

Waxahachie Chautauqua “Chautauqua Celebrates Flight” Presentations – Sept. 26, 2015



Fred Haise

Lessons from Apollo 13: Failure is Not an Option

Join American hero, Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise, as he recounts the breathtaking story of the ill-fated Apollo mission from a first person perspective. The whole country watched and waited in 1970 as the crew faced this crisis with courage and ingenuity. This gripping drama spawned the popular movie “Apollo 13.”



“Last Chance Forever”

Birds of Prey Spread Their Wings

Witness the powerful beauty of dynamic raptors as they soar through Getzendaner Park! Join these bird rehabilitators as they use the ancient art of falconry to demonstrate the flight of hawks, owls, falcons, eagles and other birds of prey.



Joanna Maddox

“Come Fly With Me”: A Conversation with Bessie Coleman

The life and passion of Waxahachie native Bessie Coleman, will be portrayed by professional actor, singer, and storyteller Joanna Maddox. We will see Bessie Coleman as she overcomes poverty and racism to become a world-renowned aerobatic pilot, skydiver, and air-show performer.



Neal White

WWII Pilots: Local Heroes Tell Their Stories

Come listen to the compelling stories of Ellis County WWII pilots. These veterans from this quiet, humble generation are now speaking of their experiences. Neal White, Editor and General Manager of Waxahachie Newspapers, Inc., will moderate this panel discussion of some of these veterans who are now in their 80s and 90s.



**North Texas
Drone User Group**

Living with Drones: Now and in the Future

Join drone experts and enthusiasts to learn some of the creative and fascinating uses for these devices and their growing vital role in our world. In addition to discovering their many capabilities, find out about FAA policies and businesses you could start now using drones. Then join them as they demonstrate their drones and fly them across Getzendaner Park.



Ken Ruffin

The Moon, Asteroids, and Mars: The Future of Human Spaceflight".

Living on the moon? Travelling to Mars? Landing on an asteroid? Ken Ruffin will surprise us and inspire us with what's just around the corner for us in space. Ken is president of the award-winning North Texas Chapter of the National Space Society. He will give us the "latest and greatest" updates in space travel, space development, and space tourism.



Grupo Pakal

Ancient Mayan Ceremonial Dances of Flight

Grupo Pakal proudly celebrates Mayan culture through sacred rituals and ancient ceremonial dance rituals to traditional native music. In keeping with the theme of "Flight", Grupo Pakal will perform their ceremonial dancing of eagles, butterflies, and hummingbirds.



Dr. Mark Rosen

DaVinci: Birds, Wings, and Flying Machines

Delve into the world and work of Leonardo DaVinci, the "Renaissance Man", as he imagines the transition of flight in nature to flight in humans. Man's longing to fly is as old as ancient history. Join Dr. Mark Rosen as he explores DaVinci, who studied the wings of birds and envisioned devices that would allow humans to take to the air, including the helicopter.



The Flying Musicians: Linking Music and Flight

Join members of the Flying Musicians Association as they blend their two passions of aviation and music. These pilots will bring a variety of music to our stage to entertain us and show us the connections they have found between music and aviation.