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WELCOME ALEX!

He's Here!!!

Mr. Alexander Cole Gentry has made his debut into the world!

He was born April 24 at 2:18 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounce and was a whopping 19 1/2 inches long. According to his new Grandma and Grandpa, he has a wonderful set of lungs on him and he is well on his way to being as spoiled as all babies should be!

His mommy and he are both doing fine now although Alex gave them quite a scare when he arrived. Now, however, he is thriving and just as cute as can be!

All of us with FOESA wish the entire family the best and of course, we expect his mommy and daddy to bring him up real soon so we can all meet him!



SLIGHT DIFFERENCES IN THE NEWSLETTER

Those of you who receive your newsletter in the mail as opposed to electronically will be seeing a difference in the way your newsletter looks. For example, those of you receiving this electronically, will see a picture of an absolutely gorgeous baby Alex above this story and those of you who receive this by mail will not. We are sorry for the differences but due to the cost of color copies, we cannot afford to send everyone color copies that include all the graphics that will be used for the newsletter that is sent electronically.

If any of you have an email address and would like to receive your newsletter in that format, please let us know as soon as possible and we will add your name to the list.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED

The Fly-In is coming up fast! May 18 is just around the corner and there is still a huge need for volunteers on Saturday the 18th.

There are some of us who are working very hard trying to get everything ready for the fly-in by doing everything from general cleaning up around the airport to shaking the bushes for volunteers and donations. We could really use some help here folks!!

Please show your support and give us a call or if you know someone who would like to help out, even if it is for only a few hours during the week before to help clean up or on Saturday to help with parking, crowd control or with staying with the sign-in table or with the new table we will have with aviation gifts and novelties for sale, we really need to see some support from people who don't normally help out. This is definitely the time to make yourself available to show support for our airport.

There will be a volunteers meeting on Friday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. and we will finalize the job assignments during that meeting. If you or someone you know can help us out, have them give us a call!! You can contact either Cindy Nunamaker at 816-630-1503 or 816-536-1681. You can also call Pam Gentry at 816-630-4182.

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YOUNG EAGLES READY TO FLY

EAA Chapter 612 has all their volunteers rounded up for the Young Eagles flights on Saturday May 18. So far, they have a definite 3 aircraft and pilots and a possible 4th. They are still looking for relief pilots and other aircraft owners who would be willing to put their time in to volunteer to introduce young people aged 8 to 17 to the joys of aviation.

If you are an aircraft owner and pilot and would like to volunteer your time and aircraft to help out, please contact Cindy Nunamaker and she can put you in touch with the right person with Chapter 612 to let them know you would like to help out.

This is going to be a great event for the airport. We are looking forward to hosting these fine people at our airport and having a large number of young people as our guests.

Tell all you know about this so that they can bring their children or grandchildren and let them soar the skies with these professional pilots who love children and love showing them the joys of aviation. Just a note: the children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian when they sign up for a ride.



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Of course, we always appreciate your comments and suggestions! Give us a call!

NORTHERN KNIGHTS RC CLUB TO PERFORM

Another first for Excelsior Springs Memorial Airport! We have a lot of firsts this year at the fly-in and this is just one of the exciting events that have been added to the fly-in.

Northern Knights Radio Control Club will be performing not once but **TWICE** during the fly-in weekend.

On Friday evening, beginning around 5:30 p.m., they will be performing combat flights over the field on the east side of the runway. This should be quite a show!!

President Steve McQuerry and Gary Himes visited during a meeting a couple of months ago and they tell us that these aircraft are built knowing that "it's not a matter of *IF* they will crash but *WHEN!*"

The public is invited to this event and we will be needing some volunteers to help us keep the spectators in a designated area during this event for safety reasons. If you or someone you know would like to help out, please give us a call. What more could you want, a wonderful evening of spectacular sights **AND** a chance to show your support for the airport at the same time!

BBQ DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 18, is not the only time during the weekend of the Fly-In to come up to the airport and have fun. On Friday evening, May 17, beginning at 5:00 p.m., Excelsior Aviation will offer a BBQ Brisket dinner from the award winning Wabash BBQ right here in Excelsior Springs.

