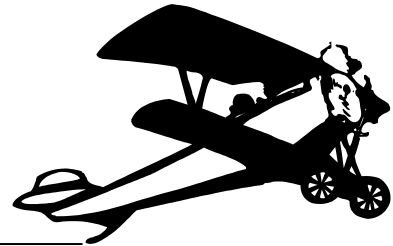


# FLINT HILLS FLYER



**April 2010**

## *Upcoming FHF Events*

## *Area Events*

**Sunday, April 11**—9:30 am, Leo's Place, first highway pick-up of the year. Brunch at Nelson's Landing afterwards.

**1st Saturday of every month**—Ponca City, OK and York, NE Fly-In Breakfast

## **News Update**

**by Charlotte Doyle**

**2nd Saturday of every month**—Beaumont Hotel All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

President Dan Wild called the March 24, 2010, meeting of the FHF's to order at 7 p.m. at the GATTS building at Manhattan Airport. Dan; Chuck and Ruth Hall; Ron, Jill and Leo Grieve; Helen Risdon; Trevor and Kevin McKeeman; Frank Klein; Jim Clark; Dick Clark; Ed and Charlotte Doyle; Kent and Kathy Foster attended the meeting to discuss plans for activities for 2010.

**3rd Saturday of every month**—Benton, KS and Alva, OK Fly-in Breakfast

Kent announced that the tractor was repaired; he will be bringing it back to Leo's Place soon. Dick Clark was encouraged to give an update on the preparation of the runway he is building on his property on the west side of Tuttle Creek Lake. Trevor reported that their baby is due in two weeks and that he and Leah just purchased a Maule that is almost exactly like the one his folks, Kevin and Lorene, own. Ask Leah or Kevin about their adventure spending the night in Neodesha as they were bringing the Maule home!

**4th Saturday of every month**—Augusta, KS and Enid, OK Breakfast

**4th Sunday of every month**—Cottonwood Falls, KS Breakfast

The first order of business was setting a date for the Fall Fly-in where the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FHF's will be celebrated. The dates being considered are: September 18 or 19 or 25 or 26. The discussion included the pros and cons of Saturday vs. Sunday (eat later so people who attend church can get there); KSU football games; what else is going on. If you have any thoughts on the best date, call or e-mail Dan (565.8847, [wildflyboy@gmail.com](mailto:wildflyboy@gmail.com)) or Charlotte (485.2759, [cdoyle@twinvalley.net](mailto:cdoyle@twinvalley.net)).

July 4 – Mike Kozubek's (and friends') Fly-in Breakfast

July 10\* – Tarkio, MO Fly-in. We went to this one for the first time last year (so did Dick and Denise Clark, Dan Wild and Mike Kozubek). The organizer is a Senator and was able to get the Stealth Bomber to fly over at the end of the air show!

July 17\* – Atchinson Fly-in. There really isn't much that goes on at the airport, but they shuttle you downtown where a lot of interesting activities are going on.

July 17 – Hays Regional Airport Fly-in. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

July 27-August 1 – AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI. Years ago, before we had heard about Oshkosh, Leo told us we needed to go; he spent the entire week there. When we first started attending, we would stay 2-3 days. A few years ago I asked Eddie if we were going "this year." He told me that we are going every year until we die! ...and we stay the entire week.

Now get your calendars out and mark the following dates if you are interested. I have observed that we have a number of members who LOVE to fly to activities/fly-ins as often as they can. We have other members who do not actively fly, but want to be involved with aviation activities on the ground. We intend to provide all kinds of opportunities to wear out the hardest person!

August 7\* – Berryville, AR Fly-in. Perry Evans had his first Cajun Fly-in last year. Great Cajun food and entertainment.

August 14\* – Halstead Fly-in. Halstead has a festival with a parade (pilots are encourage to fly over the parade route). I'm pretty sure it is a breakfast fly-in.

First of all, FLY-INS! The ones with an \* indicate that I am guessing at the date based on when they were held the last few years.

August 21 – Waterville's "Trains, Planes, and Automobiles" celebration. You get a great ride on a Putt Putt into town (and a longer ride to Blue Rapids later) where there is an antique car show and other activities. Helen Risdon has assumed the persona of Amelia Earhart to promote a play at the opera house that she is directing and starring in. This is a breakfast fly-in but there are activities all day and evening.

