



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 our ten-year Chapter 1217 anniversary party last month and got to hear a very interesting presentation by "Bwana Hal" Cope. He had many great tales and stories of his bush flying adventures in Africa. Thanks to everyone who attended, there was a tremendous turn out and nary a crumb of cake was left over! Thanks to Chrissie Clark for the cake, and Terry Emig and Bob Chitwood for the beverages.

This month I am going to step aside and let out Vice President Terry Emig and our Secretary/Treasurer Jack Pollack run the meeting while I head back to Oshkosh for our annual pilgrimage.

This will be the 25th consecutive year I have visited the Fly-in and am really looking forward seeing what new planes will be there. I will hunt for the good and the bad, and report back next month.

Curtis

JULY CHAPTER MEETING

The July meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, July 17th, in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. The time is 7pm. This month we are going to change gears from the past several meetings and feature one of our Chapter 1217 members, Stew Bloemer, and his project, a Legend Tex-Az Sport Cub that he built from a kit. Stew very carefully documented the rapid building process from day one to sitting at DVT in his hangar just a couple of months later. This is a remarkable story that maybe will motivate you to do it like Stew and Get 'er done! Remember guests are always welcome!

AIRVENTURE CHAPTER 1217

HAPPY HOUR

It has been a ten-year tradition that Chapter 1217 members attending the Oshkosh AirVenture Fly-in get together one evening and compare sightings and stories. This year, we will get together on the first day of the Fly-in, **Monday July 28th**.

Last year we moved to a new location after the last place was bulldozed. The new place is WENDT'S ON THE LAKE on Highway 45 in Van Dyne and it turned out to be a winner. If you follow highway 45 south from the seaplane base it will be about a ten minute drive on your left. Wendt's is famous for its lake Perch fish dinners; they also have a full menu and bar. Time is around **7pm**, so plan to enjoy some good old fashioned Wisconsin hospitality. If you get lost, their phone number is 920-688-5231.

This year's AirVenture Oshkosh Fly-in plans to feature the F-22 Raptor, Goodyear Blimp, Rocket Racing League, and NASA's 50th anniversary.



Stew doing a run-up in his Sport Cub



Editor's Note: I think the complete sign says: FLYING LESSONS

Stew Bloemer and his Legend Tex-Az Sport Cub

CHAPTER 1217 SWAP MEET

This fall Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 is going to try a new event that hopefully will become a Chapter 1217 tradition. We will be doing a swap meet and airplane stuff hangar sale at Deer Valley Airport. The event will be a great time to turn some of that stuff in your workshop or hangar into cash. It also might be a great opportunity to find that treasure of a lifetime you have been hunting for. The basic rules will be Chapter members can bring out a table or throw a tarp on the ground and sit back and watch as the money flows in. The event will only last three or four hours, everyone will handle their own money so you need to plan to be around. There will be some minimal donation to the Chapter. If you are interested in getting involved, give our Prez Curtis a call and he can get you in on the ground floor. We also plan to fire up the barbeque and burn some hamburgers at lunch time. This event has become one of the largest events for the SoCal Antique airplane folks in San Diego, and we hope to follow in their footsteps.

OSHKOSH FLY-IN AND NOTAM

If you plan to fly to the fly-in, you need to go to the Airventure website to get the latest information.

The NOTAM, field closure times, and arrival procedures can be downloaded at: www.airventure.org/2008/flying/2008_notam.pdf. Note that there is an underscore after 2008 and before notam.

THANKS ROGER

Roger Parrish donated two large boxes of Aircraft Flight Manuals to our Chapter library. We are amassing quite a collection of books, videos and magazines. Next time you are by DVT Hangar 56-02 stop in and have a look.

SCOTTSDALE AVIATION DAY

NOVEMBER 8

On Thursday, June 19th, the first Scottsdale Aviation Day planning meeting was held. This meeting was chaired by Kim Hanna, SDL Assistant Airport Manager. Chapter 1217 was represented by Bill Unternaehrer. Several other aviation organizations were represented including: the 99's, Scottsdale Air Center, Landmark Aviation, Civil Air Patrol, and Sawyer Aviation Flight School. Fifteen people were in attendance. Scottsdale Aviation Day was scheduled for the 8th of November.

The purpose of the SDL Aviation Day is, as Kim referred to it, a "community outreach" program. Target attendance for the one-day

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event is two to five thousand people. Parking is going to be a major problem – as there is none. Plans are in the works to park people at West World and have shuttle buses, and to possibly use the vacant lot north on Hayden at the 101 where the parking occurs for the golf tournament. Watch this newsletter for updates and how you can get involved in the event.

NEW AMPHIBIAN FLYINGBOAT UNVEILED

ICON Aircraft unveiled its new A5 Light Sport amphibian at the company headquarters in Los Angeles, across Jefferson Avenue from the defunct Hughes Airport. A crowd of 500-plus trendy Angelenos, investors, powersport stars, and designers showed up to see the new aircraft and enjoy some great food.

Eclipse Aviation CEO Vern Raburn is part of the team involved in the evolution of this new Light Sport Aircraft as well as ICON Aircraft's founder Kirk Hawkins. They put together a very Hollywood unveiling complete with speeches and a ceremonial lifting of the drape.

The high-wing, two-seat amphibian boasts a sleek strutless, all-carbon-fiber airfoil, and hiding in the aircraft is a clever, crowd-wowling feature: an electric fold mechanism. With the whirl of anticipation, the audience watched the A5's wings pull back at the leading-edge root, rotate nearly 90 degrees up and swing their tips back toward the T tail. "You can pack it up and haul it behind the car like a speedboat," said Hawkins.

In many details, the A5 is unique. Twin landing lights in the nose evoke automotive headlights, a plane-as-car theme carried through to the interior. "You won't see an airliner's cockpit," said Hawkins. Indeed, the instrument panel is more like a motorcycle's; the interior is very car-like and supposedly roomy, with a claimed 46 inches between the sidewalls.

Perched atop the carbon-fiber cockpit and behind the front-hinged canopy with removable side windows is a 100-hp Rotax 912S pushing a three-blade propeller. Nominally a tri-gear airplane, when waterborne the A5 is a hull floater, with small pods behind the cabin on each side for stability that also enclose the retracted main gear. A ballistic parachute is part of the design.

ICON is claiming a maximum speed of 120 mph, range of 300 nautical miles and a useful load of 430 pounds, which is also the legal maximum useful load for a two-seat, 100-hp LSA. The A5 will carry 20 gallons of autogas for the 912. Takeoff and landing distances are claimed to be 750 feet each.

Announced price is \$139,000 with deliveries expected to begin in 2010. The design has not yet flown. At the introduction, guests were offered the chance to get on the sales list before the general introduction of the aircraft. Most people enjoyed the event and the great food, but stopped short of reaching into their wallets for the \$5,000- deposit. For more info and to follow the design visit <http://www.iconaircraft.com>

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Bernie Gross got to go motorgliding during his Memorial Day trip to Parawan, Utah



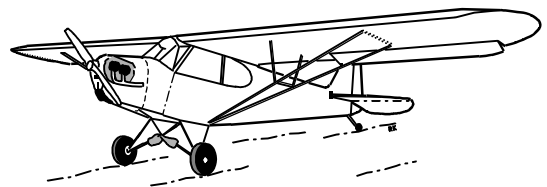
Jack Pollack helps Curtis install some finishing touches to his Breezy

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