



The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

June 2022

Scottsdale, Arizona

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar. At the May meeting we took trip to Chapter member Alan Travis's antique transportation museum and workshop. Alan had a really great presentation on all of his artifacts and automobiles. Each display had a name tag on it that was the year it was built and Alan stitched together the events in chronological order that was better than any history class I was ever in. In just a few years not only was the automobile invented but they had to invent the engine, gasoline, rubber tires, and of course the roadway they drove on. It was a fast time for technology to evolve and most of it was in Europe.

Besides being the custodian of this amazing collection Alan actually drives and some cases races the cars and motorcycles so people can see them as they were and he gets to experience what the early racers must have felt. His presentation let us learn about the rare vehicles, their context in the development of early transportation, and how they are used today.

Thanks Alan and Mary for allowing Chapter 1217 to be the first group to publicly view your new museum.

See you around the aerodrome!

Curtis

JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

The June meeting of Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 will be held on Thursday, June 16th beginning at 7 pm. The location is the Thunderbird Room in the Scottsdale Airport Terminal building. The address is 15000 North Airport Drive. This month's guest speaker will be John Wight who has a great presentation on the first bomber to reach 25 missions in

World War II. Thanks go out to Chapter member John Warner for getting this month's speaker lined up.

Since it is our Chapter's 24th anniversary we will have cake and drinks to enjoy after the meeting.

Guests are always welcome!

JULY CHAPTER MEETING

CANCELLED

A decision has been made to not have a meeting in July since most people will be out of town going to Oshkosh or hopefully someplace cooler. It has always been a hard month to find speakers and attendance at the July meeting is usually really low. Rest assured we will be back live in August.

NAME TAGS

Our shipment of nametags has finally arrived! Plan to pick up yours at the June meeting.

AIRVENTURE HAPPY HOUR

It has now been a 24-year tradition of Chapter 1217 members attending the Oshkosh AirVenture Fly-In to get together one evening and compare sightings and stories. This year on the first day of the Fly-In, we will have our annual AIRVENTURE HAPPY HOUR AND FISH FRY at WENDT'S ON THE LAKE. Come and join us for some traditional Wisconsin food and libations. That's on Monday, July 25th around 7 pm.

If you want to plug it into your GPS, the address is N9699 Lake Shore Road, Van

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Dyne, WI 54979-9703 (920) 688-5231; 3.8 miles south of the seaplane base.
www.wendtsonthelake.com. They are located



Presentation by Chapter member Alan Travis



Boeing B-29 Superfortress "Doc" on Final

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DOC IN TOWN

This month, the beautifully restored Boeing B-29 Superfortress "Doc" visited Deer Valley

Airport on Thursday May 26th. There were a lot of Chapter members checking out the plane and few even went for a ride!



Boeing B-29 Superfortress "Doc" Overhead View

AIRVENTURE HOUSING

As EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 quickly approaches, finding suitable lodging is a must. While there are hotel options around Oshkosh and the Fox Valley, prices are at a premium during the week of AirVenture.

A more affordable option is camping at Camp Scholler, adjacent to the AirVenture grounds. June 2022

With more than 12,000 open campsites, Camp Scholler is a great place for you, your family, and friends to enjoy AirVenture. Camp Scholler has grocery stores, laundry facilities, shower rooms, food venues, and more for campers to use. Learn more about camping options here.

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www.ThunderbirdField.com

Other lodging options available include: The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh is currently sold out of rooms for AirVenture 2022. Fill out an application to be put on the waiting list there. UWO reservations for AirVenture 2023 open on October 4, 2022, at 8 a.m. CDT.

University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh - Oshkosh, Wisconsin (2 miles from convention grounds). For more information, call 920-424-3226 or e-mail: uwoeaa@lists.uwosh.edu.

Marian University - Fond du Lac, Wisconsin (20 miles south of convention grounds). For more information, call 800-262-7426 or e-mail: aaa@marianuniversity.edu.

