need a bigger wall for all those First Flight Plaques.

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Important Chapter Stuff

By Michael Stephan

Last month we had bonus coverage in a longer newsletter. This month I will make up for that. I wish I had more for you, but I been distracted by my last treatment that ends on Friday May 30. Heading now towards normalcy again. I have a Bearhawk Patrol I have been itching to get started on. Next month I hope to have a surprise to reveal. Stay tuned..

Enough about me, lets get down to some fun stuff.

Our meeting in June is cancelled due to upgrades at the school. But, we still have a social gathering in June and that is the Chapter Picnic hosted by Mel and Ann Asberry in Farmersville at Short Stop Airport. This is one of the biggest social events for us and the most fun, although the Christmas party is a close second.

The picnic is a family affair, so feel free to bring the family (no pets though). More details on page 5.

If you are flying in be sure and call Mel first, so he can brief you on Short Stop operations.

I'm excited about the projects that have finished recently. Look forward to growing our chapter's flying opportunities with a fresh group of flyers and airplanes. The best part is we have many more in the pipeline. I'm very bullish on the future of our Chapter.

I also see really good talent leading our group, and glad to be a small part of it going forward.

So if you are on the sidelines at the moment, now is a good time to stick your toe in and get more involved. Worth every effort.

Now lets do some building and some flying!



Chapter 168 Goals & Objectives:

By Michael Stephan

Last month the Officers and Directors meet at Brad Roberts house for a focused discussion of the goals and objectives for 2025. The following topics were discussed and will be action items for the upcoming year.

- Host one social every 1-2 months (Fly-out, project visit, picnic, museum). Chapter will continue to arrange events.
- Expand Young Eagle program
- Chapter fundraising for flight scholarships. Replenishment of funds for flight scholarships
- Working relationship with a flight school.
- Enhance relationship with RAHS
- Having a chapter liaison from RAHS student body.
- Tech Counselor program. Board agreed chapter has a sufficient number of Tech Counselors. Chapter members will be reminded this service is available.
- Joint activities with other local aviation clubs (Dallas 99's, Women in Aviation, North Texas Aviators)
- Other North Texas aviation groups to be contacted.

The new directors have and added enthusiasm and we forward to having a great year. We are already buildig airplanes at a record pace and have a renewed enthusiasm for getting together socially. Lets keep that going and feel free to join in the fun!

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Builder Web Sites

- Paul Asselta's [RV12iS](#)
- Eric Cadorette's [Sling 4 TSi](#)
- Aaron Garinger's [Sling TSi](#)
- Greg Kochersperger's [RV-10](#)
- Pete Miller's RV-7 smilinpete.com/wp/
- Jim Novak's RV-8 www.mykitlog.com/izzybear
- Greg Schroeder's Sportsman www.mykitlog.com/schroeder1

June Meeting CANCELLED!!

Due to construction at the High School the directors decided to cancel the June meeting. Operations will resume on July 1st with Kip Aero as the featured presentation.

Under Construction**June 9th Board Meeting**

The June BOD meeting will be an online meeting on Monday June 9th at 6 pm. Any member is able to sit in on the board meeting. If you wish to do that, email smilinpete@gmail.com and he will send you a ZOOM invite. A summary of the minutes from the May BOD meeting recorded by Jim Canniff are as follows:

Meeting called to order by Brad Roberts at 19:00. Minutes from the previous meeting approved as emailed.
Officers/Directors in Attendance: Officers/Directors in Attendance: Brad Roberts, Pete Miller, Jim Canniff, Sam Cooper, Ann Asberry, Greg Kochersperger, Joe Migis and Chris Siggins. Also present: Mel Asberry.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

June 3: **CANCELLED** Mike Montefusco will be rescheduled for September.
July 1: Bruce Kimi, Kip Aero – WWI replica aircraft
August 5: - AirVenture 2025 Review
Sep 2: Mike Montefusco - Gyrocopters
Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 1 Christmas Party.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 11, Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

TREASURER REPORT

Sam discussed the Treasurer's Report. We had two new renewals in March yielding a membership of 85. Currently there are 7 student members.
Sam also discussed possible 2024 federal income taxes. He will report on this next month.

YOUNG EAGLES / EAGLE FLIGHTS

Several Young Eagles were flown by chapter pilots. "One on One" flights are working out very well. Young builders had a good time with first build and flight. FYI the next B&F would probably be Winter 2026.

