



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

May, 2009

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! At the April meeting Brian Head from Arizona Aircraft Painting at Falcon Field gave us an overview of aircraft painting and their new state-of-the-art facility. Also, Brian Ryckmen premiered the video he made for us on the Lake Pleasant Splash-In, thanks Brian!

Our annual May day Fly-In / Drive-In was held last month and Chef Jacque cooked up an entire herd of cattle for the carnivores in our Chapter. We had perfect temperatures and a huge turnout for the event. The combination of having Chapter members fly in, as well as the meet being in town so people could drive in, made for a perfect EAA Chapter event. This year the Chapter sprang for the burgers and fixins and there was a potluck for everything else. This year went so well that we will do the same thing next time.

I hope to see everyone at the May 21st meeting!

Curtis

MAY CHAPTER MEETING

The May meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, May 21st in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. The time is 7pm. This month's guest speaker will be Roy Coulette from Pleasant Valley Airport. Roy is going to talk about the development plans for the airport as a general aviation airport. Before the meeting Chapter 1217 member Alan Ripa is going to premier his video of the 2009 Cactus Fly-In. Guests are always welcome.



What can be better than the Cactus Fly-In, a John Deere Tractor, and Old Glory?

NEW MEMBERS

We had two new members join last month. Tim Clark works for the City of Phoenix, and Ed Permoda is an Air Force vet that flew two tours in F-4's in Southeast Asia. He now flies a Zenair CH-300 Tri Z based at Scottsdale Airport. We hope to see you guys at the meetings!

MAY DAY FLY-IN

The annual Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 MAY DAY FLY-IN / DRIVE-IN was a overwhelming success! A big thanks to Jack Pollack who hosted this year's event at his hangar. Jack's award winning Stearman was on display, as well as a real cross section of

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homebuilt, antique, warbird and light sport aircraft. A look around the ramp included the following planes from Chapter members and friends.

Dennis Smith & friend	2 Sonexs
Jim Armstrong	Cubby
Dick Delefield	Legend Cub
Mike Berglund	GlaStar on floats
Lynn Miller & friends	3 CJ-6A's
Bernie Gross	King Ludwig's Storch
Jack Pollack	Stearman
Curtis Clark	Cub and Breezy
Wendel Waltz	Ford Model T

This year's event had perfect weather, OK maybe a little windy, lots of Chapter members, family and friends as well as a front row seat to watch. Special cudos to David Roberts and Chris Gali who helped with the setup and cleanup.

CHAPMAN RANCH FLY-IN

Bill Unternaehrer says that he was the 5th plane to land at this year's Fly-in and that about 17 planes showed up. He had a great time even though he left early because of forecast winds in the afternoon would make for a long ride home in a Super Cub. Some of the planes attending are listed on the next page:

Tom Clements	C-180 Skywagon
Brian Ryckmen	C-180 Skywagon
Bill Unternaehrer	PA-18 Super Cub
Nancy Benscoter	C-182
Arv Schultz	Citabria
Mike Bergland	Kitfox
Dean Gilderoy	C-175
Ron Weiner, La Cholla	C-120

Also flown in were a: PA-12 Cruiser from DVT, a C-206, Zodiac, RV-6 from Prescott, and a Maule.



Photo by Bill Unternaehrer

Chapman Ranch Runway

CHAPMAN RANCH USERS AND AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS

Check the new Phoenix Sectional...Chapman Ranch has been added and the identifier is 58AZ.

The second Chapman Ranch Fly-In went off without a hitch, thanks to efforts of the hard working APA Volunteers. The Arizona Pilots Association collected about \$300 in donations. Unfortunately, the donations are not going to offset the annual \$500 lease and the \$2,800 insurance expenses. The Lease and insurance payments are due by May 15, 2009 and the APA needs an additional \$3,000.

To give you a brief background on 58AZ, the APA leased the property on 05/15/07. This was our first attempt at opening a backcountry airstrip to flyers in AZ similar to the backcountry flying opportunities that are available in UT and ID. Additionally, 58AZ is an asset to the community for emergency and general access. 58AZ was intended to be a building block for future airstrips and, so far, it has been successful thanks to the many

efforts of volunteers, donations from interested parties, corporate sponsors and the APA. If you have followed its development over the last couple of years the airstrip has been transformed from a cow pasture to an airstrip that can be used safely by a wide variety of aircraft, which makes it appealing to more than Super Cubs and, not to mention, Huskys.

The APA has forked out about \$5,500. in seed money to start this venture, but cannot continue to fund 58AZ. On Thursday, 05/14/09, the APA Board of Directors will vote on a motion to continue funding the airstrip. This motion is not expected to pass without your support. If the APA is going to be

successful at opening airstrips in AZ, they will have to be self-sustaining. There are 70 aircraft registered to use 58AZ. If, for each registered aircraft, the APA received a \$43 donation, we could continue to keep 58AZ open for one more year. We will continue to work with the Pleasant Valley community to support and contribute to the keeping the airstrip open, but for this year the primary support will have to come from the registered and potential other users or enthusiasts.

Thanks,
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Photo by Bill Unternaehrer

Several of the Planes at the Chapman Ranch Fly-In



Some Scenes from the May Day Fly-In



Photos by Bernie Gross & Jordan Ross

More Scenes from the May Day Fly-In

CASA GRANDE BREAKFAST FLY-IN

Everyone is invited to fly on down to Casa Grande for their monthly Fly-In Breakfasts from 0700 to 1000. Starting in June the breakfast will be moved to the last Saturday of each month.

The really nice thing about this event is they have an indoor air conditioned terminal building to have the event. The breakfast has scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee and cactus juice; there is a \$7.00 charge which goes to support local charities.

PHX TERMINAL CHART CHANGES

The Phoenix Terminal Area Chart became effective May 7, 2009 and like most of you, I need to go buy one. The new chart features some enhancements to make flying in the Class Bravo more user friendly. These include a new East/West Route, Gila Route, and Canal Route, that will each have separate route descriptions on insets to a new panel on the chart. Moving the East/West route descriptions off the map to the insets has reduced clutter on the map. Since the airspace frequencies change according to the runway flow at PHX in some areas, a table has been added to the Gila and Canal routes showing the frequencies in use at pertinent geographical points to assist in contacting the correct controller. This table is also useful in determining frequencies in use for other routes of flight as well. The assumption for the frequencies is that initial contact is made below the Class B.

NOTE: The Floors of the PHX Class B airspace are the altitudes that large turbine aircraft are cleared to and operating at! (Emphasis added) This is particularly true for arriving commercial aircraft descending on the arrival and being sequenced to the downwind, base legs, and final.

That being said, it would not be unreasonable to be denied Class B clearance on the Gila/Canal route during peak periods. On the departure side during west traffic, southbound departures often have to tunnel under arrivals near Gila Crossing which may delay receiving a Class B clearance.

Bottom line: buy the new chart and spend a few minutes reading it. An altitude bust in your home airspace is like backing over the neighbor's mailbox!

MUSTANG CAFE KPRC

The Mustang Café at Legend Aviation gives Prescott bound pilots an additional restaurant at KPRC in addition to Susie's Café in the main terminal. Located in the just opened FBO on the south side of the field, the Mustang Café is open from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily.

AIRSHOWS AND FLY-INS FOR 2009

05/22-24 Fly-In & Airshow Watsonville, CA
05/30-31 Thunder over the Rio Grande Airshow, Las Cruces NM
06/06-07 Ramona Airshow Ramona, CA
06/12 Golden West Reg'l Fly-In Olivehurst, CA
06/27 High Country Warbirds Fly-In Valle, AZ

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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.

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