Valley Christian School – Oshkosh (7 miles from convention grounds) For more information, call 920-292-1278 or e-mail: reservations@vcoshkosh.com.

Ripon College - Ripon, Wisconsin (19 miles southwest of convention grounds). For more information, call 920-748-8164 or e-mail: aaa@ripon.edu.

Additional websites for lodging options, which includes renting rooms and even entire houses:

Airbnb VRBO

All the rooms Rent Like a Champion

Please note availability for lodging is subject to change. Plan in advance for the event and make sure you have confirmation numbers if needed.



Three Wheel Motorcycle built in 1897



Chapter member Mike Evans enjoying a ride in Doc the B-29

JUNKERS JU-52NG

Just when you think you have heard it all, comes the announcement that Junkers is going to build a new version on the trimotor Ju-52. Yes, Junkers is planning to develop a three-engine JU-52 NG

The JU-52 NG, will be built using the same corrugated aluminum sheet metal skin over a hollow frame. The fuselage can be configured to hold six cargo pallets or 14 passengers, or a mix of the two. Avionics will be modern, from Garmin and include both VFR and IFR options. Figures released so far by Junkers Flugzeugwerke AG, claim a max take-off weight of 8,616kg (18,955 lbs), cruise speed of 180km/h (97 kt) and a fuel burn of 77 litres/hour (20 gph) for each engine.

The JU-52 NG will have modern engines – the 550hp RED A03-005 V12 diesel

“This aircraft is simpler in operational handling than any other of its kind,” said a Junkers statement. No complex systems for refueling, no special equipment for loading and unloading, and flight characteristics that allow take-off and landings on short and unpaved areas.

“The absolute highlight, however, is the use of the JU-52 NG for sightseeing flights. There is no better aircraft than the JU-52 NG for this type of flight. “Imagine sitting as one of 14 passengers in the JU-52 NG, each with their own window seat, flying slow and low in front of the New York skyline. An experience you will never forget!”



Concept Model of Junkers JU-52 NG

STANBY ALTIMETER

Here is a great idea! An APP for your iPhone or iPad that provides back up altitude information. I just downloaded this one from Examobile S.A, a Polish company, which seems very accurate. It spotted about a three-

foot change in altitude when I stood up. Plenty accurate for a backup plan I'd say. You can remove ads for \$1.99 if you think it might be a good idea to have the fastest response in an emergency. Just check in with the app store

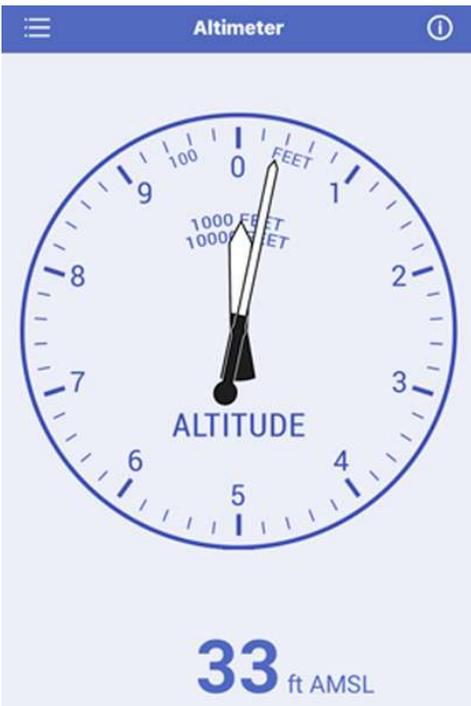
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and look for "barometer altimeter" and there are several choices.

So, if you want a backup to your backup plan, why not take a peek.



Chapter 1217 member A.J. Reynolds new Thorp T-18



Alan's Cars Showed Great Attention to Detail

ThunderAds

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Contact Bertha Partin at bmpartin@gmail.com

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<http://captainbillywalker.com/aircraft-for-sale/aircraft-for-sale>

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