FIRST FLIGHTS

Eric Cadorette, Sling 4 TSi: First Flight plaque on order.
Jay Pratt, Van's RV-6: First Flight plaque on order.
Plaque presentations to be held at chapter picnic if recipients can attend. If not alternate plans will be made.

CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

AirVenture Camping: Greg Kochersperger has reserved 5 campsites at AirVenture (Oshkosh).
CAE Opportunity: Brad Roberts discussed an opportunity for flight simulator access for a member group. Greg Kochersperger will inquire with CAE about available times.
Chapter Spring Picnic: Asberry's to host Spring Picnic on June 14th, start at 10 am. Chapter buying hot dogs, beans and potato salad. Members to bring covered dish. Will need cleaning and setup help on Friday before.
Greg Kochersperger discussed a possible project visit to his RV-10 build.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Joe Migis reports that both students are scheduled to fly soon. Garrett has passed his written exam.
All paper work and funding is in place for the first part of their training.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Kochersperger – Need better communication with members especially for events, timing an issue. Email still preferred method, social media to be investigated.
Mel Asberry – Michael Stephan indicated he can make First Flight Plaques.
Greg Kochersperger – Chapter needs contact info for parents of student members, YEs to facilitate including in any contact.
Pete Miller – Construction at RAHS during June meeting.
Ann Asberry suggested possibly including chapter meeting with activities at picnic.
Sam Cooper – Need to organize more fly-out type events so as to include those with certificated or competed homebuilt aircraft.
The meeting was adjourned at 21:00.

David Pyke passes IFR Checkride

By Sam Cooper

Student Member David Pyke started his flight training at ATP-Arlington in September 2024. His First Solo was in October, and he then passed his Private Pilot SEL check ride in December 2024. Since then he has passed his Instrument check ride in April and he is now in final preparations for his Commercial SEL check ride.

Congratulations David on your terrific progress! Best Wishes from EAA Chapter 168 as you pursue additional certificates and ratings.



David after completing his Private Pilot Checkride



June 14th Chapter Picnic

By Michael Stephan

Summer is upon us and that says time for a picnic. Luckily for us, we have a great tradition and hosts Mel and Ann Asberry. They are hosting the Chapter Picnic at Shortstop on Saturday June 14th.

Make a plan and bring a summer/picnic dish to share. Veggies, salads, desserts, chips. The Chapter will furnish drinks, the main dish, which will be hotdogs this year, paper goods, ice and condiments. Come as early as 10 am. Lunch will be around noon. Please leave your pets at home.

The location is Short Stop Airfield, home of Mel and Ann Asberry. 2464 County Road 655 in Farmersville, 75442. Phone is 972-784-7544. We are about 2 miles east of Farmersville north of highway 380. Parking is on the east side of the blue buildings.

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR FLYING IN:

DO NOT fly in without talking to Mel first. 972-784-7544

We sure could use a few hands on Friday June 13th about 10 am to help with cleaning tables and chairs and set up. Please call if you will lend a hand.



No more mud in the Shortstop Airfield car parking area. This should make for a very nice place to park at the Chapter Picnic this year. Thanks Mel and Ann.



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Project Updates

By Michael Stephan

It has been a while since we had some project updates, so lets catch up on a few of our builders.

First is Jim Novak's RV-8 project.

In the past month, Jim has been working on those details forward of the firewall. One of the biggest tasks is fitting the baffles to the engine. A tedious task that requires the cowl to be put on and off a bunch of times to get just the right gap between the engine and the cowl. Jim employed the paper clip method to get a accurate space and limit the number of trim iterations.

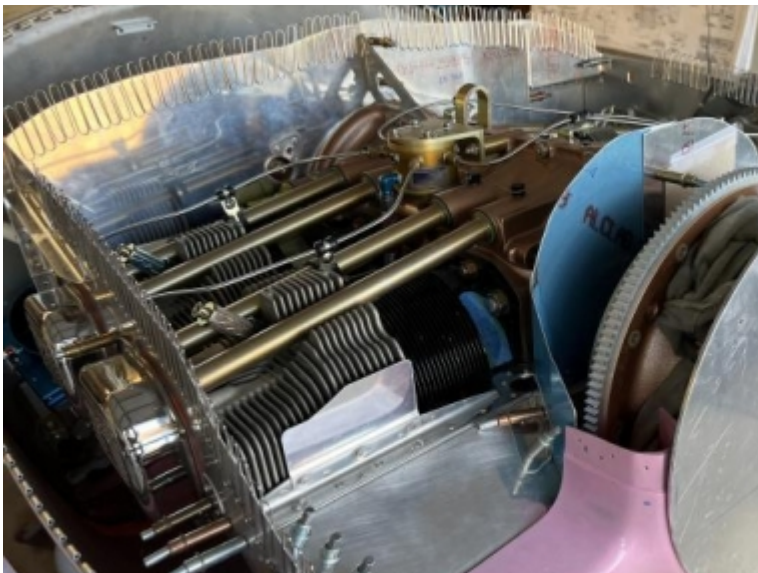
Another engine detail is the air intake. On cowls that do not have that draggy scoop, the left baffle ramp is used to house

