



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

July, 2011

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! Last month's meeting had a great turn out to listen to Mike Poulsen talk about the Super RV-6 he has built. The plane has lots of cool engine/induction/exhaust modifications to improve performance and efficiency. Thanks again to Bernie Gross for lining up the June and now this month's guest speakers!

June was our annual Chapter 1217 Birthday Bash celebrating thirteen years of Chapter fun. After the speaker, everyone got to enjoy some birthday cake, thanks to Gretchen Kinder for doing the knife wielding duties and cutting exactly the same number of pieces as we had attendees! Chapter VP Terry Emig was man of the evening as he brought a giant cooler of cold drinks to wash down the cake, thanks Terry!

Terry Emig and Jack Pollack will be stepping up to help out and run the July meeting. They said they had some surprises in store so watch out! I am headed back to Oshkosh for the Fly-In! Next month I will have Fly-In reports from AirVenture and Arlington!

Lets have a great turnout for the July meeting!

Curtis

JULY CHAPTER MEETING

The July meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on. Thursday, July 21st in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building at 7pm. Our featured guest speakers will be Mike and Steve Hosa who will talk about World War Two airfields and aux fields in Arizona. As you fly around our state you can't help but wonder who and what flew out of these many abandoned airfields

around our state. The Hosa's are going to have the stories behind these decaying giants and the part Arizona played in training World War Two pilots.

It will be a great meeting and guests are always welcome

NEW CHAPTER MEMBER

At the last meeting, Terry Mattchen joined our Chapter. He is already making plans to join us at EAA AirVenture. Welcome aboard Terry.

AIRVENTURE

CHAPTER 1217 HAPPY HOUR

It has now been a thirteen year tradition of Chapter 1217 members attending the Oshkosh AirVenture Fly-In get together one evening and compare sightings and stories. This year on the first day of the Fly-In, Monday July 25th, we will have our annual AIRVENTURE HAPPY HOUR AND FISH FRY at WENDT'S ON THE LAKE. Come and join us for some traditional Wisconsin food and libations.

If you want to plug it into your GPS, the address is N9699 Lake Shore Road, Van Dyne, WI 54979-9703, phone (920) 688-5231 www.wendtsonthelake.com. They are located 3.8 miles south of the seaplane base.

We will have a table reserved for Chapter 1217 members, family and friends. Besides getting some great food, you won't have to wait in line for two hours like at every other restraint in Oshkosh!

No need to RSVP, everyone is welcome, as well as expected to show up, the time is 7 pm.



**Curtis Clark, Jack Pollack, Gretchen Kinder, and Terry Emig
Four of the Original Members of EAA Chapter 1217**

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE RAPCON

Luke Air Force Base wants to notify all pilots in the Phoenix area that effective Saturday June 11 they went to seven day a week operations. The new hours are:

Mon - Thur 0600L - 2230L* (1300Z-0530Z)

Fri - Sun 0600L - 2100L (1300Z-0300Z)

*56FW flying occasionally extends later than 2230L

The SATR will only be active if the military flies on the weekend (at this time no weekend flying is proposed). As the Air Force transitions to more unmanned aircraft, pilots are encouraged to call RAPCON/Luke Approach and take advantage of the services they provide.

PLANES TO LOOK FOR AT AIRVENTURE

Rutan Boomerang

Burt Rutan considers the Boomerang one of his greatest accomplishments, and rightly so.

It's an incredible combination of performance, safety, and the unmistakable "look" of a Burt Rutan aircraft. Missing from the Oshkosh landscape for about a decade, the Boomerang is being prepared for flight by a group of Scaled Composites employees in order for one of Burt's most unique and eye-catching designs can be represented at the Tribute to Burt Rutan planned for Thursday, July 28.

Sonex Onex

With great looks and performance at a very affordable price, Sonex Onex seems almost single-handedly to be making the single-place airplane cool again. While a lot of the excitement and attention at Oshkosh falls on expensive hardware, the Onex reminds us that, particularly in the homebuilt areas, there are dozens of "dream planes" that are within the reach of your average homebuilder.



Rutan Boomerang

Bleriot XI

History is always alive at AirVenture. You don't need to look further than EAA's Bleriot XI replica to see that. Fresh off the first "flight" of the five-year project, attendees can see the airplane in a special Airmail Centennial exhibit this year and is painted to represent the aircraft that Earle Ovington

used in 1911 to make the first airmail flights in the U.S. Demo runs of its 101-year-old Anzani engine will be held throughout the week. Don't stand too close behind it, however, as you may get sprayed with castor oil !



