



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 November 2013

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! At the October meeting Mike Henshaw from Superfinishers Machine shop told us about the performance mods he makes for the Russian M-14 engines.

This month I took the big step and sold my Breezy that I had restored and owned for over ten years. It was time to let someone else have fun with it and thin out the herd. After putting an ad on the Barnstormers.com website the first person to come look at it bought it. With the weird weather we had been having the decision was made to trailer the plane to its new home rather than fight a nasty cold front that was sweeping through Nevada at the time. With a lot of help from Jack Pollack and Brian Mitchell it only took a few hours for us to take it apart and load it in the trailer. The Breezy's new home will be in Buell Idaho. The new owner is a really great guy and he enjoyed all the people stopping by my hangar as we worked on the plane. He said with only one hangar on his airport there isn't much socializing except for the ground squirrels.

It was great to see all the happy Chapter 1217 members who volunteered to help run this year's Copperstate Fly-In. If the economy has slowed down you wouldn't know it by the number of planes in attendance. We will have to wait for Copperstate Chairman Steve Bass to give us an update on the actual numbers of people and planes.

See you at the November meeting!

Curtis

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

The November meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, November 21st, starting at 7 pm, in the Scottsdale Aviation Business Center. This month's guest speaker will be Sharon Taylor, Ph.D. Through many years of research she has documented the Last Flight of her father, WW II fighter pilot Lt. Shannon Estill, and what actually happened.

Dr. Taylor is a frequently invited presenter at professional conferences where she speaks about issues of grief and loss, and the effects of war on children and families. A Spiegel TV documentary film, "A Love in the Time of War: the Last Flight of Lt. Estill", depicts her search for and recovery of her father's crash site in Germany. Her published ongoing research about father-loss in war informs much of her writing.

You will bear witness at the meeting to the legacy of a daughter and of the father she never knew.

Part of that legacy was the letters written by her parents, a scrapbook that held the telegram, and a promise to accomplish three things:

1. To search for my father's crash site "somewhere" in Germany
2. To find it AND
3. To bring him home

What you will see is the story of a mission accomplished. A promise kept, and a few hundred miracles along the way. To learn more go to <http://myphantomfather.com> Thanks to Ron Landon for setting up this month's program. Guests are always welcome!

CHAPTER 1217 HOLIDAY PARTY.

Ron and Sherrie Landon have set the date of Saturday, December 14, 2013, for our annual EAA Chapter 1217 Holiday Party. This is the fourth time they have hosted the event at their home near 48th Street and Indian School Road.

Mark your calendar and plan on bringing your significant other. In December we will start e-mailing and mailing out more information on how you can get involved, what to bring, as well as a map to the party!



Copperstate Grand Champion from Tucson

COPPERSTATE FLY-IN WINNERS

Grand Champion

N356AZ Just Aircraft Escapade, Dennis and Barb Crawley, Tucson, AZ

Reserve Grand Champion

N568RV Vans RV-8, Barry Neumayer and William Cheesman, Redlands, CA

Custom Built Metal

1st Place, N568RV Vans RV-8, Barry Neumayer and William Cheesman, Redlands, CA

2nd Place, N600RP Vans RV-7A, Richard Petty, Gold Canyon, AZ

3rd Place, N77RM Harmon Rocket II, Ryan Bendure, Brighton, CO

Custom Built Best Tube and Fabric

N356AZ Just Aircraft Escapade, Dennis and Barb Crawley, Tucson, AZ

Custom Built Composite

1st Place, N843P Arion Lightning, Stan Peternel, Solvang, CA

Custom Built Composite

2nd Place, N867TC Giles 202, Meland Callen, Milliken, CO

3rd Place, N26KF Lancair 360, Jake Wolfe, Sonoita, AZ

Custom Built Best Replica

N29XF Pike 1929XF Ghost, Larry Dustman and John Pike, Chandler, AZ

Custom Built Best Rotorcraft

N162FB Rotorway Intl Exec 162F, Mike Doles, Phoenix, AZ

Classic

1st Place, NC94196 1946 Ercoupe 415-D, Syd Cohen, Wausau, WI

2nd Place, N1126D 1951 Cessna 140A, Carl Bradenburg, Goodyear, AZ

Contemporary

1st Place, N542T 1961 Beechcraft N35 Bonanza J, Michael Dudley, San Manuel, AZ

2nd Place, N712L 1956 Piper PA-18-150, Allan Otto, Mesa, AZ

Copperstate Fly-In Winners Continued
Antique

1st Place, N17154 1941 Stinson SR-9B, John and Terry Nance, San Diego, CA

2nd Place, N9599H 1943 Howard DGA-15P, Jeffrey Pino, Easton, CT

Military

1st Place, N818PJ 1978 Yakovlev Yak-18T, Patrick Ashura, Elbert, CO

2nd Place, N391ZA 1981 Aero Vodochovy L-39ZA, Arnie Evdokimo, Chandler, AZ

Best Cessna Showplane - sponsored by Cessna Flyer Magazine
N1126D 1951 Cessna 140A, Carl Bradenburg, Goodyear, AZ

Best Piper Showplane - sponsored by Piper Flyer Magazine
N712L 1956 Piper PA-18-150, Allan Otto, Mesa, AZ

People's Choice
N9599H 1943 Howard DGA-15P, Jeffrey Pino, Easton, CT



Copperstate Fly-In Reserve Grand Champion from Redlands, CA

BREEZY CO-CREATOR
CARL UNGER PASSES AWAY

Carl Unger, whose unique Breezy aircraft provided many thousands of flights to people over the past half-century, passed away Tuesday, September 24, at his home in Oak Lawn, Illinois. He was 82.