the filter. That requires a "snorkel" to be used to bring the air from the baffle ramp to the forward facing intake used by fuel injected engines.

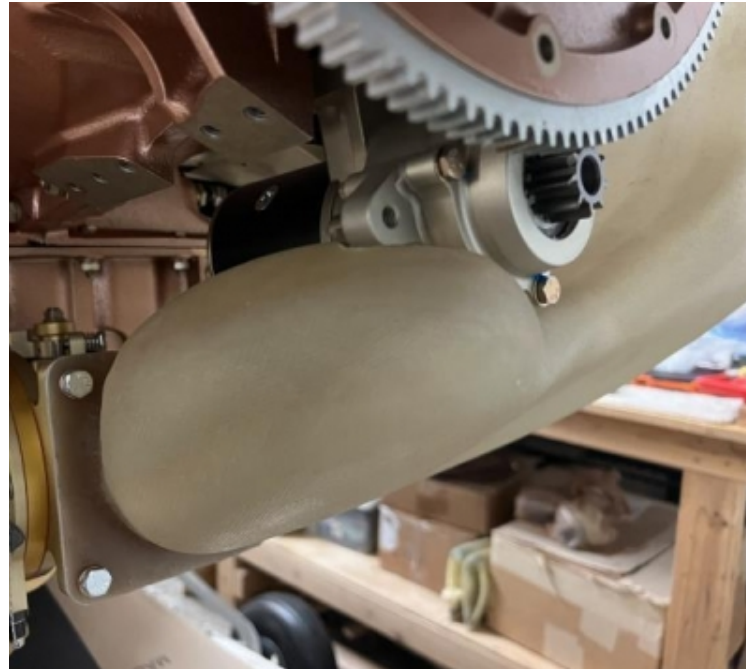
This is a intricate task because it has to fit around all those items hanging off the front of the engine. It often requires modification and Jim had to do just that.

Also needing to install on the snorkel is the ability to switch to an alternate air source. This is done with a hinged sliding opening on the side of the snorkel that is actuated by a pull on a bowden cable. Van sells a kit that fits in just the right spot.

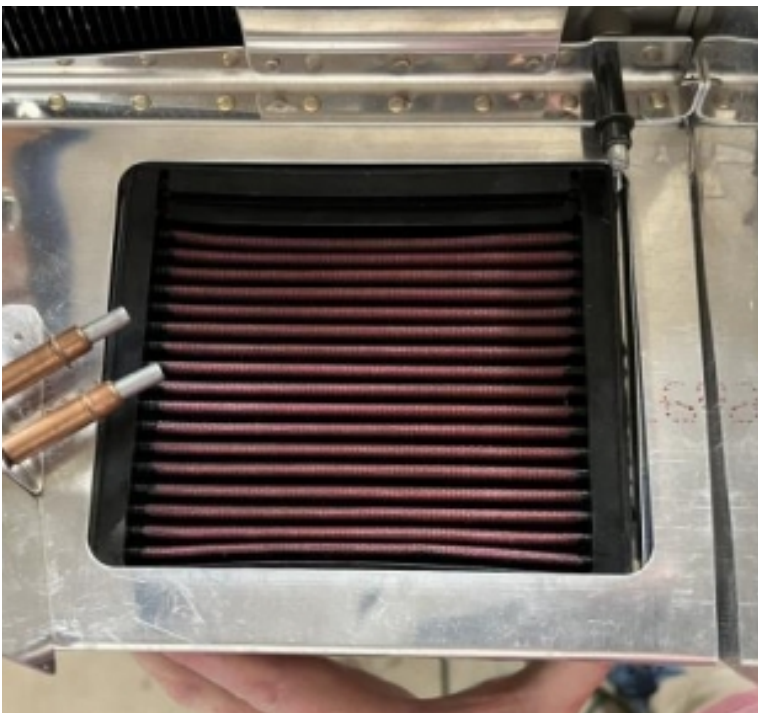
Jim is working on those final details forward of the firewall. It wont be long before he has an airplane ready for inspection. Keep up the good work Jim.



