



# The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 February 2018

Scottsdale, Arizona

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER\***

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! At last month's meeting we heard from Norm Rainey who built two RV-6A's and an RV-10, and then after a bunch of research and planning flew it to Cuba and return. It was a great story because Norm isn't a professional airplane builder or commercial pilot. He built all three planes himself in his hangar at Independence Oregon. He then teamed up with Jack McCormick from the Baja Bush Pilots Association who put together a group of like-minded aviators for the adventure. It was great to learn the process as well as see the results.

Last month I realized I hadn't bought any airplanes since May so I purchased a 1976 Cessna 150M to add to the collection. For full coverage insurance with one million in liability insurance, I was really surprised to find the insurance is \$466-/year or about half of my Piper Cub insurance for the same coverage! There is also no difference in rate if you have a 150 hp/150 with the Lycoming engine, unless you inflate the hull value of course. I had originally wanted to buy the plane I soloed in, N16108, which Bill Cassels owns now but the timing was off. For now.

I have flown over the old terminal building at SDL and they have built two giant hangars where the terminal and Airport Business Center were. Hopefully the construction will keep up its rapid pace and we can start having meetings at Scottsdale Airport again soon.

Coming up the first Friday and Saturday in March is the annual Cactus Fly-In at Casa Grande. I plan to attend and it is one of the best fly-ins in the country. Put in a word for good weather and no wind if you happen to see Mother Nature at Costco!

*Curtis*

## **FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING**

The February meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, February 15th, beginning at 7 pm. This month's guest speaker will be Hector Holguin from KTVK Channel 3 TV. Hector's official title is Photojournalist, but he is better known as the Drone Pilot/Reporter. Hector had previously been a Photojournalist flying in the TV3 helicopter and was able to turn his passion for flying RC models into a job when the station decided to get into drones. Hector is licensed to fly drones with the FAA and works closely with them on airspace issues.

Every time you look on the internet or turn a page in a magazine there are articles about drones, and Hector is going to talk about what it takes to fly them and to share the airspace with full sized aircraft.

Guests are always welcome!

## **MEETING LOCATION**

**The location is the Paradise Valley Community Center, 17402 North 40th Street.** It is on the west side of 40th Street just north of Paradise Valley High School. Basically 1/4 mile north of Bell on 40th Street. We will meet in the large multi-purpose room. You can park on the south side of the building and have more parking options that are closer to the door. Look for the signs!

## **FUTURE CHAPTER PROGRAMS**

Thanks to some great contacts and ideas from Chapter 1217 members, we actually have commitments from speakers to talk at some of our future meetings.

March meeting: *Michael Lavelle "Above the Pacific - The Summer of 1927"* .Dole Air Race to Hawaii.

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### **Curtis's New (To Him) 1976 Cessna 150M**

April meeting: Mark Larsen "The Development of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner".

We are also working on getting the FAA to do a presentation on *Basic Med for Pilots*.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Two new Chapter members have been added to the roster since our last newsletter. We look forward to seeing them at our meetings.

Norm Rainey was our guest speaker last month and joined our ranks. Norm flies his RV-10 out of Deer Valley and Havana, Cuba.

George Parkins is a winter visitor splitting his time between Arizona and Kansas, he flies a Beech Bonanza.

### **CACTUS FLY-IN**

This year's Cactus Fly-In is the 60th anniversary of this great event. The dates are Friday and Saturday March 2 and 3 at the Casa Grande Airport. It should be a great

Fly-In with aircraft from all over the country. Gates open at 8 am each day and there is camping and motorhome parking at the airport. Friday night there will be a spaghetti dinner served in the terminal building and Saturday night there will be an awards banquet, also in the terminal. If you need more information go to [www.CactusFlyIn.org](http://www.CactusFlyIn.org) on the internet. If you would like to volunteer, Fred Borns is the guy to talk to 480-403-1190 or [fborns@cox.net](mailto:fborns@cox.net)

### **HEY I GOT THIS**

#### **REGISTERED LETTER**

**This story is not urban myth** it is actually happening to pilots at Deer Valley and Scottsdale. Several of our Chapter members are caught up in it. The story goes; you get home from work and there is a notice you have a registered letter waiting at the post office. You go retrieve the letter and it is from

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**Jim Armstrong and Bernie Gross just bought this Pober Super Ace two-seat Parasol**

a lawyer named Ms. Odegaurd that says you have been observed flying at lower than the FAA minimum safe altitude over an area up by Pinnacle Peak. If you ever do this again they are going to contact the FAA and force them to start the violation process. The letter uses all sorts of legaleze like forced castration blah blah blah.

These pilots then go into the FAA flight tracking website and check it out to see if they were flying too low. Most times they were not. It appears that Ms. Odegaurd is using the ADS-B out printout to obtain N numbers of planes transiting the area and sending out these letters. Somebody surmised since lawyers don't work for free that a local airplane noise racist hate group is paying her.