The Breezy is one of the most universally recognized aircraft to emerge from EAA and the homebuilt movement. Carl's famous red and white prototype first appeared at the 1965 Rockford EAA fly-in convention, where it created a sensation when he gave people

rides from morning until night. He always appeared donning his distinctive red vest.

The prototype Breezy was designed and built by Carl, Charles Roloff, and Bob Liposky, who used a set of Piper PA-12 wings and a factory-new Continental C-90-8 engine with a special pusher crank. After 25 years of flying it, Carl, EAA 25215, flew the airplane to EAA's Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh one last time before retiring the famous homebuilt to the [EAA AirVenture Museum](#) in October 1990.

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A celebration of the Breezy design's 50th anniversary is in the works for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2014.

Since 1965, more than 1,000 sets of plans have been sold. Carl would warn new potential builders, "Listen, when you get this thing finished, everywhere you go and stop for fuel, they're going to ask for rides."

Many thousands of people donned the goggles and received a free ride with Carl in

his Breezy, including an FAA administrator, Sen. Barry Goldwater, actor Cliff Robertson, and an entire Concorde crew.

EAA Founder Paul Poberezny once said, "The Breezy has been one of the most popular airplanes [at Oshkosh] over the years, and Carl has given thousands of people rides at his own expense for many years. I give him a lot of credit for getting people excited about flying."



Pat and Mike McGarry's Cessna 185 rolls out of the Arizona Aero Painting hangar with a brand new paint job. This plane has the N number N1805 which was once on the Braniff DC-8 with the wild Calder mod paint job.

BLUES AND TBIRDS TO FLY AGAIN IN 2014

The Navy's Blue Angels and the Air Force Thunderbirds will return to a full airshow schedule for the 2014 season, military officials announced. "Community outreach is key to connecting Americans to the military," said Cmdr. Thomas Frosch, flight leader for the Blue Angels. "Our performances provide

a unique opportunity to inspire millions to connect with and support our service members."

The teams have been grounded since this spring, when federal spending cuts took effect, and many aviation events around the country were canceled when the teams and other military attractions were unable to

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appear. The Blue Angels' 2014 schedule includes Sun 'n Fun, in Lakeland, FL in April. The Thunderbirds team, which canceled a visit to EAA AirVenture this year, has not yet released a 2014 schedule.

The Blue Angels will perform at 65 shows at 34 locations across the U.S. in 2014. The Navy's skydiving team, the Leap Frogs, also will return to a full schedule next year. Military flyovers, which in the past have

numbered as many as 1,000 per year, will be reduced, said Wendy Varhegyi, of Air Force Public Affairs. "We're trying to be as fiscally responsible as we can be, which is what the American people want," Varhegyi told ABC News. "Our focus will remain with airshows primarily." Overall, the military will cut its number of public outreach events by nearly half, for a savings of \$1 billion over the next decade.



Curtis' Last Flight on NX1903 His Breezy Before it was Sold

GOODYEAR BLIMP N3A RETIRED

One of the iconic ships of the sky has by now made her final flight. N3A, the *Spirit of Goodyear* – one of the company's three blimps and the one traditionally based in Akron, Ohio, took her farewell tour this month. The airship left Ohio for the last time, and passed through eight cities on her way to

Florida. There, in a few months, she'll be decommissioned.

The *Spirit of Goodyear* is gone from the skies forever never to drone overhead again at the AirVenture Fly-In. Yes, there will be a new airship next year, but it won't be a blimp—it will be a zeppelin. "The Goodyear Zeppelin"—that's going to take some getting used to.



A Happy Young Eagle getting a ride in Jack Pollack's Chipmunk



Cockpit View of the Copperstate Grand Champion



Lynn Miller's Beautiful T-34 over the Red Rocks of Sedona, Bernie Gross Riding Shotgun

ThunderAds

FOR SALE, ETC.

LYCOMING 0-360 A1A

Engine built up for RV project that never got off the ground. Invested \$50,000. Price is very firm at \$25,000. Martin Del Giorgio delgiorgiopels@gmail.com

ESTATE SALE

Chapter member Marty Williams has flown west and his family is selling his Zenith 701 kit. Contact his son Keith at 480 998-4873.

CURTISS REED PROPELLER \$4,000 Model 55511. 82" SAE 1 taper shaft. (Warner, Ranger, Maytag 604) Patrick McGarry: 602-430-0140

PROJECTS FOR SALE

Protech, PT-2, folding wings & trailer, 82 hp Mosler engine. & Gere bi-plane, about 75% complete, built from magazine plans, circa 1932, completely rebuilt Model A engine. Pat Wall 928-851-2244.

2009 LANCAIR 360

Superior IO-360 engine, TTAFE 20 hours, mineral oil, every thing new including paint, GPS, loaded must see. Mary Shragal 630-897-7706

COMBINATION VHF/GPS ANTENNA

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