Fitting and trimming the baffles using paper clips



Installing the intake "Snorkel"



The Air filter located on the left baffle ramp



Alternate air intake installed

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The next project update is Greg Kochersperger's RV-10.

Greg has wandered into the ever popular fiberglass land. After recently installing the top of the cabin, which is a big piece of molded fiberglass that requires a ton of trimming, he is now fitting the two fiberglass doors for the left and right side of the cabin.

The doors are also pre-molded parts that consist of an inner and outer shell. Once trimmed to fit the opening, all the internal hardware is fitted and installed. The inner shell is then fitted to the outer shell and held in place to conform to the opening in the cabin fiberglass cap. As anyone who has fitted doors to an airplane would say, it is a tedious and often frustration task, but a nice fitting door is very satisfying and worth the effort.



Attaching the hinge bracket support on the inner shell



A good fitting RV-10 door



Attaching the inner and outer door panels with the fuselage cabin

The last project is Ted Harrison's F4 Raider build.

Ted is also working firewall forward. He has also finished the baffles. However, he is using a plenum instead of using an airseal fabric against the cowl. His cowl also incorporates round inlets which is always fun to figure out how to transition to the engine's square baffles. A bit of fiberglass work and viola.

With all the cowl shaping done. Ted is doing the necessary work to fill all those pinholes in the cowl and plenum. So sanding is the job of the day. So far it is looking really good. A bit of primer and that task can be checked off.

Ted hopes to fly the airplane this year, and with the progress he is making that seems very possible.



Upcoming Events

Saturday June 7th - Pancake Breakfast Fly In Mid-Way Regional Airport (JWY) Midlothian, TX

Classic airplanes and fighters, helicopter rides, CAF, airplane rides, trackless train, Midlothian Classic Wheels Club, bounce house, face painting, balloon twister and more! Breakfast tickets: Benefiting Boy Scout Troop 524. Adults Children 8 and over: \$8 Children under 8: \$4.

<http://www.mid-wayregional.com>

Saturday, June 7th - 1st Saturday Coffee/ Donuts/ Chapter Meeting, McKinney (TKI)

We get together for our monthly Chapter meeting at the airport, for some great fellowship and fun. We have Free coffee and donuts for everyone at Pat Long's Hangar in the McKinney Hangar Owners Association. area at the McKinney National Airport (KTKI) in McKinney, TX. 9 AM - Noon. Non-members can be added to our notification list by emailing Treasurer@eaa1246.org. You don't have to be a pilot or a member to attend.

Bring the family! See you there!



Saturday, June 21st, 2025 Airplanes and Coffee, Dallas, TX Dallas Executive Airport (KRBD)

Join the 501c3 Non-Profit Organization Airplanes and Coffee for a FREE day of fun. This is Social event only. Come join us at 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM .

What to expect:

- Many beautiful aircraft to view up close and personal
- Opportunity to learn about becoming a pilot or mechanic (as a career or hobby)
- Free short flights in small airplanes (limited availability/ restrictions apply)
- Aviation safety presentations
- Games and entertainment
- Coffee and Donuts
- Food trucks and vendors
- And more!

Website: <https://airplanesandcoffee.com/>

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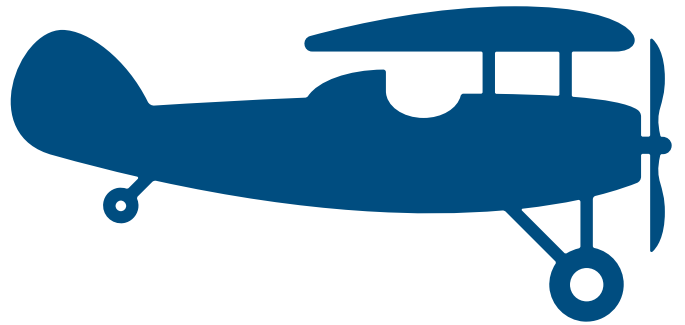
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