



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

November, 2007

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! We had a great turnout at the October meeting to hear Chapter member Joe Benich talk about his interesting career and give us a look into running a Travel Club Airline.

For each of the nine years our EAA Chapter has existed when October rolls around it time for our annual Young Eagle airlift. This year each of you should be proud of your efforts in putting forth a positive impression of grass roots aviation and the EAA Young Eagle Program. Watching the smiles on the faces as the kids came back from their rides made it all worthwhile. For most of us it was a tankfull of gas but to them it was a major life experience. After our traditional "debrief" over lunch at Chandler it was still wasn't clear who had the most fun, the pilots or the kids!

I hope to see everyone at the November meeting.

Curtis

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

The November meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, November 15th, in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. The time is 7pm.

This month's guest speaker will be Chapter 1217 member Captain Billy Walker. Billy has put together a great presentation on the history of the P-51 Mustang. He is going to have a lot of pictures from this year's Mustangs and Legends Airshow as well as some background on the "Red Dog" Mustang that is based at Steller Airpark.

We will also have pictures from our young Eagle Airlift. Remember guests are always welcome.

YOUNG EAGLE AIRLIFT

Saturday October 20th, was the date of this year's Chapter 1217 Young Eagle Airlift at the Casa Grande Airport. This was our ninth anniversary of doing this event and things ran really smoothly. At 0700 the Scouts served up a free breakfast for everyone involved. After a short briefing we started flying right at 0800. By 1030 the last of the 106 Young Eagle rides were completed as well as 16 rides to volunteers and Scout Leaders. Everyone involved had a great time and the Scouts were very happy with the rides they received. It seems that we finally have the right combination so the volunteer pilots can show up and give rides and not have to deal with the paperwork.

The planning starts during the summer with Terry Emig getting permission from the City of Casa Grande to use the airport terminal. We also attended several "round table meetings" with the Scouts to talk about the program and what they could expect. Finally, hard working Chip Headman from the Boy Scouts gets all the permission slips and assigns boarding groups. All this goes on so the pilots can show up and fly on the day of the event.

A big thanks to everyone from the chapter who participated in this worthwhile event. Sherri Schellenberger volunteered to be our Chapter photographer so we will have some good pictures to show at the next meeting.

CLASS BRAVO CHANGE

As we have said in several of the past newsletters, the Phoenix Class B airspace boundaries have changed! Be sure you are flying with current information. Get your new Phoenix sectional and Phoenix VFR Terminal Area Charts dated October 25, 2007. Don't forget to update your GPS too!

YOUNG EAGLE AIRLIFT PARTICIPANTS

Volunteer Pilots and Planes

Jack Pollack	Chipmunk	Terry Emig	Stearman
Arv Schultz	Citabria	Dick Delafield	Legend Cub
Brian Ryckmen	Cessna 180	Terry Peterson	Bonanza
David Roberts	Super Decathalon	Jeff Meyers	RV-6
Curtis Clark	Aero Commander	Mike Morgan	Cessna 172SP
Billy Walker	Stearman	Tom Snyder	Bonanza
Bill Lewallen	Cessna 185	Dawn Zurcher	Warrior
Rusty Gavagon	Cessna 140		

Ground Crew Volunteers

Bill Unternaehrer, Roger Parish, Sherri Schellenberger, Julie White, Hal and Jackie Rozema, Ron Landon, Roger Vanderwindt, Bill Prebbles, and the Casa Grande EAA Chapter.



Dick Delafield and his Legend Cub after giving a Young Eagle ride

PROJECT HELP WANTED

BY CHAPTER MEMBER

I have a stalled building project that I would like to get going. I'm looking for one or two partners to help finish my Vision Project. The fuselage is

almost complete. The wing spar has been started, and I have a fresh 0-320 160 HP engine waiting for the plane. Pictures are available at www.visionaircraft.com. I can be contacted at flyawayman@cox.net or 480-225-8153, Terry Peterson



Rusty Gavagon and his Cessna 140 at the Young Eagle Airlift

CHAPTER 1217 HOLIDAY PARTY

The ninth annual Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 holiday party is just around the corner! Please set aside the date for an evening of socializing with your fellow Chapter members in a relaxed environment while enjoying light snacks, cash bar, live holiday music and an all around good time.

This year's Chapter 1217 party will be held at Lager Fields Sports Grill on the evening of Saturday, December eighth. Lager Fields is located at 12601 North Paradise Village Parkway, on the southwest corner of Paradise Valley Mall, across the street from Target and REI. We will have our own separate room for the party.

