



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

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Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! We had a huge turnout at the March meeting to hear Sergei Sikorsky talk about his family's flying boats and the part Charles Lindberg played in their development. After the meeting Sergei stayed around and sold a case of his books and personally autographed each one. An interesting tidbit is that Billy Walker brought Ralph Johnson as his guest to the meeting, Ralph is 102 years old and used to actually fly Sikorsky flying boats when they were new!

I am learning the meaning of when your plane is 99% complete there are still a million things to accomplish. This month with the help of a bunch of Chapter members we weighed the Breezy, put gas in it and it fired right up! Now to chase down some gremlins and get the FAA Phase-two test area approved. With the great weight and balance spreadsheet Jack Pollack developed I should have lots of material for a future ThunderWord article.

I hope to see everyone at the April meeting.

Curtis

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

The April meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, April 17th, in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. The time is 7pm. This month's guest speaker will be Lee Owen, chief Pilot at Glendale Aviation. Remember guests are always welcome!

LEE OWEN

APRIL MEETING SPEAKER

This month's guest speaker is a man on a mission, a really big mission. Lee Owens will attempt to make aviation history by becoming the first African American to fly around the world solo in an Experimental aircraft. To accomplish this feat he will have to fly over 25,000 miles.

Lee plans to make this historic flight in a ¾ scale replica of the famous North American P-51D Mustang. The P-51D was the type of plane flown by the Tuskegee airmen when flying combat missions in World War Two.

For Years, Lee Owens has had the dream to fly around the world in a single engine P-51D airplane to honor those black aviators that came before him. Lee hopes to become a visionary for young African-Americans. He wants their dreams to become realities. After completing the flight Lee plans to use his experiences to speak to youths across the country about the trip and opportunities in aviation.

To obtain the required financial backing Lee has formed the Lee Owens Foundation to accept donations from individuals that share his goals. The foundation's mission statement is:

To pay tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen and to raise awareness of their many accomplishments in war and in peace, Captain Lee Owens will become the first African-American to circumnavigate the globe in a replica of the 'Red Tail' P-51 made famous escorting bombers over Europe. This flight is meant to remind America's youth of the great achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen and to support aviation education.

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The mission of the Lee Owens Foundation is to educate aspiring minorities about the opportunities in aviation and to provide scholarships to those interested in the field of aviation.

Come and learn more about Lee's ambitious flight and the Titan T-51 Mustang he plans to fly.

NEW MEMBERS

We had three new members join at the March meeting. They are: Jim Armstrong, who has a Cubby and a Schweizer 1-26 sailplane. Nancy Benscoter, who has sold her 172 and is looking at getting a taildragger. And, Roger Vanderwindt, who just sold his beautiful Cessna 195 and is already missing those fuel bills. Welcome them to our Chapter when you meet them.



Lee Owens and the Titan T-51 Mustang

LINE UP AND WHAT?

Canadian air traffic controllers are joining Mexico and the rest of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) this summer in adopting the phraseology: "LINE UP" and "LINE UP AND WAIT". Both of the phrases are the same as the: "TAXI IN POSITION AND HOLD" that we have here in the USA. Eventually the US will join the rest of ICAO in adopting these phrases.

SEAWIND OWNER AT DVT NEEDS HELP

A friend of mine, Al, is in need of help in selling his 1999 Seawind Amphibian due to a severe medical condition that is threatening

his life. Because of expensive medical bills, Al is desperate for money and, as a last resort, is letting go of his beloved aircraft that he has spent nine years building. The Seawind is in mint condition. Only 58 hours on both the airframe and engine. It is fully loaded and has been in a hangar from the beginning at Deer Valley Airport. Upon request, I can provide complete specs.

Even though Al has put over \$40,000 into the aircraft, he is willing to let it go at the "**best reasonable offer**". Please contact Dave Lanman at (602) 432-8356 or dwanman@cox.net for more information

ARV SCHULTZ HONORED

By Billy Walker

I had the very high honor of being the presenter of our friend Arv Schultz - recipient of the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame award this past April fifth at the Pinal Air Museum.

