



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 November, 2008

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! Thanks for everyone coming to last month's meeting to hear Dale Bashum speak about flying in the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron in the WC-130. Everyone that listened learned a lot about weather and even added a few new words like exotropic to our vocabularies.

It is great to have another successful Young Eagle Airlift behind us. There is a lot of planning that goes into this event starting over the summer with Terry Emig meeting with the Boy Scouts, Airport management, and myself handling the EAA permits, and of course insurance. Each year we put the call out for help and for ten years Chapter members have showed up in force to run this great event, thanks. Our new Young Eagle Coordinator Chris Galli also got his introduction to how we do things in a big way in our Chapter.

Be sure and make plans for our Holiday Extravaganza which is next month. We have decided to delay the hangar sale until the spring due to numerous conflicts and the parking area being torn up.

Remember that December is the month we give Ron Kassik our Newsletter Editor the month off, so look for an invitation and directions to our Holiday Party in lieu of a newsletter in December. Also, per tradition there will be no meeting in December other than the party.

We are always beating the bushes for guest speakers and have a program on Seaplanes scheduled for January '09. Also, a program from a guy that is building a full scale exact

replica of the Gee Bee QED and has built lots of planes including: a Laird Super Solution, Starduster II, and my favorite a Clipped-wing T-Craft.

Hope to see all of you at the November Chapter meeting.

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NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

The November meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, November 20th, in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. Terry Emig has lined up Dennis McCole and Karl Summers from Honeywell Aerospace Business and General Aviation division to come and talk about the latest Honeywell avionics. And; to give us a look into the future of avionics for light aircraft. The time is 7pm. Remember guests are always welcome!

NEW MEMBER

Denny Myrick rejoined our Chapter after being gone for a couple of years. He is now retired from Southwest Airlines and is building an RV-12. Welcome back Denny

CHAPTER 1217

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

In keeping with our ten-year Chapter 1217 tradition, we are planning a holiday Party for Chapter members, family and guests. The date is Saturday, December 13th, 6pm. The location is Lagerfields on the southwest corner of Paradise Valley Mall. The owners are giving us our own room, just like last year, and light snacks will be provided with a cash bar. This year will mark the return of the door prizes so be sure to circle this date on your calendars!

YOUNG EAGLE AIRLIFT

Saturday October 18th, 2008 was the tenth annual Chapter 1217 Young Eagle Airlift at the Casa Grande Airport. The hard working volunteer pilots and ground crew of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 came through again and made the dreams of 177 young people take flight. Using fourteen aircraft and pilots as well as a static display Warrior from UND and an R-22 from

Quantum, we delivered a very positive grassroots aviation experience to these young boys and girls. Our goal of ten years of safely doing this event has been met. We have flown over 1200 Young Eagle flights without any damage to planes, pilots or kids. In the future we will have smaller events with more one on one type flying. We will also encourage Chapter members to help out at other Young Eagle events around the valley.

Volunteer Pilots and Planes

Terry Emig	Stearman	Billy Walker	Stearman	Joe Sottile	Stearman
Bill Lewallen	Cessna 185	Brian Ryckmen	Cessna 180	Pat McGarry	Cessna 185
Tom Snyder	Bonanza	Rusty Gavagon	Cessna 140	Jeff Meyers	RV-7
Don Lindholm	Cessna 170	Mike Evans	Champ	Curtis Clark	Aero
					Commander

Also, a Warrior and a Cessna 172 from Casa Grande EAA Chapter 1445 helped out.

Thanks to all the hard working Chapter 1217 volunteers on the ground and in the air that made this a great event!



Terry Emig, Billy Walker and Joe Sottile give three Young Eagles a ride they won't forget

DVPA CELEBRATES THIRTY YEARS

The Deer Valley Pilots Association celebrated its thirtieth anniversary with a picnic featuring static displays, raffles, that included a ride in an Air Tractor fire bomber, and a free barbeque. The hoped for grand opening of the new self-serve fuel facility was

unfortunately delayed for a couple of weeks. Thirty years is a long time to stand up for airport tenant's rights at Deer Valley by providing a common voice of the tenants to work with airport staff. If you haven't joined check out their website at www.dvtpilot.com



Don Lindholm in his polished Cessna 170 at the Young Eagle Airlift



Jeff Myers with a Young Eagle in his RV-7

COPPERSTATE FLY-IN

This is one of the largest aviation events in the state and always has interesting planes and displays. With a new layout of the grounds, an enthusiastic volunteer force, and picture-perfect weather, the Copperstate Fly-In held its 38th annual event last month at the Casa Grande Airport. Fly-in manager Jim McChesney reported that overall attendance was estimated to be up more than 10 percent over last year, and while the overall aircraft count dipped slightly, there were more show planes participating this year than in 2007.

Most importantly, it was a safe weekend, with no reported incidents.

