



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

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Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! Last month we had a very well attended meeting to hear Terry Brandt talk about Sport Pilot. The meeting room was filled so obviously a lot of people have a real interest in learning more about Sport Pilot and LSA airplanes. I will work on getting more programs that deal with these kinds of planes and their operation.

It has been a super hectic, last couple of weeks doing all the behind the scenes planning and purchasing for the Cactus Fly-In. Did you know we served over three hundred meals! That's a lot of burgers, cheese, buns, chips, salad and drinks. Also, because it was warmer this year we handed out over five hundred bottles of water to our hard working volunteers. It was also special in that this year our ice vendor forgot to show up so a few runs to Fry's were required to keep everything iced down and cold.

A big thanks to all our Chapter 1217 members that came down to help run this year's Fly-In. A free burger and a t-shirt are not enough thanks for you taking the time and gas to come down to Casa Grande and staff this event. Without your hard work this Fly-In wouldn't happen and you should take pride in continuing a 53-year tradition that you helped keep alive.

For a complete list of aircraft award winners go to www.CactusFlyIn.org

I hope to see everyone at the March meeting!

Curtis

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

The March meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, March 17th in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal

Building at 7pm. Our featured guest speaker will be Steve Lund from Corona, California. Steve is going to talk about building several homebuilt Storch replicas and will have his latest Storch on display on the ramp, weather permitting. On the Friday after the meeting he will be flying the Storch to Luke AFB to participate in the Luke Day Fly-In.

As we look forward to future meetings we will have Denny Myrick talking about the RV-12 he built, the guys from Rotorway Helicopters, a world record setting balloonist who flew from Illinois to India, and learn about the history of one of San Francisco's aviation icons, SFO Helicopters. All this coming up at EAA Chapter 1217 meetings this spring!

It will be a great meeting and guests are always welcome

CACTUS FLY-IN

The Fifty-third Annual Cactus Fly-In is now in the history books. There was perfect weather even though it got a little windy at times. There were no bent planes and everyone had a great time. This month's Chapter newsletter has lots of pictures of planes and Chapter 1217 members having a good time volunteering at the Fly-In. Be sure and mark the first FULL Friday / Saturday in March 2012 for next year's Fly-In

SEAPLANE TRAINING

AT FALCON FIELD

Yes it's true! Longtime valley pilot examiner Tom Allen is doing seaplane ratings at Falcon. Chapter member Pat McGarry just finished his seaplane rating in the Lake amphibian and had a great time. Rather than being limited to one small lake, Pat got to

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land at Roosevelt Lake, Lake Havasu and on the Colorado River in several locations. Many of you might remember Tom as a tow pilot and glider instructor at Estrella Sailport back in the nineties and most recently as the Chief Instructor at Sheble Aviation in Kingman. The

Lake rents for \$275.00 an hour and Tom can do BFR's, add-on ratings, recurrency training, or just a fun flight where you get to experience the thrill of landing on water! For more information or to book a flight, go to www.airoptionsllc.com



Cactus Fly-In Grand Champion Stearman C3R owned by Bill Allen of Tijuana, California



B-25 Bomber at the Cactus Fly-In Invoked Memories of the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo

Various Planes seen at the 2011 Cactus Fly-In



SB 1229

In our new age ever-changing vocabulary of new words like Facebook, Twitter, and all those Jersey Shore words, we all need to be aware of the SB word. It has to do with an Arizona SENATE BILL. These bills can drastically alter our way of life, personal

freedoms and in my case getting my palm trees trimmed!

Chapter 1217 member and Arizona Pilots Association President Nancy Benscotter reports that a very important bill is in the State Senate that will continue to give us the freedom to operate our aircraft in areas other

than airports. We have heard good news that the sponsorship of SB 1229 has agreed to add the language "operate aircraft" to SB 1229 in a quote from Nancy. This change will allow aircraft operators the same rights as hikers, hunters, and boaters, preventing us from being discriminated against when we want to land in the desert or on a lake.

Additional language offered by the Arizona Pilot's Association and Recreational Aviation Foundation for SB1229: "or" struck from between "vehicle" and "all-terrain" and add "or operation of aircraft" as shown in current text of bill below:

4. "Recreational user" means a person to whom permission has been granted or implied without the payment of an admission fee or any other consideration to travel across or to enter upon premises to hunt, fish, trap, camp, hike, ride, engage in off-highway vehicle, off-road recreational motor vehicle, or all-terrain vehicle activity, **or operation of aircraft**, exercise, swim or engage in similar outdoor recreational pursuits. The purchase of a state hunting, trapping or fishing license or a state trust land recreational permit is not the payment of an admission fee or any other consideration as provided in this section. A nominal fee that is charged by a public entity or a nonprofit corporation to offset the cost of

providing the educational or recreational premises and associated services does not constitute an admission fee or any other consideration as prescribed by this section.

VULTURE MINE

Chapter member Bernie Gross says the Vulture Mine Airstrip is available for landing again. When flying into the Vulture Mine Strip it is protocol to register at the mine office and leave a small 501.c3 donation.

Prior permission is not as yet totally required, but a user identifying courtesy phone call to the Mine Office, 602-469-7662, is a polite idea. They don't want unidentified or suspicious planes using the runway, and a quick phone call is all it takes.

Runway 15/33 (approximately 43.9 Miles West of DVT) 2100 ft msl, 3,000 ft + length
N 33.49.502 , W 112.49.661

Watch out for LUKE AFB SATR on 118.15 and/or 120.5 as depicted on the Phoenix Terminal Area Chart. Proper procedure is to drag the strip for a conditional inspection and then land uphill to the North on runway 35, right hand pattern suggested.

The owner of the mine is Todd Beal, 602-627-8755 and appears to be reasonably cooperative.



Lunch Time at the Cactus Fly-In Volunteer Center



Capt. Billy Walker allows Cactus Fly-In Visitors to View the Planes without Walking



Stu Bloemer and Arv Schultz at the Vulture Mine Strip

More Planes seen at the 2011 Cactus Fly-In



LAKE MEAD SPLASH IN

It was a warm, sunny day at Lake Mead last month. It was a very interesting group since we did more talking than flying. When the sunscreen ran out it was time to go home. Rick VanArsdale arrived in his Widgeon (the yellow submarine), and Tom Young came with his new Widgeon (Tom has been rebuilding it for 13-14 years). Fred Ball also showed up; his Widgeon time totaled more than everyone else's combined. Tod Dickey

had his white and red Widgeon from DVT bringing Chapter 1217 member Jim Beauchene.

Dennis Buhen, Albatross Owner, came, as well as John Ekhardt from Salt Lake City with his Cessna 182 on floats. A Seawind and another Albatross also showed up. After battling headwinds to get there Tod Dickey was rewarded with a 200Kt ground speed to get home to DVT by dark in his Widgeon.



Seawind Amphibian at the Lake Mead Splash-In

ThunderAds

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1980 SUPERCUB PA 18

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1979 CESSNA 182Q

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

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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