



# The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 October 2012

Scottsdale, Arizona

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! Last month's meeting featured aviation author CloudDancer, who entertained everyone with tales of his life and travels as a bush pilot in Alaska. This month we are going to turn the table and have a presentation that will have lots of information on what to do when you have run out of altitude, airspeed and ideas.

Plans are coming together for this year's Chapter 1217 Holiday Party. Chapter member Ron Landon has once again volunteered to host it at his home in the Arcadia district. Watch future e-mails and newsletters for more specific information. We are also looking for a few good people to volunteer to help with the organizing and set up of this year's party. If you can help, drop me a note at [EAAChapter1217@aol.com](mailto:EAAChapter1217@aol.com).

October is Fly-In season and the Copperstate Fly-In is at the end of the month. Everyone should make every effort to attend and support this great event. Now that they are a stand-alone event without help from EAA national, we all need to make the trip and spend a few hard earned dollars. Also don't forget to take a few extra pieces of gold to cover the purchase of those hard to find items at the Aero Mart. I personally bought 100 tags and am going to be offering some great hangar finds for bargain hunters.

Hope to see everyone at the October meeting!

*Curtis*

## OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

The October meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, October 18, in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal

Building. The start time is 7 pm. This month's featured guest speaker will be Brian Ready from the Civil Air Patrol. Brian's talk is going to cover a wide variety of topics including:

- C.A.P. history
- Search and rescue
- Cell phone radar forensics
- 121.5 ELT's
- SPOT and other personnel tracking devices
- How you can be a part of the Civil Air Patrol.

Besides entertainment there will be some things you learn at the meeting that might save your bacon if you survive an airplane crash.

Remember guests are always welcome!

## MID-LIFE MADNESS RENO REPORT

Last fall we had Dr. Mike Pflieger speak at our monthly Chapter meeting about his adventures in becoming an air race pilot and the work he was doing to his plane that is hangared at DVT to turn it into a racing machine.

Dr. Mike flew his AT-6 "Midlife Madness" to third place in the Bronze race at this year's Reno National Air Races. Mike was able to qualify the old girl at 212.6 MPH. Congratulations Mike!!

## FLY THE WRIGHT GLIDER

### AT KITTYHAWK

Here's a new item for your aviation bucket list. Did you ever wonder what it would be like to fly a Wright 1902 glider (the first plane with wing warping and the one that provided the basis for the Wright aeroplane patent)? You can do it yet this year on the dunes of Kitty

Hawk (Nags Head, NC). The plane is operated by Kitty Hawk Kites and features the "Wright Experience" replica. Read more about it at the link below. The flight session (including ground school) is \$349. Flights are

tethered, but otherwise the pilot is solo in the glider.

<http://www.kittyhawk.com/adventures/1902-wright-glider-experience>



**Another Pilot begins the "Wright Experience" in the Kitty Hawk Kite**

### **RV SERVICE BULLETIN**

Recently Van's Aircraft published a service bulletin concerning missing spar bolts. Hey, those are important things. The top and bottom of the wing spars are attached with eight close tolerance very hard to put in bolts on each side. Those are hard to forget, but there are two smaller bolts that attach to part of the web. Enough people have missed these to warrant the service bulletin. One suggestion for Van's owners doing the inspection is to take enough panels off to get your iPhone camera in there to inspect and document the bolt installation. You can then print up the pictures to prove your spar is assembled correctly. The service bulletin can be found at [vansaircraft.com](http://vansaircraft.com)

### **AVIATION SAFETY AWARDS AND BANQUET**

Chapter member, Jim Timm, wanted everyone to be aware that the "40th Annual Aviation Safety Awards & Banquet and Safety Seminar" will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the DoubleTree Guest Suites, 320 North 44th Street, in Phoenix.