“We increased our local marketing efforts this year and that certainly paid off,” McChesney said. Air traffic controllers reported more than 1,000 operations on Saturday alone, and the fly-in experienced one of the best opening days ever on Thursday. “There were a lot of aircraft in the air and the campground was close to filled,” he added. This year was McChesney’s first as fly-in manager as the former fly-in manager moved to Texas.

2008 COPPERSTATE Fly-In Winners

Grand Champion

N70AZ Lancair Legacy
Bill and Debbie Oprendek Sedona, AZ

Chapter 1217 Members Receiving Awards

Custom Built Tube and Fabric

2nd Place N204SB SB-01 Cub
Stew Bloemer Phoenix, AZ

Warbird

2nd Place N18AW Yakaloev YAK II
Bill Lewallen Arizona City, AZ

Copperstate 2009 will be held October 22-25, 2009.

ALUMINUM OVERCAST

COMING TO DVT

EAA's "Keep it Flying" B-17 Tour stop at Deer Valley Airport December 5-7! The tour brings the beautifully restored B-17 Flying Fortress *Aluminum Overcast* to Deer Valley for flight experiences and walk-through tours. Out of over 12,000 that were built, this aircraft is one of a handful of airworthy B-17s still flying.

EAA invites you to reserve a seat for a flight aboard this rare WW II bomber and experience "the ride of a lifetime." Reserve your seat today! Call 800-359-6217 or visit our website at www.b17.org.

Pre-booked flights cost \$359. for EAA Members, and \$399. for non-Members. Walk-up prices are \$385. for EAA Members and \$425. for non-Members. Seats are filling up fast, so pre-book your flight today and save \$26. off the walk-up price! It's a great experience you won't want to miss, plus you'll be helping to support the preservation of aviation history and supporting aviation in your local community.

LAKE PLEASANT SEAPLANES

Chapter 1217 member Tod Dickey has undertaken a long-term project to benefit the pilots of Arizona, he is working to get Lake Pleasant open to seaplanes. Accompanied by Jim Swedback, he has been talking to the Maricopa County Parks Department for over 2 years now and may be making some progress. Jim and Tod have been before the Parks Commission and were sent back to work with the Parks staff for their recommendation. What they wanted was to start with a one day event to evaluate and become familiar with seaplane operations. **The tentative dates for this are Saturday February 21 or Saturday March 14, 2009.** They would like to start with a maximum of 10-12 seaplanes. The event would probably involve lunch and a "boaters' introduction to seaplanes" seminar.

The goal is to open Lake Pleasant to seaplane use in the wintertime and weekday use only in the summertime. They are trying to convince them that seaplane use is consistent with the Lake's Mission Statement and would increase the park-goer's outdoor experience, as well as provide additional income for the Park. Park rules currently prohibit seaplane operations (except in emergencies) except in designated areas. They are asking them to designate such an area.

They are trying to put together an e-mail list of pilots that are interested in seaplane operations at Lake Pleasant, and helping out at a small one-day Fly-in at the lake. If you have an interest send him a note at tdickey@vmiholdings.com. Jim Swedback, Tod and Jim Beauchane are putting together a presentation on seaplanes for our January Chapter meeting. Also, if you want to get a look at Jim's seaplane you just need to look at the cover of the third October Trade-a-Plane where it is featured.



Mike Evans with a Young Eagle in his Aeronca Champ LSA



Rusty Gavagon with a Young Eagle in his Cessna 140

ROCKY POINT FLY-IN

The City of Rocky Point, invites pilots and friends to their first annual "Rocky Point Fly-in". The Mayor of Rocky Point, along with the hotels, restaurants, merchants and the airport authority in conjunction with the Baja Bush Pilots (BBP) and other US groups have teamed together to give everyone a chance to

discover and enjoy "Rocky Point" at a price that is, well, "Almost Free". This unique opportunity is being provided to pilots, passengers and aviation lovers at no markups or profit, by the above, in an effort to show you the diverse and beautiful "City on the Bay"... Puerto Penasco.

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Working with the city, the BBP are handling much of the promotion, and taking reservations for this exciting and fun filled extended weekend. So, here it is. The price of this three-day, two-night, luxurious experience which is almost all inclusive contains:

- Two nights in a luxury Condo suite on Sandy Beach
- Welcoming / departing reception at the airport
- Dinner Friday and Saturday night
- Special entertainment Friday and Saturday night
- Breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning
- All airport fees * Not included is DGAC fee for aircraft, which if not already purchased is about US \$55.
- Ground transportation within package locations
- A pile of TWO FOR ONE drink coupons at participating locations.

And, if you fill up with fuel before heading back to the US, as MMPE has ASA fuel, your price is only about US \$3.80 per gallon plus a small wing tax. *Biplanes pay double???* ed

All of this is yours for only US \$159.00 per person, double occupancy. Adults (single occupancy) in 1 bedroom suite \$259.00
Children 12 and under \$59.00

See BBA website www.BajaBushPilots.com for registration info or call or fax for registration & liability forms. You can also contact Ron Alto at 480-206-6789 or the Baja Bush Pilots, 149 W Boston Street. Chandler AZ 85225 480-730-3250 (voice) 480-730-3251 (fax).