Ol' Arv has enjoyed an amazing trip thru life so far. While aviation came along late, he has caught up and flown past most of us less intrepid aviators. He started as a policeman in the Midwest before moving to TVOTS (The Valley of the Sun). Arizona infected Arv with the flyin' bug.

My being acquainted with Arv's colorful history made him an easy choice for me to nominate him for the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame. His induction into this august group was a wonderful event with many of Arv's friends and family there to share his shining moment. I have never seen Arv's perennial smile brighter than when his family gathered around for a photo opportunity in front of The Arv Schultz Hall of Fame display. World famous photo journalist and renowned aviator, Terry Emig, was there to capture the event.

Arv began flying with Tuxhorn Aviation and received his check-ride from the ubiquitous Darrell Sawyer who so impressed Arv that he joined Sawyer aviation, obtaining all of his FAA certification (Private thru ATP). During this process he was employed as a Certified Flight Instructor with Sawyer.

His airline pilot career began with Apache Airlines, Bonanza Airlines, AirWest Airlines, and retired at North West Airlines under the onerous Age-60 Rule. After achieving a successful career in aviation, Arv felt that he needed to give something back. Approaching mandatory retirement as an airline captain, he started the first four-color aviation publication in Arizona in 1992. This publication was dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Arizona aviation.



During his time on furlough from the airlines, Arv ran the FBO at Carefree Airport. It was successful when many said he was doomed to failure. Among other things, he operated DOA observation flights under government contract. Many times he flew observers when Ralph Johnson operated his Lockheed PV-2's out of Springerville Airport bombing forest fires in the White Mountains of Arizona. Arv flew a Cessna Skymaster for this operation.

Over the years, Arv has owned a number of interesting aircraft including a Waco UPF-7. Presently, Arv owns a Cessna 182RG (for sale) and a Citabria.

Prior to and after retirement he founded Arizona Flyways and, later, America's Flyways Magazine as well as the earlier Sky Harbor Airport News. If this wasn't enough, he authored several stories on Arizona Aviation History, and current events along

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with being an aviation reporter of several significant aviation historical happenings. This has gone on for nearly 15 years now.

Arizona Flyways, later America's Flyways, has achieved outstanding success nationally. The magazine, through Schultz's tireless efforts, is a major source of information about the Arizona Aviation community current events, as well as historical stories, aviation personalities, aviation history in general.

What distinguishes Arv from others in this field is the more than 14 of years his efforts producing the only four-color aviation magazine in Arizona.

Arv is past president of the Arizona Pilots Association, Governor of his aviation social fraternity, past board member of other aviation

organizations such as OX-5, and Silver Eagles. He is active with the Silver Eagles of Arizona, EAA Chapter 1217 and the Antique Aircraft Association. He is the founder and energy behind the Save an Airport Foundation.

He maintains a very active schedule trying to save remote airfields from oblivion traveling the state at his own expense, showing a power-point presentation to aviation and civic groups in hopes of gaining support for this erstwhile effort. Arv is working with other states in a joint effort to preserve and promote saving doomed airports much to the relief of those of us recognizing the impact of the loss of these airports. Remember, when you fly over remote areas, looking down at a landing strip carved out of the wilderness, say "Thanks Arv!"

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SAN MANUEL OMELET FLY-IN

The San Manuel Airport, E77, is holding a Fly-in / Drive-in breakfast on Saturday April 19th from 7am until 11am. They plan on having made-to-order omelets, sausage, fruit, breakfast rolls, coffee and juice available.

The event is sponsored by EAA Chapter 1406 and the San Pedro Valley Pilots Association. If you need more information call 520 487-0180, cost is five US dollars, cash only.



WILLIAM W. WOOD



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