



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

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Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! Paul Besing packed the February meeting with his show and tell on the AH-64 Longbow helicopter. His presentation was definitely aided by bringing the largest visual aid you could ever find, a real live Longbow that he flew in and landed on the ramp. Paul spent a month getting the proper clearances from his unit to allow him to bring the helicopter to the meeting so we could all get an up close look at it.

The past month has been packed with aviation events and we could fill ten newsletters with pictures of our members enjoying grassroots aviation. Last month ended with the Carefree Wings and Wheels Show. Tom Weidlich and Gary Hedges did a great job of spearheading the event. Besides the many Chapter members that flew in their display aircraft, Chapter member Tony Holden did an airshow with his one third scale Extra RC aircraft that amazed more than a few people at the level of sophistication of today's RC planes.

The Cactus Fly-in was a tremendous success due to the large number of Chapter 1217 members that showed to provide the manpower to run the Fly-in, as well as a little help from Mother Nature. I cannot thank everyone enough for your tireless support of this important event.

Hope to see all of you at this month's meeting.

Curtis

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

The March meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, March 16, in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. The time is 7pm. Terry Emig has lined up Vernon Rich to be this month's guest speaker. Vernon will talk about his efforts as part of the team that attempted to recover and fly a B-29 off the Greenland icecap. The Kee Bird expedition has been featured on television and now you will get to meet a guy that was actually part of the team and hear his story. This will be a great meeting so plan to attend - and remember, guests are always welcome.

NEW MEMBERS

At the February meeting we added two new members to our Chapter. Welcome aboard to **John Rader** who has a GP-1 sailplane and to **John DeWane** who owns a Beech F-90. The Chapter 1217 booth at the Light Sport Aircraft Tour Stop added new members **David Owens** who is building a Rans and **Alan Trabilcy**. We look forward to seeing you at many Chapter 1217 events and meetings.

EAA LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT

TOUR STOP

The Saturday after our February meeting Chapter 1217 co-hosted the EAA LSA Tour Stop along with Chapters from Deer Valley and Falcon Field. The Chapter 1217 trailer/booth, or as Jim Moss calls it the Chapter hotdog stand, was set up so that we could pass out information on how to join Chapter 1217. Thanks to all of our members that showed up early to help set up the displays and stayed late to pack everything.

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Sixteen certified LSAs were on display to look at and possibly go for demo rides. EAA Headquarters also sent out a bunch of folks to help run the event and do the various seminars; it was also an excellent escape from the one-degree high in Oshkosh that day. Chris Clark was on hand and issued Sport Pilot Student Licenses to eighty future pilots.

The event was primarily aimed at promoting the Sport Pilot concept and introducing the public to the different types of ready to fly LSA aircraft available. It did not promote the large number of kit and plans built airplanes, gyrocopters, gliders and trikes that also fall under Sport Pilot rules but were absent.

The Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force opened up its museum and workshops for free to the public for the day so they could see what the CAF was all about. The word they are trying to get out is that the CAF in the past has been an old veterans organization and they want to change that image to attract new members. The CAF folks were a real pleasure to work with and anyone who has ever thought of joining their group should stop out and get to know them. Additionally, folks who were turned off by earlier bad experiences should revisit them and give them another chance.

CACTUS FLY-IN

The first weekend in March has been the date of the Arizona Antique Airplane Association Cactus Fly-in for forty-eight years now and never before has it had such perfect weather. While the rains in So Cal kept away some of the antique planes, the ramp was still almost full with planes from the rest of the country. The good news is that the great weather brought out a record-setting number of attendees to see the aircraft on display.

A big thanks goes out to all the Chapter members who showed up early and went home late to staff this Fly-in. Hopefully the improved scheduling system relieved some of the problems from previous years so people

had to work less and enjoy the Fly-in more. If you forgot to pick up a Fly-in volunteer shirt we will have a box of them at the March meeting.

Be sure and mark the first weekend in March of 2007 as the dates for next year's Fly-in.

OOPS, I CRASHED MY AIRPLANE

by Chris Clark, AST, Scottsdale FSDO

One of my duties at the Scottsdale FSDO is to take calls about aircraft accidents and incidents. Just when I think I've heard everything, something will take me by surprise. One of the fantastic stories I've heard was from a pilot who had to kick himself out of burning wreckage because the doors were jammed shut. I am happy to hear good news like that when there's been an accident.

Nobody likes to think that they could be the pilot who has an accident or incident with an aircraft. But it happens to the best of them. If it does, who to call? What do they want to know?

So if you are the pilot involved in an accident or incident, whom do you call to report it? You can always call the nearest Flight Service Station, 1-800-WX-BRIEF. They are open 24/7 and it's a toll-free number. They will make sure the proper people get the word. Or you can call the FAA Duty Officer in Los Angeles at 310-725-3300, also open 24/7. They can patch in NTSB and the FSDO on the telephone. You can also call the FSDO during office hours at 480-419-0111. Each entity involved in an accident or incident investigation has specific information that they collect.

Information that SDL FSDO will need during initial notification of an accident or incident includes the date, time, location, aircraft registration number, make/model, pilot name, address, phone number, pilot certificate, medical and flight review information. We also ask where the aircraft departed and

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when, intended destination, whether a flight plan was filed, and whether the pilot obtained a weather briefing. We ask how many souls on board, and whether there were any injuries – if so, the severity. Of course we ask what happened ... and we ask for a description of the damage to the aircraft and any other property such as airport lights or a vehicle.

This information is used to begin the FAA investigation, which is conducted separately from, yet in conjunction with, an NTSB investigation. If it is determined that the event should be classified as an incident, only the FAA conducts an investigation.

You can find more information on www.faa.gov and www.nts.gov

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Marv and Sara Valento man the Chapter 1217 Booth at the EAA LSA Tour Stop



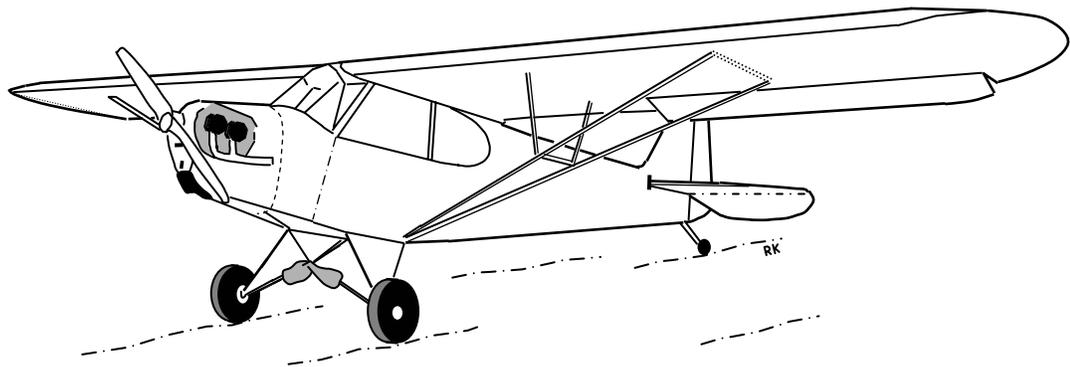
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