



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 January, 2007

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar. It has been several months so let's try and catch up on what's happened. Chapter 1217 member Tony Holden talked at our November meeting about large scale R/C model aerobatics. It is amazing to learn about the time, effort and money that go into building one of those monsters. The video of what these planes do in the hand of a skilled pilot was amazing. A lot of the Chapter members were surprised by the giant jump in technology that has occurred in R/C planes in the past decade. Tony brought a nine-foot wingspan Extra 300 for us to look over and ask him a million questions about. After seeing the size, speed and weight of these planes, it's safe to say none of us will be flying over an R/C airfield in the future! Thanks Tony.

November and December were busy months for folks in the Chapter, we had two first flights and even managed to get together for our annual Holiday bash and squeeze in family and the Holidays! Now maybe things have slowed down and we can start looking forward to the Cactus Fly-in and our Spring Chapter Hangar party.

We cut back on newsletter articles this month so that we could have some pictures of the members that got their projects in the air.

I hope to see you at the January meeting.

Curtis

NEW MEMBER

We would also like to extend a welcome aboard to our newest Chapter 1217 member Dennis Smith. Dennis has a Sonex.

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, January 18th, in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. The time is 7pm. This month's guest speaker will be four time US National Aerobatic Champion and founder of the Red Bull Air Races Kirby Chambliss. Remember guests are always welcome!

COMPLETIONS

Last February we featured Wendel Waltz as our "Member Profile". Wendel now has his Waiex completed and flying, and is working out the little gremlins after the initial test flights by Dan Muxlow. Besides building the airframe, the engine came as a kit from Sonex and was assembled by the builder as well.

Jack Pollack also took to the skies last month in his beautifully restored Boeing Stearman. Jack bought the bare bones of this plane in January 1999 and has spent the last almost eight years in his workshop restoring the plane to better than new condition. This brings the total number of flying Stearmans in our Chapter to five.

Completing a building or restoration project is a major life event, and one I hopefully look forward to someday. A big part of our organization's goal is to provide our members a network of support and contacts, both from established businesses and just plane talented folks that offer their services. Little questions like help with wiring, paint, weight and balance, transponder checks, cranes, trailers and where to find a hangar are all questions that can be answered by your fellow Chapter members, like Jack and Wendel. So after you congratulate them on their completion you might pick their brains on a stumbling block on your project or future project.

ROGER PARISH TO BE HONORED

Most likely you are already aware that our friend, Col. Roger Parrish, has been selected for induction into the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place April 7, 2007.

Even though April is a few months away, Roger needs to have the names, addresses and phone numbers of those who would like to attend ASAP. A cocktail hour, dinner and presentation will be held at the Pima Air & Space Museum. The cost of attending is \$100.00 this year. Billy Walker wants to get the word out to Chapter 1217 members that they are invited, but they need to advise Roger ASAP if planning to attend. Roger will then notify the folks who manage the ceremony at the Pima Air & Space Museum with his list of names of those attending. Then, each individual will receive his/her invitation and will need to individually RSVP (to the Pima Air & Space Museum folks). Note: Tables of 10 can be arranged. Roger's contact information is: RParrish3@cox.net 480-839-8590 (before 7pm)

CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Last month's annual Chapter Holiday Party was a complete success and well attended by sixty Chapter 1217 members, families and guests. A big thanks goes to our hosts Ron Landon and his wife Sherrie Zeitlin for opening their home to us. Chris Clark organized the Sonoran Horns to play Christmas music and Jim Berdick arranged for flyover by a Phoenix Police helicopter. Ron's lawn looked like an alien landing zone from the light on the helicopter!

SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Chapter members have free use of a hydraulic crane for lifting engines and a flat bed trailer for moving projects. We only ask that you use it for aviation purposes and try to return it in a timely manner so others can use it.



Col. Roger Parrish

CACTUS FLY-IN

The first weekend in March is the annual Arizona Antique Airplane Association Cactus Fly-In. Chapter 1217 supplied the manpower to run the Fly-In last year, and everyone who pitched in had a great time. There was VIP up-front parking, free event admission, free breakfast and lunch, and special volunteer Cactus Fly-In shirts. Most of the volunteering consists of parking airplanes and helping out with the fun type jobs such as judging. There are no bad jobs!

The Fly-In can't run itself without volunteers, and it is a great way to get active in our Chapter whether a new guy or an old timer. No experience is required; we will actually train you in what is required. Mark the dates on your calendar – Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3. For more information go to: www.CactusFlyin.org

MONTHLY FLY-IN BREAKFAST

Be sure to mark your calendars that there is a Breakfast Fly-in the first Saturday of the month at Coolidge Airport.

HANGAR LISTS

It seems the most frequently asked question around our Chapter is where can I find a hangar for my plane. The answer is simple, when you first even think that you might someday own a plane put your name on the list at **SEVERAL** of the local airports. Deer Valley has approximately a two to three year wait for a hangar. At Scottsdale it is four years! The lists for the smaller tee hangars move a lot faster than the larger hangars. It might cost you a few hundred dollars to get on a couple of lists, but I cannot stress how important it is to have your name on the list so when your name comes up you will have your own hangar and not have to go through the stresses of borrowing someone else's hangar or shuffling from one airport to another.

