



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

April, 2007

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar. Flying season has defiantly arrived in Arizona with every day being picture perfect for getting out and either heading off to a Fly-in or just boring some holes in the sky. This past Saturday I flew my Cub down to Coolidge for their monthly Fly-in Breakfast and really had a great time. Probably a third of our Chapter was on hand for the food and looking at planes. May is the last month for this, until it cools off, so mark the first Saturday on your calendar.

This month we are having our annual Fly-in / Drive-in at Jack Pollack's hangar at Deer Valley. We are encouraging everyone to show up whether you fly, drive, walk or bike over, everyone is welcome and bring any guests along. This year the Arizona Antique Airplane Association is popping for the food and drink as a way of showing their appreciation for all the hard work our EAA Chapter does for them, so it is our duty to eat and drink until it is all gone!

I hope to see you at the April meeting.

Curtis

DICK DELAFIELD RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to Chapter 1217 member Dick Delafield on receiving the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, which recognizes pilots who been flying for 50 or more consecutive years. Dick received his plaque at a luncheon honoring his second retirement from the FAA.

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, April 19th, in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. The time is 7pm. This month's guest speaker will be Pike Kelly who is coming over from Ventura, California to speak. Pike is a graduate Purdue University who has worked in the aerospace industry on the Citation Bravo, 525, Citation "Tracker" DEA Border Defense plane, Cessna JPATS program, Citation X, and the secret Cessna bassboat. After leaving Cessna he went to work for Screaming Eagle in Santa Paula, CA, and after that company closed its doors, became the distributor for American Champion aircraft on the west coast. Pike is going to bring us up to date on the complete line of American Champion airplanes as well as talk about aging aircraft and some things we should be aware of. Remember guests are always welcome!

FIRST FLIGHT

Bill Lewallen has a lot to smile about these days, he has completed the ground up rebuild of his Yak 11 and reports that it is just plane fast! Bill bought the plane several years ago in northern California and has converted it from its air racing configuration back to a two seater. The plane is powered by a Pratt and Whitney R-1830 with the prop off a Super DC-3. This very plane flew a 369.7 mph lap at Reno when it was called Maniyak, so Bill has defiantly got a fast plane on his hands. In a later ThunderWord we will have more pictures and a complete story on the rebuild and restoration.

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ROGER PARISH

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 member Col. Roger Parrish was inducted into the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony in Tucson on April 7th, 2007. The ceremony was held in Hangar #4 at the Pima Air and Space Museum. A group from our Chapter headed down a little early to tour the Pima Air Museum before joining three hundred guests for the ceremony and formal dinner.

CHAPTER 1217 FLY-IN / DRIVE-IN

This year's annual Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 Fly-in / Drive-in will be held on Saturday April 28. Jack Pollack has donated his front row hangar on the north side at Deer Valley airport for this year's event. Things get underway around 10 am with planes arriving and setup. If you are flying in park amongst the L-39 jets and be sure and bring wheel chocks. At noontime we will be having an old-fashioned hangar cookout that is being paid for by the Arizona Antique Airplane Association as a way of saying thanks to everyone from our Chapter for our support in staffing their Cactus Fly-in. Everyone is welcome so bring your family and friends; there will be plenty of food and drinks to go around. If you are driving in go to the north perimeter road and go to the west entrance for the hangars. Signs will be posted but call 602-710-4494 and we will come down and let you through the gate. It might be a good idea to bring lawn chairs to sit in.

CHAPTER 1217 SHIRTS & HATS

We have switched suppliers on the hats and shirts to a company in Casa Grande that did a great job on the Cactus Fly-in shirts this year. A large order was placed in mid-March so hopefully they will be available at the April meeting. The shirts are a slightly off-white, very light tan, and will have a pocket. We have also ordered some of the women's style shirts so ladies let us know what you think of them.



**Dick Delafield Receiving the FAA's
Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award**

BILLY WALKER DONATION TO MUSEUM

Capt Billy Walker has donated his Nieuport 17 to the Planes of Fame Museum in Valle, Arizona. Billy reports there are some great displays and you can fly directly into the Valle Airport, located between Williams and Grand Canyon Airports.

Mike Braegger, Jim Thorne and Billy flew their Bellanca up to Valle to re-assemble "El Duce." It was only a 55-minute flight in the Bellanca, so it would be a great side trip for the members. Billy also says there are many good roads to land on or follow, some rather prominent landmarks to aid in navigation and many roads to get a salvage/recovery vehicle in should the inevitable happen, spoken like a true Nieuport pilot!

THE NIGHT THE PASTA DIED

As the song goes "bye, bye pizza pie" or something like that. Jerry Tuccis Italian Restaurant closed its doors one day before its eleventh anniversary last month. The restaurant had hosted one of our Chapter 1217 Holiday parties a few years back and helped out with the catering for our last two Chapter parties. Skyrocketing building lease rates were the primary reason for closing.

CENTRAL SIERRA

HELICOPTER MEET

The second annual Central Sierra Helicopter Meet is scheduled for May 4, 5 and 6, 2007. This is the only all Helicopter Meet in the west that is focused on Experimental and Home Built Helicopters. But, all factory built helicopters are very welcome and invited to participate.