Note: Pilot, passengers must have current Passports to travel internationally. Want to get your aircraft washed and waxed? Most aircraft can be done for you while you are enjoying Rocky Point for about US \$50, you provide the wax and a pile of rags. Also, an aircraft mechanic is on call if needed during your stay.

EAA AIRVENTURE 2009

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Advance tickets are now available for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," which is coming July 27-August 2, 2009, at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

First introduced for EAA AirVenture 2008, the advance purchase system allows EAA members and non-members to pre-purchase AirVenture admission tickets via a secure website. Both daily and weekly admissions are available, as is the ability to join EAA and immediately receive the best possible admission prices available only to EAA members. It also gives discounts to those who pre-purchase their AirVenture tickets now, including \$2 for daily admissions and \$5 for weekly admissions for advance online purchases. This system was created by ClicknPrint Tickets and is made possible through support from Jeppesen.

To access the advance ticketing area, go to www.airventure.org and connect to the "Buy Now!" area. Full instructions and answers to frequently asked questions are available at that site. Advance AirVenture tickets are scanned and redeemed for the appropriate wristband at AirVenture gates.

Advance EAA AirVenture tickets also make great Christmas and holiday gifts for your hard working Chapter officers, and allow recipients to enjoy many months of anticipation prior to their own Oshkosh experience. "We wanted the advance ticket option to be available prior to the holidays to satisfy the many requests we received to make AirVenture admissions an easy-to-give holiday gift," Larsen said.

Steps to simplify the admission structure will also be enacted for next year's event. Youth and student admissions have been merged into a single admission category, while children five and under continue to be

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welcomed to the event free of charge. In addition, EAA members are encouraged to bring guests, with a guest weekly admission now including a one-year EAA membership.

ClicknPrint Tickets www.clicknprint.com is the pioneer of online print-at-home ticketing and an industry innovator, providing ticketing services for more than 125 air shows and other sporting events. Through ClicknPrint's services, tickets can be purchased online using any Internet-connected computer. Those tickets are transferable and can be reissued if lost

RV-10 TAIL/TAILCONE KIT

An experienced RV-6 builder has decided to build an RV-12 and is offering to sell his Van's RV-10 Emp. / Tail Cone project. The horizontal and vertical stabilizers are finished. The elevators are partially finished, and some work has been accomplished on the rudder. Some work has also been accomplished on smaller parts. In addition, the following are included with the sale:

- Complete fuselage plans and manual
- Complete wing plans and manual
- Aircraft Spruce p/n 12-00903 special bucking bar
- Parts bin with clear drawers for hardware storage. All labeled with aircraft nomenclature

- 4 ft. X 4 in. heavy-duty work table recessed to accept a back riveting plate
- 2 in. X 64 in. platform for a "C Frame" hand riveting and dimpling tool
- Current inventory (Kit is complete)

The project is located at Love Field in Prescott. \$3,500.00 invested. Will sell the project for \$2,695.00. You are saving over \$800.00. Contact Frank Benedict c-140@juno.com 928-778-1977 H or 928-899-8365 C

TOOLS TOOLS TOOLS

After selling his RV-7 kit, Joe Hobbs has some goodies for sale. RV-7 Builder tool set, will even include pneumatic squeezer! Call for long list or e-mail for longer list. More than \$2,400 invested, offer half price and build an RV. Joe Hobbs 623-935-3010 home, 602-421-2853 cell joseph.hobbs@cox.net

MYSTERY PLANE

CAPTION CONTEST

This is a real plane, that's where the clues stop. Even if you can't figure it out you can come up with a good caption. Things like "RV-14 unveiled" or "Yak-Six readies for Reno gold" E-mail your ideas to EAAChapter1217@aol.com. The best caption gets to be in the test pilot pool !

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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

WAG-AERO CUB

Completed in 1999; approximately 200 TT; 65 h.p. Continental approximately 700 SMOH; Cub yellow; no electric; excellent condition; light sport aircraft. Contact Don Lindholm at 602-996-3612 or dlindholm@bcattorneys.com

RV-10 PROJECT

Switched to an RV-12. RV-10 emp / tail cone kit. \$2800.00 (negotiable) for the project. Savings of over \$700. Some tools that may be included if interested. Project located in Prescott, AZ. Frank Benedict c-140@juno.com 928-778-1977 H 928-899-8365 C

RANS S-5 COYOTE

Tricycle gear, Rotax 447, two 9 gal. tanks, airspeed, ALT, HGT, EGT, elect fuel pump, hr meter, Sporty Radio SP-200. Hangered at GEU. \$6000 602-300-0007

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80% assembled in Tempe. \$24K for the complete kit and \$5k for the complete Subaru Engine, gauges Bart D. Hull 480-452-9208 (Cell)

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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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