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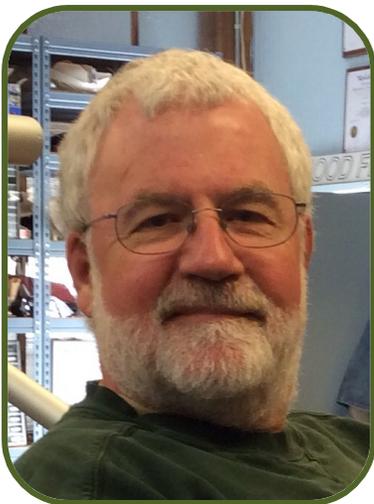
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## A FEW WORDS FROM PRESIDENT BILL HOOD

With the spring season comes the fly-ins and other happenings. This past weekend, Monte and I ventured over to Cox-Grantham for their spring event. I was foolish enough to remember not to take any pictures but I must say it was a good time. Johnny

Jackson, from Havelock, buzzed up in his Super Cub and reported the turbulence wasn't too bad and so Monte jumped in the RV with me, rather than fly his Champ and Steve Wynn fired up the Honda in the SkyJeep and we headed west. Going over was fine, and we stuffed ourselves with some fine pig and fixings, looked around, said hey to the folks, and headed back. It was pretty turbulent so Monte and I climbed to 5500. As soon as we got there, it was time to travel downhill since we had a 205 mph ground speed. Even though Steve left a good 10 minutes ahead of us, we managed to bet him back by a few minutes. But Steve had the better view down low, so it all evens out.

This weekend is our regular chapter meeting. But as you all heard from Charles earlier this week, it will be in support of Free To Be Me and Mike Robinson's group to help take kids flying. A great cause and the weather looks like it is going to blow through tomorrow and be fine for Saturday. Takes place at Pitt Greenville Airport.

Our spring fly-in will be June 7<sup>th</sup>. We moved it to avoid conflict with all the other May fly-ins. And since we are having only one this year, we're sliding it a couple of weeks later. We'll plan the loose ends at the next cook-out on the 22nd. Thanks to Skip for reminding us to get the insurance for the event. We received the coverage today.

Some of you may choose to go to MCAS Cherry Pt. this weekend for their air show, cancelled last year due to sequestration. Looks like they will have a good one this year. My good friend Hubie Tolson will be there in his Sukhoi. Hubie is a past US Aerobatic Team member at the world level. For my money, the Sukhoi's round engine sounds so much better than the big screaming Lycomings most other show pilots have. He puts on a great show. Don't forget the Friday night show is part of the weekend package. Plus it's free!

Hope to see you soon in the air!

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By: George Tamvakis & Rose Moore



*Sun 'N Fun* was okay this year, not the best, not the worst. Rose had fun being the BAG LADY. We saw a lot of neat planes but they keep getting more and more expensive. Paradise City was better this year than the last 3-5 years due to more activity, & more vendors. It's always fun to watch people fly planes.



Rose, loaded with shopping bags. This is what non-pilots do -- LOL!



George & Jack Hill chilling out at Jack's WACO UPF-7



George sitting in a Savannah. It's made in Italy by ICP. Pictured above is the latest model sold as a kit or ready assembled to fly. ( It is the newer version of the one I built in 2003. Mine was silver with white.) The Savannah is an LSA (Light Sport ) & has great performance; it is modeled after the Zenith 701 but more refined and faster. If I were in the LSA market, it would be one of my top 3 choices. The kit sells for around \$55,000.00 with motor & instruments. The ready to fly version sells for about \$78,000.00, minus the paint. It's a great bargain considering everything else in its class is \$25,000.00 - \$40,000.00. ~~~



Rose with two women of WASP



## “Space Ship Explodes, Pilot Wets Pants”

Scott Crossfield

When Navy fighter pilot and flight instructor Scott Crossfield heard about the Bell Experimental Sonic XS-1 under construction in 1947, he wrote to its manufacturer proposing he be named its first test pilot; he offered to fly it for free. Bell did not reply, but no matter: In 1950 Crossfield was hired by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and sent to Edwards Air Force Base in California to fly the world's hottest X-planes, including the X-1, the tail-less Northrop X-4, the Douglas D-558-I Skystreak and D-558-II Skyrocket, the Convair XF-92A (which he pronounced “under-powered, under-gearred, under-braked, and overweight”), and the Bell X-5. He made 100 rocket-plane flights in all. On November 20, 1953, he took the D-558-II to Mach 2.04, becoming the first pilot to fly at twice the speed of sound.



He gained a reputation as a pilot whose flights were jinxed: On his first X-4 flight, he lost both engines; in the Skyrocket, he flamed out; the windshield iced over in the X-1. After a deadstick landing in a North American F-100, he lost hydraulic pressure and the Super Sabre slammed into a hangar wall. Forever after, Chuck Yeager crowed, “The sonic wall was mine; the hangar wall was Crossfield’s.”