Bleriot XI

Focke-Wulf Fw 190s

For years, we've been waiting for this legendary Luftwaffe fighter to fly at Oshkosh. When it rains, it pours. This year, we have at least two Fw 190s confirmed to appear, and potentially another on its way. They will play an integral part in the Tribute to Bob Hoover

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on Tuesday, July 26, recalling the infamous story that involves Hoover stealing an Fw 190 to aid his flight from captivity at the end of World War II.

#74 Super Corsair

On June 24, a newly refurbished #74 Super Corsair F2G-1 fired up its Pratt & Whitney R-4360 and taxied around the hangars to test the brakes for the first time. The plane is the second F2G-1 Super Corsair that has been

restored by Bob Odegaards talented restoration team. The all red #54 is now owned by Ron Pratt from Steller Airpark who currently has it being repainted at Eloy. The plan is for #74 to be at Oshkosh parked at the Reno Air Races tent in about three weeks, then compete at Reno in September. We'll definitely have more to report on this airplane, so stay tuned.



#74 Super Corsair



**Matt Bucko's Velocity Slow Build Project
Recent Progress Includes the Doors Cut Out and the Top On**

KREISELMEIRS

HELP YOUNG EAGLES

When Manfred and Kelly Kreiselmeir exchanged their vows this spring, they wanted do something special for Chapter 1217 and Young Eagles. Guests at their Skyline Country Club reception in Tucson could choose to donate to Young Eagles or another less worthy charity. Thanks to Manfred and Kelly for their generous donation. Manfred says he has been following the Chapter going on, but has been commuting to Pittsburg for his job as a Dispatcher for US Airways and hasn't been able to make the meetings.

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FACEBOOK UPDATE

The future is here thanks to Paul Rhodes! He has been working on our "Social Media" presence with the Facebook page he has created for Chapter 1217. You can log into www.facebook.com and search for Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217, and you will find it. You can post messages and pictures about Chapter happenings, pictures of your plane, anything you like. Be sure to click on the button that you "like" this site so we know people are looking at it.



Manfred and Kelly Kreiselmeir



**Jordan Ross and Tom Mitchell at the Aero Fair in Payson
T-34 is owned by Chapter 1217 member Alan Trabilcy and Tom Mitchell**



Photos courtesy of Jordan Ross

**Breakfast being Served at the May 21st Aero Fair in Payson
These Attendees are doing what Pilots Do Best – Eating Pancakes**



Airbus A380 Seen at the 2009 AirVenture

ThunderAds

FOR SALE, ETC.

Glasair IISRG kit

For sale contact Paul Basing, paulbasing@me.com

BELLANCA CRUISAIR 14-13-2

Contact Ray via e-mail: classichunters@charter.net, or phone 775-671-7733. Plane is in Carson City Nevada

COMBINATION VHF/GPS ANTENNA

Comant Model CI 2480-201, Separate connectors for Comm and GPS. Never installed. See AS&S pg 567. Their price \$576.00, sell for \$288,00 Ron Kassik 480-948-0168 or ronkassik@cox.net

THREE-BLADE PROP SHIPPING BOX

Previously used for a MT prop for a Velocity. Will fit most normal size 3-blade props. Available to anyone who needs to ship a prop. Matt Bucko mbuc310@cox.net

2009 LANCAIR 360

Superior IO-360 engine, TTAFE 20 hours, mineral oil, every thing new including paint, GPS, loaded must see. Fred 480-661-6613

PARTS

Fuel pump core, 23psi, Dukes Inc total time 18 hrs. Inline fuel filter, 3/8", Performance Mfg, tt 18 hrs. Slick magneto model 4771, tt18 hrs. Fred 480-661-6613

CESSNA 175 Skylark

TTSN 3,304hrs Franklin O-350 220 HP TTSN 355 hrs. Constant speed prop TTSN 355 hrs. Take off full gross 300 ft, climb out 1400 fpm. Hangared at AVQ \$59,000. (accepting offers) Rosie Braden 520-682-7285 billw7xh@gmail.com

1979 CESSNA 182Q

Arizona Airplane on SDL Tie Down K-137, TT 3500 hrs, Engine 1262 hrs SOH, recent interior upgrades & wing tip replacement. Bill Maxey 602-820-5722 maxeybill@hughes.net

1995 JABIRU ST

Two place, 3300 cc Engine, 10 hrs. Total Time Make Offer Al Ross cell: 602-320-7498

GRENGA GN-1 AIRCAMPER PROJECT

Biplane conversion but can be switched to a parasol. Fuselage covered and Elizado Tigre engine installed. \$6,000. Estate sale. Contact Lesley Morgan 480-834-4831 or e-mail Curtis at EAChapter1217@aol.com to receive a digital slideshow of the plane.

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