



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

May 2021

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar. It looks like the holes in the Swiss cheese have all lined up and we can start getting back to a normal life. As EAA Chapter members that means in-person Chapter meetings and social events.

It was great to have so much member participation in our Mayday event. With you were setting up, cooking, cleaning up, bringing your plane or just enjoying the camaraderie, thanks for making it so successful.

After a year of practice retirement, I am headed off to Dallas for training with the airline. I have 19 months until retirement and am looking forward to getting back up to speed and flying the mighty Airbus.

See you around the aerodrome!

Curtis

CHAPTER MEETINGS LIVE MAY 20

So send up the smoke signals! After a 14-month hiatus Thunderbird field EAA Chapter 1217 is back to having a monthly in-person meeting. Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 20th, 7 pm, Thunderbird Room, Scottsdale Airport Terminal building. The address is 15000 North Airport Drive. Guests are welcome and bring a mask to get in the building.

CARTER TEETERS TO SPEAK

Our Chapter Vice President Terry Emig has rounded up a great speaker for our first meeting in over a year. Our featured May 20th speaker will be Carter Teeters. Carter is a Vietnam Army Veteran who has flown so many cool planes it's almost easier to list what he hasn't flown.

In his early days at Chino Airport he amassed over 2700 hours flying Stearmans, giving

rides, instruction and doing airshows. Some of the warbirds, and this is not a total list include: North American P-51, Republic P-47, Spitfire, Hurricane, FM-2 Wildcat, F8F Bearcat and the Polikarpov I-16. On the civilian side some of the notables include the Seattle Cruiser a replica of the Douglas World Cruiser. He also was the test pilot on Jim Moss's Gee Bee QED where he took off on its first flight from a 2600-foot grass runway!

Besides talking about planes from the past he is going to talk about some of the cool projects he is working on right now. This program will be so motivating it qualifies as NEGATIVE three points on the FAA Wings program!

MAYDAY MAYDAY FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN

As the COVID clouds started to break apart, we decided to start things off with our annual MAYDAY MAYDAY BBQ. We ran the idea by our Chapter officers, the airport manager, EAA Chapter insurance office and a three-legged jack rabbit that lives between the runways. Everyone gave the plan a thumbs up! It also happened that Mayday, the traditional not the orthodox day, fell on Saturday May 1.

Jack Pollack usually hosted the event in his hangar which has very little shade and no airflow. We decided to use the wash rack which was a perfect location. A quick call to Ed Faron Airport Manager about airflow, social distancing and we had a thumbs up to use it. It also was closer to the dumpsters to facilitate rapid clean up and had electricity and water in case anyone had a reaction to the warm potato salad. Also Jack didn't have to clean up his hangar!

As the date rolled around Dean Gilderoy offered up his "trailer of fun" full of tables and chairs. Brian Ryckmen provided a jumbo-sized grill. Brian Mitchell offered to oversee the setup and provide his son Gavin to be in

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Carter Teeters will Speak at the May Meeting

charge of the gate. Jack and Clare Pollack did a bunch of shopping and pre-made all the burgers, and Chrissie Clark was the Costco Queen buying a whole truckload of supplies. Aussie John Davis provided the ice to keep everything cooled down.

The event was a great success with close to 75 folks showing up. It was by far our largest event ever and people were tired of being cooped up in the lockdown. With more people having shots than Maryville on a Saturday night the risk was pretty much mitigated.

We had several of our Chapter members bring their planes over, including Jack Pollack's Chipmunk, Bill Unternaehre's Kitfox, Jerry Lane's Taylorcraft, John Davis's RV-7, Gary Mowrad's Long Eze, Curtis Clark's RV-8 and Wickham B. Also new plane owner Courtney Smith flew her polished Cessna 120 over from Falcon Field.

The EAA Chapter motto is Friends, Flying, Food and Fun, which we were able to make happen. Thanks to everyone that volunteered and everyone that showed up!

SCOTTSDALE and CAREFREE AIRPORT CLOSINGS

Scottsdale Airport has plans to resurface the runway and will be closed starting July 1 for 45 days. Also, around the same time Carefree Airport will be doing a runway rehabilitation project. If your flying might be impacted you should look to the airport website and be sure to check your NOTAMS for exact closure dates.