Despite the many thrills at Edwards in the Golden Age of X-Planes, Crossfield was seduced by an aircraft on the North American drawing board. In 1955, he quit the NACA and signed on with the manufacturer, where he found his calling with the sinister-looking X-15. Crossfield made the first eight flights of the X-15, learning its idiosyncrasies, and logged another six after NASA and Air Force pilots joined the program. On flight number 4, the fuselage buckled right behind the cockpit on landing, but he had his closest call on the ground, while testing the XLR-99 engine in June 1960.

“I put the throttle in the stowed position and pressed the reset switch,” Crossfield wrote in his autobiography *Always Another Dawn*. “It was like pushing the plunger on a dynamite detonator. X-15 number three blew up with incredible force.” Fire engines rushed to

extinguish the blaze, and Crossfield was extracted from the cockpit.

“The only casualty was the crease in my trousers,” he told reporters. “The firemen got them wet when they sprayed the airplane with water.” You sure it was the firemen? a reporter asked. Yes, he was sure, he said. “I pictured the headline: ‘Space Ship Explodes; Pilot Wets Pants.’ ”



### Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

Our new website is now live at [www.eaa1423.org](http://www.eaa1423.org). When you get a chance, please check it out. Your feedback and suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who helped with the material for the new website. Keep them coming!

Best regards, Israel Mueller / Webmaster

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## EAA CHAPTER 1423 MINUTES March 15, 2014

By: Wes Banks/Secretary

- Meeting called to order at 10:10AM
- Welcome by President Bill Hood

### Guest Today:

- Tim McGreer a good friend of our newest member Mark Maddox. Tim and Mark go way back with a military flying friendship.



- Special thanks go out to George Tamvakis for providing the lunch for us today.

### New Business:

- It is time to start scheduling our Thursday night cook outs. We will start back the month of April, after Sun N Fun. The first cook-out: April 10<sup>th</sup>. Bill & Don will prepare the food.
- We Need folks to sign up to cook the rest of the year at.
- Bill stated that Don is not here today and to be thinking of him and have him in your thoughts. His 4 year old grandson has a tumor on his kidney and is up at Chapel Hill getting Chemotherapy.
- Israel Muller has taken over the position of Webmaster and is in the process of updating our chapter's web page. It is not live yet but he plans to have it accessible by the end of March.

### Old Business: (In progress)

- Charles gave a recap of his tail dragger seminar that was held last week. Fifteen attended, and out of the 15, six were new pilots. Skip Palmer stated that it was an excellent training program, very informative, and the food was awesome!
- Last month the membership approved to have only one fly-in this year. The date is set for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- President Bill Hood reminded the membership on the following:
  - Dues are owed for the year. Secretary Wes Banks is available to collect.

### Program:

Bill presented the program today. It was a set of videos from the Spatial Dis-Orientation Aerospace medicine reference collection. They were on spatial orientation and included several different examples such as; flicker vertigo, GFX, giant hand illusion, graveyard spirals, Inverted illusions and several others. George & Rose: served lunch

- Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM



George & Rose prepared lunch:  
Spaghetti & Salad, bread, & Dessert.



## Air Force ONE

... the story goes:

Air Force One was over the UK a few years ago and called up a USAF base :

- “Requesting Radar,” Air Force One said.
- “What is your position?” said ATC
- “You got radar, you find us.” Air Force One said.
- After a few minutes ATC announced, “Air Force One, we’re changing frequency.”



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# April 19th Meeting @ Hood Field

We met on a soggy, rainy Saturday in the hangar of Bill Hood, near Wyse Fork, to learn about an AirCam he is building. An interesting lesson in the tenacity involved in coaxing, hammering, & fitting together your own aircraft. Oh the hours it must take, as well as the accumulation of pinched fingers, bruised knuckles, and invented language one may want to edit. But once accomplished, what pride a pilot must feel. Kudos to anyone who takes on such a project. From Hood Field, the group drove to Monte’s for a feast of BBQ!!!~





**IN REMEMBRANCE . . . MEMORIAL DAY**





**Thursday Night Cook-outs:  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> each month @ 6:00 P.M.**



Madeline & Laura: not cooking tonight



Y'all Come!!



Tom served as grill master.  
Tom's grandson, Ethan, came late, but enjoyed a hot dog!



Hangar Talk



Table talk – OOPS! Looks like Ethan is leaving!!



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JOEL SMITH. LOOKS GREAT!!!!

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June 7, 2014

# SPRING FLY-IN



10:00AM - Until  
Lunch On-Site  
Flying Contest  
Lat. 35-28-58  
Long. 77-21-12  
Runway 7/25  
1900' Turf  
Freq. 122.8  
Elevation 50'



Overnight camping available!  
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**Mike Roberson**, ready for Saturday, May  
17<sup>th</sup> to fly kids at Pitt Greenville Airport.

The mission of Free To Be Me is to provide  
children who have a chronic/critical health  
issue to enjoy an afternoon of fun with their  
entire family.

EVENT BEGINS AT 10 AM till 2 PM.

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