One of our Chapter members went so far as to set up a meeting at the FAA FSDO to alert them to what was going on. The inspector's opinion was not to worry about is since the letter wasn't from the FAA and they don't take marching orders from lawyers. Even eagle

eyed ones that can read a three inch N number at 1000 feet. Our member provided the FAA with the letter he received, and the FAA inspector suggested two things. One was to make sure you were flying at the correct altitude and two was to block your N number from the FAA website, that way they can't figure out who is flying over the area.

These letters cause mostly aggravation and take up a couple of hours of your time. Plus it's always fun to wait in line at the post office to pick up the letter only to find it isn't from Publishers Clearing House. Below is how to lower your blood pressure and solve the problem.

**HOW TO BLOCK ADS-B  
N-NUMBER READOUT**

This information may be worth the price of Chapter membership alone!

SEND THIS EMAIL

To: 9-AJR-ASDI-Block (FAA)

[ASDIBlock@faa.gov](mailto:ASDIBlock@faa.gov)

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**Subject:** Block N Number Display

To whom it may concern,

I would like to block my N number at the ASDI Subscriber Level Blocking.

Name: Charles Lindbergh

N number to be blocked: NX211

I am the owner of the aircraft

Phone: 515 238-1600

Email: [Slim@RyanAircraft.com](mailto:Slim@RyanAircraft.com)

Request: ASDI Subscriber Level Blocking

RECIEVE THIS EMAIL

**From:** [ASDIBlock@faa.gov](mailto:ASDIBlock@faa.gov)

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 7:12 AM

**To:** [Slim@RyanAircraft.com](mailto:Slim@RyanAircraft.com)

**Subject:** RE: Block N Number Display

Thank you for contacting the ASDI Program Office, Your request for blocking at the ASDI Vendor level has been received and processed for the following aircraft:

NX211

The Block List is updated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please be aware that the ASDI vendors (i.e. the flight tracking companies) have 5 business days, following receipt of the new block list, to implement the changes.

If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to email at any time.

Best regards: ASDI Program Office  
Federal Aviation Administration  
[asdiblock@faa.gov](mailto:asdiblock@faa.gov)

**AIR SHOW PILOTS**

**FOR AIRVENTURE**

Some of the world's top air show performers have made their commitments to fly at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018 – the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration – as part of the afternoon and night air show lineups. Those performers include aerobatic champions and longtime Oshkosh favorites for the 66th annual Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention, scheduled for July 23-29 at Wittman Regional Airport. The afternoon air

shows are presented by Quest Aircraft and Pratt & Whitney Canada, while the Saturday, July 28, night air show is presented by Oshkosh Corporation. "This is already an outstanding all-star air show lineup and we're just getting started," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. "We use the feedback collected each year to bring favorite performers back to Oshkosh, while adding exciting new acts and air show attractions connected with particular aircraft, events, and anniversaries."

Among the performers and aircraft already planning to appear at Oshkosh in 2018 are:

- AeroShell Aerobatic Team (T-6s)
- Vicky Benzing (Extra 300S)
- Canadian Harvard Aerobatic Team (Harvards)
- Bob Carlton (SubSonex JSX-2)
- Kirby Chambliss (Edge 540)
- Matt Chapman (Extra 300LX)
- Class of '45 (P-51/Corsair)
- Kyle Fowler (Rutan Long-EZ)
- Kyle Franklin (Demon-1 Dracula)
- GEICO Skytypers (SNJ-2s)
- Mike Goulian (Extra 330SC)
- Rob Holland (MXS-RH)
- Jerry Kerby (RV-8A)
- Greg Koontz (Xtreme Decathlon/Piper J-3 Cub)
- Justin Lewis (FLS Microjet)
- David Martin (Beech Baron)
- Jessy Panzer (Pitts Special)
- Paradigm Aerobatic Team (Powered paragliders)
- Patriot Parachute Team (skydiving)
- Jim Peitz (Beechcraft F-33C Bonanza)
- Gene Soucy/Teresa Stokes (Showcat)
- Bill Stein (Zivko Edge 540)
- Skip Stewart (Pitts S2S Prometheus)
- Trojan Thunder (T-28 Trojan)
- Sean D. Tucker (Oracle Challenger III)
- Patty Wagstaff (Extra 330S)
- Scott Yoak (P-51 Mustang)
- Matt Younkin (Twin Beech 18)



**Jack Pollack just finished recovering the Ailerons on a Consolidated PB4-Y2.  
Each one is 21 feet long!**

### **OV-10 BRONCOS TO FLY AGAIN**

The MANGIC Foundation has purchased an entire squadron of historic OV-10 Broncos from the National Vietnam War Museum and are shipping them to LA for a massive restoration effort. Mike Manclark, an aviation

entrepreneur, and a pilot himself, will spearhead the efforts alongside a team of other aviation enthusiasts so these classics can be enjoyed for generations to come at Air Shows, celebrations and other special events.

