



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

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Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! At the May meeting, Roy Coulliette from Pleasant Valley Airport. bought us up to date on what the future plans are for this airport in the northwest part of the valley. It was interesting to hear what he had planned and a lot of Chapter members got to catch up Roy.

Before the meeting, Chapter 1217 member Alan Ripa premiered his video of the 2009 Cactus Fly-In. Hats off to Alan and his narrator Capt. Billy Walker on a job well done.

The annual Oshkosh AirVenture pilgrimage is just a month and a half away. If you are thinking about going it's not to late to find a place to stay, so don't let that slow you down. Many of the residents open up their homes for people to rent rooms for the Fly-In, prices usually run around \$50.00 per person per night. EAA has a housing hotline and I have some contacts if you are hunting for last minute accommodations.

I hope to see everyone at the June 19th meeting!

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JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

The June meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, June 19th in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. The time is 7pm. This month's guest speaker will be Chapter 1217 Vice President Terry Emig. Terry is going to talk about his adventures flying the Goodyear Blimp! Guests are always welcome.

LOST CHAPTER MEMBERS

We seem to have lost a couple of our members. If you want to be found please update your mailing and e-mail address so we can find you. Our lost souls are: Alan Trabicy, Dick Smith, Marv Vallento, and Jim Berdick.

E-mail us at EAAChecker1217@aol.com. Also, if you are one of the many folks whose zip code is changing, please drop us a short note with the new number so your newsletter arrives on time.

FALCON FIELD

TO CHANGE TOWER HOURS

Mesa's Falcon Field (KFFZ) will extend their daily controlled operating hours again this year according to Harold "Goaround" Sharp, Air Traffic Manager, Falcon Field ATCT.

Daily controlled operations will begin at 0500 LCL starting June 7 and will continue until Aug. 29. Sharp expects this to become an annual occurrence. Questions may be addressed to Sharp at 480-981-1367 Ext. 27, from 1000-1500 Monday through Thursday.

OSHKOSH NOTAM

NOW AVAILABLE

The EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009 Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) is now available - both in printed booklets and as a download from the AirVenture website. Copies can be ordered online, or simply download the PDF copy from www.EAA.org. The NOTAM contains the Special Flight Procedures in effect for Wittman Regional Airport and alternate airports from 6 a.m. CDT on Friday, July 24, to 11:59 p.m. CDT Sunday, August 2, 2009. The NOTAM is a must-have for those who will fly into Oshkosh this year.

ICON A5 WATER TESTS COMPLETE

ICON Aircraft has completed a series of rigorous hydrostatic and hydrodynamic tests on the ICON A5, a two-seat amphibious sport plane. These tests verified the basic hull performance for typical seaplane operations, as well as expanding the envelope into higher winds, rougher sea states, and advanced maneuvering. As testing for the A5 continues, a number of areas are still being refined and optimized including gear installation, aerodynamic enhancements, hull drag reduction, water-rudder improvements, and spray-pattern optimization. Flight-testing of the prototype is scheduled to continue throughout 2009. The estimated base price of the ICON A5 is \$139,000 and orders are now being accepted at www.iconaircraft.com with a refundable \$5,000 deposit. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in late 2010.

BORDER CROSSING CHANGES

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection will require, starting May 18, pilots of all general aviation flights arriving into or departing out of the country to electronically submit crew and passenger manifests and other flight information to them at least 60 minutes prior to departure. This information must be submitted to the CBP using their Electronic Advance Passenger Information System (eAPIS) website or through an authorized third party vendor. This new rule does not apply to domestic flights.

Pilots failing to meet these reporting requirements can be fined \$5,000 for the first violation and \$10,000 for each subsequent violation.

Pilots are encouraged to become familiar with the CBP crew and passenger manifest reporting requirements prior to planning any flights across the U.S. borders. More information can be found at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_b_oats/private_flyers

CANADA SAYS

NEW ELT'S TOO EXPENSIVE

For the time being, pilots who fly to Canada don't need to worry about being forced to upgrade to a 406-MHz emergency locator transmitter in order to continue flying in that country. Canadian Minister of Transport, John Baird, suspended the controversial rule which would have required all aircraft flying in Canada to be equipped with the 406-MHz ELT starting this year.

Canadian Owners and Pilots Association President, Kevin Psutka, has confirmed for AOPA that the minister refused to sign the rule because it did not include any viable alternatives to equipping with the 406-MHz ELTs. A new rule is to be drafted that includes alternatives and gives the acceptance of the new 406-MHz ELTs a shot.

Right now, the switch to the 406-MHz ELT is cost prohibitive for many pilots. Installation of the new equipment starts at \$1,000 but can increase dramatically.

THUNDER OVER THE COCONINO

FLY-IN

Saturday August 28th is the annual "Thunder over the Coconino Fly-in" sponsored by EAA Chapter 856 and the Planes of Fame Museum. The location is Grand Canyon Valle Airport. This is the fifth year with last year being the largest event ever, and their goal is to make "Thunder over the Coconino" bigger and better each year. Your participation would be a welcome addition to the 2009 event. Should you decide to join them and would like a special area set aside for you that will give event attendees the opportunity to view and photograph your aircraft, as well as to visit with pilots and gain a greater appreciation of aviation.

Contact Norm Gobeil, Airport Administrator for more information at 928-635-5280 or e-mail info@valleairport.com as soon as possible so that they may count you in this year!

STORCH REPLICA FLIES TO CHINO

Bernie Gross flew his Slepcev Storch to Chino, CA for the Planes of Fame Airshow. The plane is a ¾ scale replica that stalls at 21

mph, takes off in 100 feet and lands in 125 feet. At a cruise speed of 55 mph it was a longggg flight from DVT to CNO.