This dinner will be offered at a cost of \$6.00 per person and the funds raised during this evening will benefit Excelsior Aviation to go towards resurfacing the runway. The resurfacing is a project that is desperately needed. Those of you who fly in and out of 3EX know that this project is long overdue. We are hoping that the money raised from this fundraiser and others that are in the planning stages for later in the year will create enough funds to make many improvements at the airport.

Please join us on Friday evening, May 17, for great BBQ and fine friends. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Northern Knights RC Club will begin their Combat Flights. This is one event you certainly don't want to miss!!

We hope to see all of you out there!



LOTS OF AVIATION NOVELTIES TO BE OFFERED

Something else new will be offered this year at the Fly-In. Edmo Distributors, an aviation supply company, has generously made a deal with the Friends of Excelsior Springs Airport to offer a wide variety of aviation novelties for sale. This is the first time that we are offering this and it looks like it will be a fine fundraiser to go toward other events in the planning stages for the airport. We will be offering everything from aviation theme t-shirts, caps and mugs to puzzles, clocks, and children's toys. There are just too many different items to mention!

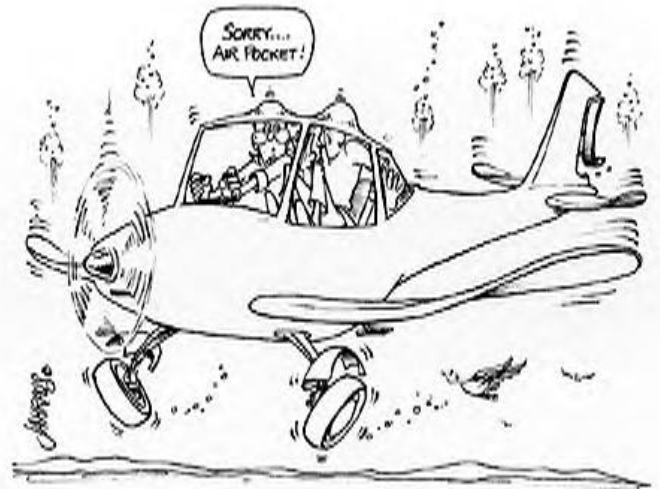
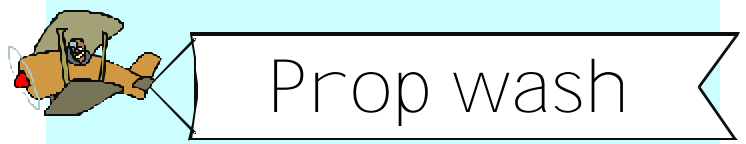
You must come and see for yourself! Bring your checkbooks because you've never seen some of these items and the ones you have seen, you have never seen them at these prices!

NEW GAME!

Each month, for a while anyway, we will feature a different aircraft for you to try to figure out make and/or model. The answer will appear in the next month's newsletter. Those of you who are aware of who writes this newsletter could probably ask and for the right bribe, find out before the next newsletter comes out!! Just kidding. About telling, not about the bribe!!

Good Luck guessing!

Do you know what kind of airplane this is?



OTHER EVENTS DURING THE FLY-IN

Once again, the FAA Safety Seminar will be offered during the Fly-In. This is a wonderful program presented by Ed Duckworth of the FAA. Mr. Duckworth is a wealth of information and is a riveting speaker.

Also on Saturday, Northern Knights will return to fly about 2:00 p.m. Also around that time, PHD, a fantastic local band, will be performing live! Not only does PHD have a LOT of talent, they are a lot of fun! You will have a great time listening, joining in, and dancing around the hangar floor! Don't miss this!

There are going to be a lot of new aviation related displays this year, some of them with free giveaways!

Friends of Excelsior Springs Airport in conjunction with Checkmate Aviation is sponsoring a raffle for free Checkmate products.

Friends of Excelsior Springs Airport will also be having a drawing for a free Spa Package donated by Bob and Vicky Bates of the Spa and Water Bar located in the Hall of Waters. Stop in there during the Fly-In and taste the wonderful waters that Excelsior Springs has to offer.

Friends of Excelsior Springs Airport will be cooking and serving lunch from 11 to 3 on Saturday. Our own guys from the Friends group will slave over a hot grill to serve up Hot Dogs and Burgers along with chips and a drink for a mere \$4.50.

Don't miss the chance to show your support for the
airport!