TALK OF THE TOWN

When all your flying buddies get together at the hangar it isn't very often that the subject of hair styling comes up, it's even less frequent when an article is written in an EAA Chapter newsletter! In this case it's not any

barber, it's Jack Cole who owns "Talk of the Town Barbers" at 7th street and Bell in the Bell Target Center.

Besides doing a mean haircut, Jack flies a Super Decathlon out of Deer Valley and is the son of Lester Cole one of the brothers that made up the great Cole Brothers Airshows. Jack's Barber Shop has lots of old pictures of airplanes and airshows on the walls and stacks of well worn Sport Aviation magazines for you to peruse while waiting for a \$12-haircut. The television usually has some EAA Oshkosh video running and you probably will run into a few pilots hanging around waiting for a trim. The only waxing that goes on at this place is on a handlebar, he leaves the foo-foo stuff to the guys in the tight pants in Scottsdale!

If you want a good haircut at a fair price from a guy whose family damn near invented grass roots flying, stop out and give Jack Cole a try at Talk of the Town Barbers, 401 East Bell in the Bell Town Target Center, tell him you heard about him in the ThunderWord.



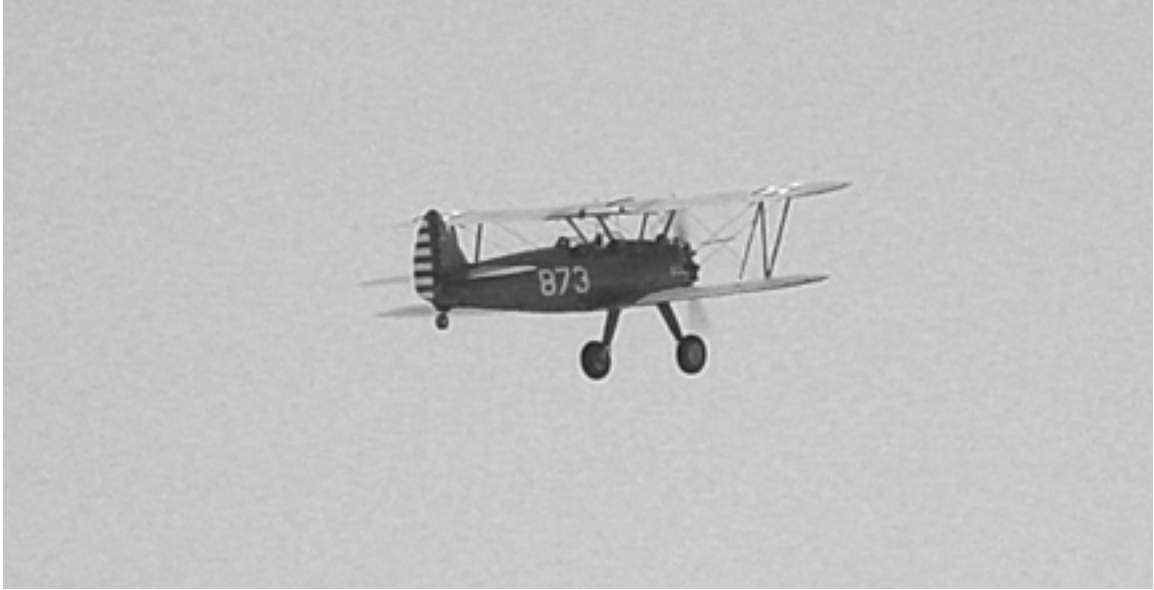
Wendel Waltz and his Waix



Wendel and his Waix Ready to Fly



Waix Instrument Panel



Jack Pollack's Boeing Stearman in the Air



Jack Pollack's Restored Boeing Stearman

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FOR SALE

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.

COLEMAN AIR COMPRESSOR

27 gal. upright, 120 volts, 90-120 psi, 5.6 cfm @ 90 psi, 8.2 cfm @ 40 psi, new in 2001 \$170. Larry Pritchard 480-816-6214 At FFZ

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: Never used. Cleveland Complete Sheet Metal Airframe Tool Package (I paid \$1670 2 yrs ago and may be viewed at CleavelandTool.com); 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 Chapter member Denny Myrick @ 480-502-0547.

1957 PIPER PA-23-160 APACHE TWIN

Right engine 813 hrs SMOH, Left 1366 SMOH 861 STO; Props 247 hrs since new, no prop ADs; KY97A Comm, Narco 122 VOR/ILS/GS, Apollo GX55 GPS, KT76A xpdr, 4-place intercom; great twin-time builder. \$45,000. Ron Kassik 480-948-0168 or ronkassik@att.net

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

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 Besing at pbesing@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS ENGINES, PARTS, ETC.

Continental A65 Disassembled, all parts included, needs overhaul, best offer. 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

1972 G33 BONANZA

260 hp, 950 since reman engine and new 3-blade prop. King, Garmin 195 GPS, 3-Axis AP, Annual 1/06 \$99,900 obo. 602-441-0093 joseph.hobbs@cox.net

LYCOMING 0-235-C1

673 SMOH, Sky Tec starter, removed from Long Eze for 0-320 upgrade. \$6500. Mark Boram 520-883-0672

JEFFAIRE BARRACUDA PROJECT

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