HELLO SANTA...COME IN SANTA

EAA TV's series, *From the Ground Up*, was the first program dedicated to the homebuilding and restoration of airplanes. It aired on the Discovery Wings Channel several years ago, and it's now available on DVD through EAA. The series takes you

through all the steps of building an RV-8, from inventorying parts to the first flight. The complete, four-DVD set is available for \$79.99, or for \$21.99 each. Call 800-843-3612.

VALLEY FLYING CLUB

Valley Flying Club was established in April 1994 at Scottsdale Airport for the purpose of providing quality aircraft rental as well as thorough, effective and safe flight training. Bob Mayer has been working at getting a collection of nice, clean, safe, well equipped aircraft to provide to members. The club is primarily located at Deer Valley Airport and offers an alternative to high priced flight schools and beat up training planes. The planes are nice, mostly hangered and equipped with state of the art communication and navigation systems. Check out www.valleyflyingclub.com for more information



Photo by Sherri Schellenberger from Brian Ryckmen's Cessna 185

Curtis Clark flying Mark Nuessle's Aero Commander 500B with Young Eagles Aboard

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2007 COPPERSTATE FLY-IN AWARD WINNERS

Grand Champion

Lancair 235/320 N694RS
Randy Snarr South Jordan, UT

Reserve Grand Champion

Lancair Legacy N70AZ
William Opredek Sedona, AZ

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1st place RV-8 N249TS
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2nd Place RV-7A N67BT
Bob Trumpfeller Cedaredge, CO
3rd Place RV-6 N216PH
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1st Place Wittman Tailwind N374WT
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2nd Place Pitts Model 12 N491X
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1st place Lancair 235/320 N694RS
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2nd Place Lancair Legacy N70AZ
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Rick Lindstrom Hayward, CA

Classic

1st place Cessna 180 N9147C
Ron Rupp Havasu City, AZ
2nd Place Globe GC-1B N78103
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COPPERSTATE AWARD WINNERS Contd.

Contemporary

1st place Cessna 182B N34DM

Chris Burgess Durango, CO

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2nd Place AT-6G N7487C

Doug Beason Safford, AZ

Best Rotor Craft

Gauchat Safari N147MD

Mike Gauchat Peoria, AZ

SAGA OF J-3 CUB N77531

I have always wanted to own a J-3 Cub. My Piper Comanche is a great cross-country plane, but with the price of 100LL and its cruise speed, it's not the best plane for spending an hour flying around looking at Arizona scenery, or doing some late afternoon touch-and-goes.

Scanning Barnstormers.com, and other websites, I came across a J-3 for sale near Dallas, made a trip down to look at it in July, and decided that the price was acceptable. The sale was conditional upon the seller cleaning up some airworthiness certificate issues that were accomplished by mid-August.

The next challenge was how to get the Cub from Texas to Arizona. The insurance company insisted that both my son, Ryan, and I have 10 hours of dual in a J-3 prior to solo. I couldn't find a Cub available for rent here in Arizona. One plan was to go to the Dallas area, stay in a hotel, find a CFI and get the 10 hours of dual before flying it home. Ryan was in the midst of upgrading to Captain, moving to a new domicile, and waiting for the birth of our next grandchild, so he was not able to participate.

A white knight in shining armor then came to the rescue (well maybe not with the shining armor). Curtis Clark volunteered to fly the J-3 to Arizona for me. Jack Pollack said he would help out if needed. The next question was when: We needed a confluence of Curtis having several days off, and good weather, temperatures below the mid-90s and no forecast high winds all along the route. Weeks went by without an acceptable set of conditions.

Finally, Curtis and I flew down to Dallas on Sunday, October 21, took the wings and tail off that afternoon, loaded the plane in a truck on Monday, and Curtis drove it to Arizona, arriving on Wednesday. The J-3 is now in the process of being reassembled. By the way, on that Sunday in Texas it was sunny, but winds too high to fly the Cub, on Monday it was cold, windy and raining much of the day.

The main purpose of this article is to publicly thank Curtis for the time and effort he put into this project. Curtis, thank you very much.

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1979 CESSNA TURBO 182RG

287 SMOH, O₂, A/P, NDH Arv Schultz 602 275-1016

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 EAAChapter1217@aol.com to receive a digital slideshow of the plane.

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