The ASAG Awards Banquet begins at 5:30 pm with bids on silent auction items, followed by: a safety presentation by FAASTeam Reps; Guest Key Note speaker Lt. Col. Robert "Bob" Ashby, an original Tuskegee Airman; award presentations, dinner. and door prize drawing. For ticket cost see: <http://www.aviationsafetyadvisorygroup.org/>

## SMITHSONIAN AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

Bill Unternaehrer recently had the opportunity to visit two of the arguably finest aviation museums in the USA. The Smithsonian Air & Space Museum on the Washington DC Mall area, and the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center out at Dulles Airport. He believes the Museum on the Mall has a greater depth of exhibits. However, he doesn't think that he has seen a better display of airplanes than those at the Udvar-Hazy Center. The building

is huge which allows the display of airplanes / machines that could not be displayed in the downtown museum – the Enola Gay, SST, Boeing 307 and the Space Shuttle as examples. A couple pictures for your enjoyment. If you get even close to either of these places be sure to visit.

Bill also drove down to Norfolk, VA, rented a C-172, and flew down to Kitty Hawk to pay homage. It also has a nice exhibit of aviation history.



Aircraft on Display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum



**Aircraft on Display at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center**

### **EAA EAGLE FLIGHT PROGRAM**

The EAA Eagle Flight program for adults was launched at AirVenture this year and is about sharing a hands-on flight experience with an adult who has expressed an interest in aviation. It is not a program for adults to simply get an airplane ride. Adults who contact EAA about an Eagle flight will be asked some questions about their aviation interest to determine if they are serious about pilot certification.

The Eagle Flight program focuses on introductory flight experiences for adults and includes support and mentorship after the flight to help them achieve their dream of becoming a pilot. The program envisions a one-to-one, hands-on experience for the Eagle including extensive preflight, in-flight, and post-flight counseling by the EAA Eagle Flight volunteer pilot. The program's goals are to grow the pilot population and EAA chapter membership. Therefore, the success of the Eagle Flight program is up to the volunteer pilots and chapter leaders.

The Eagle Flight program is different from the Young Eagles program, in that it emphasizes quality over quantity. While the Young Eagles program's goal is to introduce many young people to aviation, the Eagle Flight program will strive to attract, and retain as many adults as possible to aviation. The pilot requirements for Eagle Flights are the same as for Young Eagles flights. The complete list of pilot requirements is included in the Eagle Flight Pilot Guidelines: [www.eaa.org/eagleflights/EagleFlightsPilotGuidelines.pdf](http://www.eaa.org/eagleflights/EagleFlightsPilotGuidelines.pdf).

Participating pilots in the Eagle Flight program do not have to wait for a scheduled event to fly an interested adult; it can be done on an individual basis. Current EAA members participating in the Eagle Flight program are eligible for up to \$1 million passenger liability insurance, if they carry a minimum of \$100,000 per seat liability insurance. Any person 18 years of age or older who has expressed an interest in learning to fly is qualified for an Eagle Flight. Adult Eagle Flight participants will receive a free six-

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month EAA membership after the Eagle Flight registration form is received by the Eagle Flight Office and are encouraged to join the local EAA Chapter. Since the Eagle Flight program is different from that of the Young Eagles program, our chapter has an opening for an Eagle Flight coordinator to compile a list of chapter pilots who are willing to participate in this program. The coordinator will be the contact point for the chapter for Eagle Flights and will coordinate those flights with the volunteer pilots and interested adults.

## **CESSNA 120/140s**

### **COMING TO TUCSON**

The International Cessna 120/140 Convention will be held at Ryan Field in Tucson, AZ on October 17 thru 21. If you like Cessna 120's and 140's or want to learn more about them, this would be a great event. If you need more information drop Ron Wiener a note at: [rkw55@msn.com](mailto:rkw55@msn.com)

## **COPPERSTATE FLY-IN**

The weekend of October 25 thru 27 will be this year's Copperstate Fly-In at the Casa Grande Airport. Check out their website at [www.Copperstate.org](http://www.Copperstate.org) for the latest information and the airport NOTAM for the event. Visitors at this year's Copperstate Fly-In and Aviation Expo will get a rare, up-close look at an Apache Longbow, one of the most technologically advanced attack helicopters in the world.

