



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

November 2016

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! Chapter member David Kujawa put together a really cool double-sided program for our October meeting. First he described his trip to Mojave California for the rollout of the new Space Ship 2 and the associated gala celebration. He also had a great presentation on this year's AirVenture. I was amazed at the creativity that went into Spaceship Unity. An example is the flag, that Galactic Girl is holding, has what appears to be a planet on it but on closer examination is really Steven Hawking's eyeball. David pointed this out to me. Unity is scheduled to make her first free gliding flight in the next few weeks.

We still do not have a meeting place for after the New Year, so if you have any input or ideas please don't hesitate to contact me. Also please read the newsletter meeting announcements carefully so you don't end up at the wrong location!

See you at the November meeting!

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NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

The next meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, November 17th, starting at 7 pm. The location is the Scottsdale Aviation Business Center, 15041 North Airport Drive. This month's program will kick off with Chapter member Fred Gorrell being presented with a very special lifetime achievement award. Ernie Copeland and Tina Buskirk from the FAA Scottsdale FSDO will be presenting Fred with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for 50 years of service to the aviation community.

We will be having cake and drinks to help celebrate. We will of course have an interesting rest of the evening planned for what may be our last meeting in the old FAA building.

Guests are always welcome.

CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Ron and Sherrie Landon have set Saturday, December 17, 2016, as the date for our annual EAA Chapter 1217 Holiday Party. This is the seventh time they have hosted the event at their home near 48th Street and Indian School Road. There will be family, food, libations and lots of your Chapter 1217 friends, so plan to attend. 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!

VERY UNIQUE

FEBRUARY MEETING PLANNED

As our Chapter transitions meeting locations, Chapter members Alan and Mary Travis have generously offered to host our February meeting at their home near 20th Street and Greenway. They have an astonishing assemblage of some of the world's earliest automobiles, each in astounding condition and each owned by just a handful of people in more than 100 years. The craftsmanship that went into each of these cars is unbelievable. Many of the early cars shared common components with early airplanes and Alan will talk about some of those. It should be a fun filled, once in a life time evening.



Bearhawk Bravo

BEARHAWK BRAVO KIT PLANE

Having been around for two decades, the four-place Bearhawk EAB is prized for its large payload and STOL capability. At AirVenture 2016, the company unveiled the new Bearhawk Bravo. The B gets a Riblett 30-413.5 airfoil that delivers better speed, similar stall speeds and greater stall stability over the NACA 4412 used in the original model. The speed increase, according to Bearhawk, is 5 to 8 MPH faster than the original design.

Bearhawk says additional changes in the Bravo include use of aluminum fuselage formers, window sills and door sills in place of steel formers and sills offering weight savings and corrosion resistance. The stock struts are made of heavy-wall round tubing rather than streamlined tubing, offering more resistance to sideload failure while on the runway. The Riblett wing has a one-foot greater wingspan and an additional five square feet of wing area. Go to www.bearhawkaircraft.com/ for more information.

RV-6 ESTATE SALE

Several years ago Michael Paulson spoke at one of our meetings about the turbo charged RV-6 he had built and was flight testing. Unfortunately Mike was killed in a car accident earlier this year. His good friend, and RV-8 owner, Mischa Dick has stepped up to settle his estate. The RV-6 is for sale for \$48,000. Here are the particulars:

Turbo Vans RV6, built 2007, hangared at DVT

400TT, 200SMOH & Turbo Install

Mooney Speed Brakes

Dynon D130 & D100 EFIS

Trio Autopilot, Garmin Audio, GNS530, Icon A200, GTX330 Transponder, Pioneer Stereo

Oregon Aero Interior in Leather

Manual Waste Gate

Vanity Lights in Tail.

This aircraft is ready for your paint, and fast into to the flight levels. Has minor paperwork issue – you need to fly off 40 hrs and make

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a logbook entry. It has flown, but the deceased owner did not make the entry or made entry where it has not been found.

Learn more about this aircraft at Van's Airforce, look for Turbo article. Contact Mischa at phone number 632-889-7124.



Photo by Jordan Ross

1955 Beechcraft A45 (T-34A) at Copperstate Fly-In

CLEAR LAKE SEAPLANE PARK

Chapter 1217 member Tod Dickey is the Arizona Field Director for the Seaplane Pilots Association and wanted to ask for our members help in a good cause.

The City of Lakeport, California is currently undergoing a process to develop a Lakefront Plan One. The suggestion is to preserve the Natural High School field (site of the Clearlake Splash-In) as a permanent Open-Space Park. This would include a permanent access ramp and tie-downs for seaplanes.

This is a very unique site, and there is an opportunity to preserve it before it gets developed into something else. Lakeport restaurants, hotels and businesses are within walking distance from this field. Lakeport is a

small town and each letter will be taken under consideration.

