

# The Beacon

The Official Newsletter of the Green Castle Aero Club



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## First Annual Pumpkin Splat (Drop) A Smashing Success!



**Tim Scheer in his venerable T-Craft tries for the small cheap trophy.**

Member Tim Scheer thought we should do something different at Green Castle. The idea turned into the “First Annual Pumpkin Splat.” The event may become an attraction second only to the annual Scholarship Concert!



**Dale Yoder readies the TDI Cub for a shot at the small cheap trophy.**



**Small cheap trophy, T-shirt, and gold-painted pumpkin.**

First prize (small cheap trophy and T-shirt) was won by Kirk Eno flying the Jet-Air Citabria. Second prize (T-shirt) went to member Josh Baynes. Third prize (gold-painted pumpkin) went to member Rod Thompson’s grandson. All of the competitors put on a great show for the spectators and for the KCRG Channel 9 film crew. The edited segment of their coverage was picked up by national media.

Did you know that December 11th marked Don Nelson’s 80th birthday? Stop by the office and congratulate him again and again.

## New Wind Tee!

The old wind tee gave up. It sort of fell into itself after serving for many years. Member Calvin Colony's dad built the wind tee soon after the airport was created.



**Volunteers 'deconstruct' the old wind tee.**



**Here's how it looked before.**



**Volunteer Pete Buffington building the new wind tee.**



**The new wind tee at work.**



**Almost Ready!**

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help PeteBuffington with his wind tee project. Special thanks to Tony Condon and Nate Henderson for help installing the new tee!

**Remember**, after February 1, 2009, the world-wide Cospas-Sarsat satellite system will no longer process 121.5 MHz alert signals. Pilots involved in aircraft accidents in remote areas will have to depend on pilots of over flying aircraft and or ground stations to hear emergency ELT distress signals. For further information concerning the termination of 121.5 MHz data processing visit [www.sarsat.noaa.gov](http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov)

**‘Twas the week before Christmas....**



The BOD invited the **real** Santa to the meeting. The elves must have intercepted the e-mail. This is who showed up! (Thanks to Terry Koehn for the picture.)

**Winter means snow removal!**



Most of us show up after the snow is plowed off the ramp and runway. As show above, there just aren't a lot of places to push the stuff. Don and Terry have to be pretty creative. If anyone would like to help, contact Don or Terry for some dual in one of the snow plows.

### **New Members**

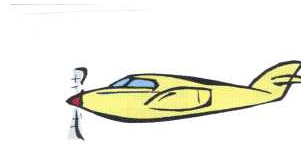
The following new members have joined the Green Castle Aero Club since the last Beacon.

Richard Smith  
Matt & Rebecca Evers  
Carl Seider  
Paul (Gabe) Ross  
Richard Kundel  
Gerald Beasler  
Mutasim Abu-Hasan  
Nate Henderson  
Phill Bell  
Glen Nieger  
Charles Stone  
Matt Harper  
Brian Dugan  
David White  
Scott Schulz

### **New Solos, Licenses, Ratings**

The following members have made memorable achievements as listed. Congratulations!

Nate Henderson - Solo 9/22/07, Pvt 12/14/07  
N. Viner - Instrument 10/4/07  
M. Abu-Hasan - Solo 10/12/07  
J. Roetlin- Pvt 11/9/07



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