May 1 – Abilene Fly-in Breakfast

August 28\* – McPherson "When Pigs Fly" Fly-in. This is a noon meal provided by the BBQer's who have a competition in the morning and serve their products at noon. Good eatin'!

May 28-31 – OK Mike's Fly-in down near Grand Lake, OK. This is mainly a tail dragger fly-in, but everyone is welcome.

June 3-6 – National Biplane Fly-in at Freeman Field in Junction City. The JC EAA chapter has taken on this fly-in that has been held in Bartlesville, OK before now. The FHF's are co-sponsors.

June 19 – Independence, KS Fly-in. Breakfast starts at 6 a.m. Free breakfast for pilots!

June 26\* – Gardner Fly-in

August 28 – Fly-in at Jabara in Wichita. We've never been to this one, but we have talked to folks that say it is interesting.

## April 2010

September 1-6 – Blakesburg, IA, AAA annual fly-in. The plane being honored this year is the Fairchild.

October 2\* – Onaga Breakfast Fly-in and John Miller's noon potluck and hog roast

October 23 – Leo's Chili Feed; potluck at noon so you can fly in or drive! I am so glad the Fosters and the Kleins resurrected this event!

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We would like to know if you want to take a bus trip this spring/summer. Eddie has suggested some possibilities: Hutchinson – Cosmosphere/Salt Mine Museum; Hays – Sternberg Museum; Abilene – Antique Carrousel. Let me know of other suggestions.

I would also like to organize one or two noon fly-in/drive-in meetings at Leo's Place. And remember the first Trash Pickup, April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

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## National Biplane Fly-in at Freeman Field in Junction City, June 4-5

Go to [www.nationalbiplaneflyin.com](http://www.nationalbiplaneflyin.com) for details. To communicate with the organizers, use [biplaneflyin@gmail.com](mailto:biplaneflyin@gmail.com).

Friday evening people can go from the airport (on a hayrack ride) to the historic Rathert Stadium, a restored 1930's ball park adjacent to Freeman Field, to watch the season opener of the JC Generals. For \$20 per person, pilots and their guests can get into the game, have five drinks (beer garden available) and all of the food (brats and burgers) he/she can eat! If you just want to go to the game, a ticket is \$3 (half price).

Chris Cakes will provide breakfast on Saturday, and Roll n' Smoke BBQ from Concordia will be selling food during the day and evening. Coaches from Junction City will provide a pilots' pub which will open at 5:30 Saturday afternoon.

Every registered pilot will be sent a DVD professionally produced by the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau. It will include both movie footage and still photos of attending aircraft and the entire event.

The National Biplane Fly-In is a FREE event which relies on volunteers to make it a success. We want to continue the excellent pilot and visitor experience provided by the Biplane Expo in Bartlesville and to do that we need your help. There are many categories of volunteer service and levels of expertise needed to be on this excellent Biplane Event Team. Visit [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2010\\_Biplane\\_Volunteer](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2010_Biplane_Volunteer) and fill out the survey for your involvement in the National Biplane Fly-In. Many thanks to Helen Stucky Risdon for creating this valuable tool. We will also be putting a "Volunteers" page on the web site for those interested in helping that are not on our email list.

All volunteers will be wearing neon safety green t-shirts with the Bi-plane Fly-in logo and we ask that you cover the cost of \$6.00 for your shirt as part of your commitment to support this activity.

Chuck Hall has volunteered to head up a judging team including Jack Hankhammer and Larry Boehme. Awards will be given to pilots through funds provided by the GCC&VB.

Dan Wild and Dick Clark will provide night security by camping on the grounds Under-wing camping will be allowed.

Here are some other categories needing volunteers:

Publicity: Assistance with getting the word out (posters, email networks with website, etc.).

Registration/Hospitality: Staffing tables in the main hanger (point of contact and headquarters for record keeping and communication).

Aircraft Marshalling: Directing aircraft and physically assisting with parking and aircraft movement as needed during arrivals and departures. Maurice Sharp, Dan Wild, Dick Clark, Ed Doyle and Kevin McKeeman have already volunteered to help with this, but we will need many more.

Greeters: Greeting aircraft pilots (handing out EAA prop cards & assuring completion; handing out info to pilots and passengers). Rose Shippy and Charlotte Doyle have already volunteered.

Grounds Crew: Moving materials, setting up chairs, assisting vendors, and general gofer work.

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