The Boeing AH-64D comes courtesy of the Arizona Army National Guard's 1-285th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion at Silverbell Army Heliport in Marana, Arizona. Tentative arrival time is 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, departing at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 27. Since the aircraft is not scheduled to fly during the show, those wishing to see the Apache in flight need to come early or stay late.

Also featured at Copperstate are forums and workshops, aircraft displays, aircraft judging with awards presented at the Saturday banquet, exhibitors, fly mart, kids' activities,

airplane rides, and more. For more information on this year's 39th annual fly-in, including fly-in procedures and lodging information, go to [www.Copperstate.org](http://www.Copperstate.org)

## **SCOTTSDALE AIR FAIR**

This year's Scottsdale Air Fair will be on November 3 & 4 at Scottsdale Airport. Come out for an up-close look at the best of military, experimental, civilian/vintage aircraft, and warbirds. Explore aviation first hand at this two-day family festival produced by Zulu Café and Sound Lighting F/X. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, featuring a musical performance by Zowie Bowie beginning at 6 p.m. The event continues on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Advanced tickets will be on sale soon. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets purchased at the gate will be \$12. Military personnel with I.D. enjoy free admission.

Learn more about the Scottsdale Air Fair at <http://scottsdaleairfair.com> or call 480-282-0464.

## **PASSING OF A SEAPLANE LEGEND**

Joe La Placa, a pioneer in the history of Lake Havasu City, died on Aug. 16, 2012. He was 83 years old. Joe was born in New York City on June 26, 1929, and moved to Arizona in 1976. In 1985 he established the first Seaplane Training School and as an FAA certified Flight Instructor, Joe provided the opportunity for students from all over the world to obtain their seaplane ratings. Among his many accomplishments as a pilot and instructor were his being named Flight Instructor of the year in 1985 and again in 1991, and Flight Instructor of the Year for the Western Pacific Region in 1985. He won the Ruth Reinholt Safety award in 2003, and in 2005 he was inducted into the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame. Aviation and music were Joe's passion. As a professional musician he performed with many other musicians who became his lifelong friends. He loved his family, cherished his friends and always had a great sense of humor.

The Southwest's Premier Aviation Event

# **COPPERSTATE FLY-IN & AVIATION EXPO OCTOBER 25-27, 2012**

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**[www.copperstate.org](http://www.copperstate.org)**

# ThunderAds

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### COMBINATION VHF/GPS ANTENNA

Comant Model CI 2480-201, Separate connectors for Comm and GPS. Never installed. See AS&S pg 616. Their price \$568.75, sell for \$250.00 Ron Kassik 480-948-0168 or [ronkassik@cox.net](mailto:ronkassik@cox.net)

### 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.

### THREE-BLADE PROP SHIPPING BOX

Previously used for a MT prop for a Velocity. Will fit most normal size 3-blade props. Available to anyone who needs to ship a prop. Matt Bucko [mbuc310@cox.net](mailto:mbuc310@cox.net)

### 1979 CESSNA 182Q

Arizona Airplane on SDL Tie Down K-137, TT 3500 hrs, Engine 1262 hrs SOH, recent interior upgrades & wing tip replacement. Bill Maxey 602-820-5722 [maxeybill@hughes.net](mailto:maxeybill@hughes.net)

### GRENGA GN-1 AIRCAMPER PROJECT

Biplane conversion but can be switched to a parasol. Fuselage covered and Elizado Tigre engine installed. \$6,000.<sup>00</sup> Estate sale. Lesley Morgan 480-834-4831 or e-mail Curtis at [EAACchapter1217@aol.com](mailto:EAACchapter1217@aol.com) to receive a digital slideshow of the plane.

### 2009 LANCAIR 360

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

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