
August 2020 Newsletter

THUNDERWORD EAA CHAPTER 1217

I received some troubling news that our Newsletter Editor Ron Kassik is very sick. In order to keep everyone informed about what's going on this email will replace the normal newsletter for this month. Look for the normal newsletter with pictures and articles next month. Meanwhile keep Ron in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar. As we drove by Oshkosh Airport on our way up to northern Wisconsin on what was supposed to be opening day all was quiet. Besides the friends we didn't see, the beer left in the keg, and that new design that was hoping to debut the economic impact on the community was devastating. It was sad but it's not gone just a year off to plan for next year.

I really looked forward to having the summer off and getting to fly my RV to a couple of Fly Ins. In one week Oshkosh, Arlington and Triple Tree all cancelled because of the pandemic. Plans changed and I decide to make the best of it and hang around and work on projects. Well summer in Arizona is not the time to be hanging out at the hangar but some progress was still made.

Not having to work and being too hot to work in the hangar caused my addiction to flare up again. One afternoon trolling my favorite airplane porn site Barnstormers.com a plane jumped out of the ad and said "please give me a new home". My willpower failed and next thing I was calling Bill at DeLand Barnstormers to tell him to head to thirty miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana with his trailer.

The plane is a replica of a 1931 Curtiss Junior. Fast forward three weeks and a couple of calls and I had a team from our Chapter waiting at Deer Valley for the truck to arrive and unload it. Thanks guys. Of course it was buried in the trailer and a homebuilt Cub and an entire Aircam kit with engines in a giant very heavy box had to be moved to get it out. The really nice thing was it was 112 while we were unloading it. Watch for status updates if it doesn't spontaneously combust in my hangar.

News from Pat McGarry's PMG Aviation at Chandler is that he sold all three of his rental Cessna 172's to one person on the same day! I think he should go in the airplane selling business no that he has unlocked the secret code to selling stuff.
See you around the airport!

Curtis

MEETINGS HOPEFULLY RESTART IN SEPTEMBER

Not to sound like a broken record but one of the things our Chapter 1217 members enjoy is our monthly meetings and guest speakers. It is a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones while getting to enjoy a presentation that can be humorous, educational and entertaining.

With all of the uncertainty surrounding the Corona Virus, we thought it wise to take the summer off from having monthly meetings. It was a tough decision but with all the available meeting spaces closed and

guest speakers reluctant to talk to groups, it was a no-win situation.

The Scottsdale Airport team has been in touch with me and are reevaluating if our September meeting is a go or not. If it is at all possible we will have a meeting next month