WWII reenactors pose with the Storch

SPORTY'S AND YOUNG EAGLES, CONTINUING "THE NEXT STEP"

It has been just over a month since the announcement of the new offer from Sporty's in conjunction with the Young Eagles program. Following their flight, Young Eagles now have access to Sporty's online Complete Pilot Training course - free of charge! Since that announcement, more than 100 Young Eagles have already signed up for the course and that number grows each day as more chapters order the logbooks and access codes.

This is a complete course, which will prepare students to pass the tests required for a pilot
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certificate - written, oral, and checkride. The course uses streaming video to explain what a pilot does and why, in real world conditions. Using interactive demonstrations and 3-D animation, flight maneuvers are shown in a way that is easy to visualize and understand. There are no additional books or software needed to buy.

So how will Young Eagles take advantage of this offer? Following a Young Eagles flight, you will provide them with a logbook (also courtesy of Sporty's) and a unique access

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code. The Young Eagle simply enters the code on the Young Eagles website (www.young eagles.org/sportys) to complete the registration. So how do you get the logbooks and access codes? Just like other Young Eagle supplies, you can order on line or by phone. Please take a few minutes to

familiarize yourself with the frequently asked question sheet about this new program so you can better answer questions from your volunteers, Young Eagles and their parents.

Don't forget International Young Eagles Day is June 13! - Send in your event reports to sbuss@eaa.org



Photos by Bernie Gross

Two More Individuals in WWII Period Costume pose with the Storch

FARMINGTON AIRSHOW

On September 12, 2009, The San Juan Rotary Club in Farmington, New Mexico is hosting an Air Show in Farmington. EAA Chapter 1217 members are invited to fly-in and put their aircraft on static display. In return, they will be given free admission to the show. Please visit the website at www.farmingtonairshow.com. If you have any

questions please feel free to call Bill Sharer, Air Show Director at 505-486-5272.

TERRY EMIG FLIES

THE GOODYEAR BLIMP

Terry Emig received a special birthday present recently, a flight in the Goodyear Blimp for Terry and several friends and family





David Roberts finds the source of all EAA Chapters, Chapter One, Flabob airport, Riverside, California

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PHOTOS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We appreciate everyone who is submitting photos to be used in the newsletter. Photos greatly enhance the stories about the activities of our members.

Essentially every photo must be cropped and resized to properly fit into the area available on the pages of the newsletter.

If possible, it will make editing the photos much easier if each photo is submitted in .JPEG format, and supplied as a separate attachment to an e-mail. The JPEG (JPG) format allows the best possible resolution and thus clearer images in the final version in the newsletter.

The editor

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FOR SALE

AERONCA 11AC CHIEF

N9677E, Restoration project in good condition, Sport Pilot legal certified aircraft. \$4,800.00 or trade for sheep, Curtis Clark azskybum@aol.com

1980 SUPERCUB PA 18

150 Lyc, 960 TT, 80 hrs TOH, New Icom 210, Intercom Transponder, King KT76A External Baggage Seaplane Kit, Recent Annual, \$85,000. Don Meloche (928) 951-4635, Cell (619) 838-2410 Email winslow42@cox.net

STANDS

Two 4-step stands to cover floats during installation. Eliminates standing on floats which can be damaging. Also 2 stands to go under floats which allows raising and lowering amphibian landing gear in work place. Price \$400 and \$100. Bill Grieme Floatmon @ cox.net

BENDIX/KING KLX-135A COM/GPS

(VFR) in excellent condition. Comes complete with tray, antenna, connectors, manuals, and 2008 USA data base installed. Selling because it is not compatible with RV-9A TruTrak auto-pilot. Asking \$1,500.00. Bob Kruse 480-391-1228

CONTINENTAL IO-360 ENGINE

210 Horsepower, Newly overhauled, ported and polished with ceramic pistons. Overhauled by Performance Engines in La Verne, CA. Included are: starter, alternator, single magneto, and exhaust. Originally built up for an RV-10, Vans decided not to support the Continental engine option. Great experimental aircraft engine. Make reasonable offer, will consider a trade. Bob Kruse.480-391-1228 or point9kruse@aol.com

1946 TAYLORCRAFT BC-12D

TT 2987 SMOH 196 with comm radio. Fabric tests good. All AD's OK incl new struts Sport pilot aircraft \$15,500. Call Wendel Waltz 602-770-9245 wendel@waltzmail.net

WHEELER EXPRESS PROJECT

\$10,000 My husband passed away and I have a complete kit that is 60% completed. Located in Fountain Hills. Bev Tall bevtall@talco.com

DIAMOND DA-40 PARTNERSHIP

Looking for partners in Diamond DA-40 based at SDL. Renzo Cataldo 480-227-3647

1979 CESSNA 182Q

Arizona Airplane on SDL Tie Down K137, TT 3500 hrs, Engine 1262 hrs. SOH, interior upgrades & wing tip replacement underway. Bill Maxey 602-820-5722 maxeybill@hughes.net

RV-10 PROJECT

RV-10 emp / tail cone kit. Switched to an RV-12. \$2800.00 (negotiable). Some tools available if interested. Located in Prescott, AZ. Frank Benedict c-140@juno.com 928-778-1977 H 928-899-8365 C

GLASTAR PROJECT

Lycoming 0-320 engine. Located at Carefree Airport. Al Ross 480-595-9579

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.

1979 CESSNA TURBO 182RG

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