Please send supporting comments to:
 Lakeport City Council
 225 Park Street
 Lakeport, CA 95453

Also send a copy to:
 The Lake County Chamber of Commerce
 P.O. Box 295
 Lakeport, CA 95453

Or: ceo@lakecochamber.com

This is a small town, so every letter counts. Also, if you can send a letter, please send me an e-mail letting me know, so that I can know how many of our group responded. tdickey@vmiholdings.com

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Cessna 172 Judged Best Cessna Showplane by Cessna Flyer Magazine



Vans RV-8 Owned by Robert Anderson of Santa Fe NM



Photo by Brian Ryckmen

Flacon Field Taxi-Way during Copperstate Fly-In



Photo by Jordan Ross

Boeing PT-17 Belonging to Warbirds Unlimited Foundation, Inc.



Super Acrosport Owned by Garry Adalian, Coronado CA

2016 COPPERSTATE FLY-IN AWARD WINNERS

Grand Champion Custom Built

N321TF Lancair Legacy RG Valin & Allyson Thorn Sedona AZ

Reserve Grand Champion Custom Built

N424JD Vans RV-7 Jeremy Schuld Gilbert AZ

Grand Champion Restoration

N326M 1955 Beechcraft A45 (T-34A) Glenn L. Anderson Sandia Park NM

Reserve Grand Champion Restoration

N67957 1942 Boeing A75N1 (PT-17) John Fedor Fountain Hills AZ

Custom Built Metal

1st Place N424JD Vans RV-7 Jeremy Schuld Gilbert AZ

2nd Place N184GC Vans RV-8 Robert Anderson Santa Fe NM

Custom Built Composite

1st Place N321TF Lancair Legacy RG Vallin & Allyson Thorn Sedona AZ

2nd Place N86JL Lancair Evolution John Lewis Mesa AZ

Custom Built Best Tube and Fabric

N33W Super Acrosport Garry Adalian Coronado CA

Best Wood

N979KT KR2S Kim Neibauer Grand Junction CO

Best Rotorcraft

N143PF Helicycle Joe Goetz Gilbert AZ

Best Plans Built

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Classic

1st Place N712L 1956 Piper PA-18-150 Alan & Lori Otto Mesa AZ

2nd Place N1823V 1947 Cessna 120 Scott Frazee Gilbert AZ

Contemporary

1st Place N8809 1973 Bellanca 7EC Chris Copeland Queen Creek AZ

2nd Place N5325S 1966 Cessna 337A Rosemary Gravett Flagstaff AZ

Military

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2nd Place N67957 1942 Boeing A75N1 (PT-17) John Fedor Fountain Hills AZ

Best Cessna Showplane – Sponsored by *Cessna Flyer Magazine*

N9177B 1958 Cessna 172 Preston Bolan Phoenix AZ

Best Piper Showplane – Sponsored by *Piper Flyer Magazine*

N244TW Piper Comanche PA-24-250 Terrance Williams La Mesa CA

ThunderAds

FOR SALE, ETC.

Piper Cub Wings

Rebuilt with new spars. One wing ready to cover the other wing soon. Pat Battle A&P/IA DVT 602-274-2434

Completed RV-7A tail kit.

Completed and zinc chromated. Nate D'Anna 602 891-4771 Email Natedanna@q.com

T-34 MENTOR PARTNERSHIP.

This is a turn-key, established partnership in a very nice Beech T-34. Plane is hangered at Falcon Field. Contact Lynn Miller 602 448-7487 or 602 585-0795 e-mail Lynnmillier777@gmail.com

CESSNA 172'S FOR RENT

Two IFR Cessna 172s for rent at Chandler. Owned by Chapter member Pat McGarry. Contact Chris Hoel for more information and to schedule birdgangft@gmail.com

'65 MOONEY

Very clean, 4000TT, 22 hours SMOH, \$41K with new annual, Goodyear hangar, Joe Hobbs joseph.hobbs@cox.net for more information

RV-4 PARTIALLY BUILT KIT

\$13,500 Lycoming O-290-D2 \$3,000 or \$16,000 for both. Bill Refrow 602-843-9862 w7lov@cox.net

LYCOMING O-360 A1A

Engine built up for RV project never completed. Invested \$50,000. Price very firm at \$25,000. Martin Del Giorgio delgiorgiopels@gmail.com

GARMIN GDL39 PORTABLE GPS

ADS-B Receiver with free Weather and Dual-Link Traffic. Battery Pack with extra Battery included. Works with all Apple Products. Brand new in the box, \$400. Ken Roth 602-228-5000, or e-mail: RothDevCor@aol.com

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Eloy Airport Julie White 520-466-3442

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Dr. Henry Givre AME, Chapter member and RV-4 owner. 520-836-8701

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