Bring your ships and share your ideas, bring your photo book, if you don't bring a ship. It's great to meet all the other builders, and see their handiwork. Last year Stu from the Experimental Helicopter Magazine gave a very captivating seminar on blade balancing. Heli-Chair Emulator was on site, I believe almost everyone tried to fly the Heli. We were happy to have Helicycles, Safari, Scorpion II, Ultrasports, Schweizers and a Bell 47. There is camping on site. Tents, trailers and motor homes are welcome.

This is a great event and we encourage all to help spread the word. Please feel free to contact us and keep an eye out for our web site, which is being built. The event will be held at 12850 Cherry Lake Rd. Groveland, California (off Hwy 120 northern route into Yosemite) Ranch coordinates 37.51'11.15N, 120'00'06.60W. You can call 707-833-5905 for more information on the event and nearby medical facilities. www.cshelimeet.com

GALLUP AIR FAIR

Mark your calendars, this year's Gallup Air Fair in Gallup New Mexico will be held on Thursday 27 Sept 2007. This is an educational opportunity held in conjunction with the local school district. Students are transported to/from the airport all day. Last year was a great success with over 1000 students participating. It is hoped that moving this event to mid-week can help eliminate scheduling conflicts with other shows. If you are interested in participating in this year's event with a static display or flight demonstration, drop Jim Hoy an email at diogall@cnetco.com.

ROTORWAY PLANS TO PRODUCE CERTIFICATED HELICOPTER

Chandler based RotorWay International's new CEO Grant Norowitz revealed that the company is working on a certificated helicopter at its South Africa facility. South Africa subscribes to the European (JAR) standards, and eventual FAA certification will be sought. Upgrades may include more power, a larger cabin, and more-robust gear. Rotorway already builds an FADEC engine, and has announced upgrades to avionics such as a glass cockpit display in the newest kits. Additionally, the certificated helicopter will incorporate engineering changes designed to make the machines easier to maintain, resulting in management's goal of demonstrating best-in-class operating expenses. For more information visit www.rotorway.com.

MONOPOLY 'CENTURY OF FLIGHT' AVIATION EDITION

Same great Monopoly fun, only now you can buy the 1903 Wright *Flyer* or an F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and buy hangars and airports, instead of houses and hotels. Chance and Community Chest cards are now Jets and Prop cards. Game pieces are a hot-air balloon, an airship, a monoplane, a piston twin, and a helicopter. A must for all Monopoly fans. Supply is limited, so order today! Shop online at the EAA Aeronautica website

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Bill Lewallen with His Completely Rebuilt Yak 11



Just Rebuilt Yak 11 Ready to Fly

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ANYWHERE MAP GPS

PDI format, Displays: Artificial Horizon, "Gyro" compass, GPS altitude, distance and speed. See <http://www.anywheremap.com/aviation-gps.aspx>
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Hal Rozema 602 553-8181 or Hartist1@cox.net

NSI SUBARU ENGINE, PROP AND SPINNER

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1979 CESSNA TURBO 182RG

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GRENGA GN-1 AIRCAMPER PROJECT

Biplane conversion but can be switched to a parasol. Fuselage covered and Elizado Tigre engine installed. \$6000. Estate sale. Contact Lesley Morgan 480-834-4831 or e-mail Curtis at EAChapter1217@aol.com to receive a digital slideshow of the plane.

1957 PIPER PA-23-160 APACHE TWIN

Right engine 813 hrs SMOH, Left 1366 SMOH, 861 STO; Props 247 hrs since new; King Comm & Xpdr, Narco 122 VOR/ILS/GS, Apollo GX55 GPS, great twin-time builder. \$40,000. Ron Kassik 480-948-0168

RV-4 PARTS

RV-4 tail kit, new in box, minimum work done \$650., RV-4 wing parts: leading edge skins, tank skins, tank baffles, and top and bottom wing skins, prepunched, new \$500. Mike 602-862-0699

PROP EXTENSIONS AND OTHER GOODIES

Prop extension, fits small Continental \$150., 0-200 starter \$150., Old cylinders for lamps \$50. each. One man Midget Submarine. \$2,500.
Curtis Clark 602 953-2571

SHEET METAL TOOL KIT & RV-6/8 VIDEOS

REDUCED from \$1500 to \$1100 and now \$900. Van's RV-specific Sheet Metal Tool Kit & RV-6/8 Videos: Cleveland Complete Sheet Metal Airframe Tool Package (I paid \$1670 two yrs ago); C-Frame Table; Set of 4 "From the Ground Up" RV-8 construction videotapes (cost new \$80); Set of 10 George Orndorff RV-6/8 construction videotapes (cost new over \$200). \$900. for everything. Will sell videotape sets and tool set individually. Contact Denny Myrick 480-502-0547.

KITLOG SOFTWARE COMPANY

The KITLOG software company that provides a web based builder's log is for sale. It would be the perfect business for someone with good computer skills and a desire to travel to Fly-ins. Contact Chapter 1217 member Paul Basing at pbasing@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS ENGINES, PARTS, ETC.

Franklin 150hp. 500 hours, hasn't been running for years, cylinders have been removed, but are included; best offer. Continental O-145. Encountered prop strike, disassembled and magnafluxed, cases & rods ok, bad camshaft & engine gears. 400 hrs since new Millennium cylinders. \$3,000. Spinner and backplate off Stinson 108. \$165.00. Metal wingtips off a Cessna 170 - undamaged. \$140.00 each.
Dave Edmonds, Sharri Shelton's Dad, 209-533-0354

LYCOMING 0-235-C1

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