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Known as one of the coolest and most exciting warbirds in history, the OV-10 Bronco was initially introduced in the 1960s for close air support in Vietnam. But because of their versatility, these warbirds went on to tackle just about every mission an airplane could have for the USAF, the Marines, the Navy, SEALS and many other foreign countries.

In fact, Manclark says the Broncos they are restoring have an impressive history as well, fighting in Desert Storm, combating cocaine in South America, and taking on ISIS in the Middle East before reaching their retirement.

“These aircraft have supported America during some of our most pivotal moments, and we want to honor, respect and protect that legacy by giving them a new life as a flying memorial,” said Mike Manclark, Founder, and President, The MANGIC Foundation. “This is a unique opportunity to preserve and celebrate our rich history, and we welcome everyone to join us in supporting this effort.”

As part of the restoration campaign, the six decommissioned aircraft will be loaded onto a convoy of trucks where they’ll make an epic 1,300-mile road trip from the National Vietnam War Museum in Mineral Wells, Texas to California’s Chino Airport in Greater Los Angeles. Once there, they’ll be meticulously assessed and repaired to the highest standards of restoration.

The aircraft maintenance specialists in Chino are some of the best of the best in the warbird business, and are some of the industry’s last remaining experts in hand-formed aluminum sheet metal, fabricating Plexiglas canopies, and rebuilding engines long out of service.

Because of its historical significance and the intriguing nature of the Bronco, the project has even drawn the attention of living legends in aviation like Patty Wagstaff, an aerobatic national champion and 2004 inductee to the National Aviation Hall of Fame. Wagstaff flew the Bronco for three years as an Air Attack Pilot at several tanker bases for Cal Fire and has since committed to being an advisor on the return-to-flight program.

“I’ve always been fascinated by the OV-10, its design and its mission,” says Wagstaff. “The idea of bringing more Broncos back to service is fascinating to me for a lot of reasons, including the mystique of the airplane. Every pilot is fascinated by this airplane, the essential mission it played in the Vietnam war, it’s multi-purpose mission and the fact that the government keeps thinking about bringing it back into service. It’s a testament to how valuable the mission of this aircraft has been.”

“We would like nothing better than to see any of those Vietnam vets get in the air again. There is a legion of people out here pulling for you guys,” says Jim Hodgson, Executive Director of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum.

Harry Gintzer, a former Vietnam vet and OV-10 pilot with the Navy’s famed Black Ponies, are just one of many fans of the Bronco return-to-flight program, and one aircraft in particular – White Lightning. “I christened that name while serving in Vietnam,” says Gintzer. “The Broncos were white at that time, and my wife was from South Carolina, a place well-known for lightning. So it seemed like the perfect name, and it stuck. I put in 162 missions in that aircraft and am thrilled that Mike Manclark and his team will be bringing it back to life.” **FMI:** [www.ov10squadron.com](http://www.ov10squadron.com)

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### **COOL PLANES FOR SALE**

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### **BAKENG DUECE**

On gear, most of structural fabrication complete, wings, ailerons, flaps, tailfeathers and fuselage 90 percent done. No engine but dynafocal ring for a 0-320, new cleveland wheels and brakes. Located in hangar at Prescott \$3500, Charlie 602-377-2271 [cdmichael1@gmail.com](mailto:cdmichael1@gmail.com)

### **Mooney for Sale**

Terry Emig has a friend in New Mexico who is selling his Mooney. For more info, call Terry at: 520-836-7447 or email [terry@valleypumpandmachine.com](mailto:terry@valleypumpandmachine.com)

### **Piper Cub Wings**

Rebuilt with new spars. One wing ready for cover the other wing soon. Pat Battle A&P/IA DVT 602-274-2434

### **Completed RV-7A tail kit.**

Completed and zinc chromated. Nate D'Anna 602 891-4771 Email [Natedanna@q.com](mailto:Natedanna@q.com)

### **CESSNA 172'S FOR RENT**

Two IFR Cessna 172s for rent at Chandler. Owned by Chapter member Pat McGarry. Contact Chris Hoel for more information and to schedule [birdganqft@gmail.com](mailto:birdganqft@gmail.com)

### **'65 MOONEY**

Very clean, 4000TT, 22 hours SMOH, \$41K with new annual, Goodyear hangar, Joe Hobbs [joseph.hobbs@cox.net](mailto:joseph.hobbs@cox.net) for more information

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Owner Assisted. Jim Moss had to move to Alaska to care for sick parents. He may be back later.

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