STRATOLAUNCH

The Scaled Composites Model 351 Stratolaunch is flying again for the second time in as many years. Called the 'Roc', it is nicknamed after Sinbad's Roc, the mythical

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bird so big it could carry an elephant. First flown on April 13, 2019, the company soon announced that it would halt development of

the aircraft--destined to be first in a family of air-launched launch vehicles, after the loss of Stratolaunch founder Paul Allen in the fall of 2018.



Brian Mitchell and Jack Pollack man the grill during the MAYDAY BBQ

WANT TO VOLUNTEER

AT AIRVENTURE

EAA is hosting a Learn-to-Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021. The venue will be located at the bustling Four Corners area, and will be focused on providing information to attendees looking kick-start their flight training journey.

The ultimate mission of the Learn-To-Fly Center is to motivate, excite, and show attendees a clear pathway to those who are inspired to earn a pilot certificate. Who better to inform and excite attendees than EAA chapter members?

Whether you're are Certified flight instructor (CFI), experienced pilot, fresh out of flight training, or in the middle of your training, your assistance is needed!

What do the volunteer duties look like?

- **General Info Desk:** Help answer basic questions and provide guidance.

- **Kiosk Assistants:** Help attendees find local AMEs, flight schools, and chapters.
- **Simulator Assistants:** Help attendees while they fly introductory Virtual Flight Academy scenarios.
- **Aircraft Assistants:** Sit outside of the tent to help answer questions about the display aircraft.
- **Floater:** Roam the tent, greet attendees, and help direct attendees to areas of interest within the tent.

Are you ready to join this great team of volunteers? You can e-mail David Leiting directly at dleiting@eaa.org to learn more and sign up!

NEW AIRVENTURE NOTAM

There are several important FAA-approved changes in the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021 Notice to Airmen (NOTAM). The NOTAM features arrival and departure procedures for EAA's 68th fly-in convention, July 26-August 1

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Friends talking about planes, etc.

at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh. These changes are based on pilot feedback and FAA review of arrival procedure recommendations.

The NOTAM, which is in effect from noon CDT on Thursday, July 22, until 8 p.m. CDT on Sunday, August 1, outlines procedures for the many types of aircraft that fly to Oshkosh for the event, as well as aircraft that land at nearby airports. The NOTAM was designed by the FAA to assist pilots in their EAA AirVenture flight planning.

Some of the 2021 changes include:

- There are new ATC-assignable transition points approaching Oshkosh from the west that will ease holding and congestion. These points are at Endeavor Bridge, Puckaway Lake, and Green Lake. They will be announced on the arrival ATIS when ATC puts them into use at times of highest traffic flows.
- Different start and ending dates for the NOTAM.
- The temporary Runway 18L/36R at Oshkosh (KOSH) has been reconstructed and is now 60 feet wide.

- Two VORs have been decommissioned (FAH and IKK).
- Numerous editorial changes.

"With AirVenture on hiatus last year, it is more crucial than ever to thoroughly read and understand the 2021 AirVenture NOTAM to ensure safe operations on arrival and departure for this year's event," said Sean Elliott, EAA's vice president of advocacy and safety. "We also urge all pilots to log appropriate cross-country time prior to their trip to Oshkosh so they have the proficiency and confidence to fly safely in conjunction with a thorough knowledge of this year's NOTAM."

EAA is also hosting a webinar on June 23 at 7 p.m. regarding flying to AirVenture 2021 and changes in this year's NOTAM. Pilots are encouraged to participate in that webinar to build their knowledge prior to their flights to Oshkosh.

This year's NOTAM cover features a photo from the EAA Seaplane Base. Pilots can download a digital version of the NOTAM at [EAA.org/NOTAM](https://www.eaa.org/NOTAM), or order a free printed copy via that webpage or by calling EAA Membership Services at 800-564-6322.



Jack Pollack's Chipmonk



Curtis Clark's RV-8



Curtis Clark's Wickham B



Another view of the Wickham B



Kitfox





GeeBee



RV-7

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LONGEZ AND SONEX

Tom Partin has decided to stop flying and has two airplanes for sale at Thunder Ridge air park (AZ28), a 180hp LongEz and a 120hp Sonex. Contact Bertha Partin at bmpartin@gmail.com

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