



# The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

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Scottsdale, Arizona

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! Thanks to Terry Emig and Jack Pollack for running last month's meeting while I was on a beer tasting tour of Wisconsin. Last month Ron Landon and I decided to travel commercially up to the NW EAA Arlington Fly-in to check it out. Friday it rained buckets but Saturday the weather was perfect. There were lots of beautiful planes to drool over and vendors to spend your money at. The Arlington Fly-in people put on a really fun and friendly event, and it makes a great get away from the 114 degree temperatures in early July.

This year was my twentieth consecutive pilgrimage to Mecca to the Oshkosh Fly-in. This was by far one of the best events with lots of new planes and interesting attractions. Our annual Chapter 1217 Happy Hour was almost canceled at the last minute when the Pioneer Inn was demolished; in true Wisconsin fashion they saved the bar so we were able to enjoy a couple of cold ones while discussing the Fly-in. We had 22 members, friends and family show up for this year's event. I am now re-energized after Oshkosh and am hard at work on my Breezy! Hope to see all of you at this month's meeting!

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## AUGUST EAA MEETING

This month's Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217 meeting will be on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The location is the Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building. Our featured guest speaker will be third generation aircraft painter Chris Copeland from Arizona Aeropainting at the Eloy airport. Chris is

going to give us some insight into what goes into stripping and painting your plane as well as some helpful hints on how to choose the right kind of paint for your plane. Besides painting planes, Chris recently restored a Cessna 140 that has roots in our Chapter, having been previously owned by Mike Evans and Paul Besing. The restored 140 won "Best Cessna" at the 2004 Cactus Fly-in.



**Don Lindholm after receiving his trophy**

## BEST CESSNA 170 AWARD

### AT OSHKOSH

Chapter 1217 member Don Lindholm received a special surprise at this year's EAA AirVenture Fly-in. His Cessna 170 received the trophy for "Outstanding Cessna 170/180". All of his hard work and elbow grease polishing on the 170 paid dividends. Now I guess he will have to work extra hard keeping it shiny. Be sure and congratulate Don the next time you see him.



**Ron Landon on canard row at Arlington Fly-in**

## **OSHKOSH ATTENDANCE**

Early numbers seem to verify the initial reactions that 2005 was one of the best EAA AirVentures ever. The estimated attendance of about 700,000 is nearly a 7 percent increase over 2004. More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, as well as other airports in the Oshkosh area. Total showplanes over the seven-day convention was 2,927, including a record 1,267 homebuilts; 924 vintage aircraft; 386 warbirds; 196 ultralights; 130 seaplanes; and 24 rotorcraft. Commercial exhibitors on grounds numbered 789, many of whom reported record sales and/or activity. Officially there were 1,813 registered international visitors from 65 nations; however, only non-U.S. citizen who take the time to register with the International Visitor's Tent are counted in that total, meaning the actual international contingent was undoubtedly larger. Leading countries were Canada, 424; Australia, 290; Germany, 170; Brazil, 148; and South Africa, 121.

There were 904 registered media representatives from five continents, compared to 711 in 2004. The most foreign visitors were from Canada, the least from Iraq.

## **YOUNG EAGLE SURVEY**

If you have a few minutes and want your opinions heard, the EAA is conducting a survey to try and see how to best continue the Young Eagle program now that the million flight goal has been achieved. Remember Chapter 1217 will have its Young Eagle Airlift on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Casa Grande.

[www.eaa.org/survey/young%20eagles.htm](http://www.eaa.org/survey/young%20eagles.htm)

## **LAND OF ENCHANTMENT FLY-IN**

Chris Kinnaman, President, EAA Chapter 179 is extending an invitation to our Chapter members to attend EAA 179's Land Of Enchantment Fly-In 2005. The event will be held Saturday and Sunday, 10-11 September 2005, at Moriarty Municipal Airport (designator 0E0) Moriarty, New Mexico, located approx. 35 miles east of Albuquerque.

LOEFI 2004 was a fun time for all. We had wonderful weather – but that is the norm for New Mexico this time of year; a visit from a classic car club; and a total of 99 aircraft flown in by pilots from NM and surrounding states. We thank all who participated and look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting some new friends too. All registering PICs will receive a free meal – Saturday breakfast or lunch, depending on arrival time, or Sunday breakfast. We will have five individual raffle drawings for \$10 worth of fuel sponsored by Sundance Aviation. All registered aircraft will be eligible for awards to be presented at our Saturday Evening Awards Dinner at the new U.S Southwest Soaring Museum in Moriarty. For more information contact Chris Kinnaman, President, EAA Chapter 179 505-286-0924 [gliders@spinn.net](mailto:gliders@spinn.net)

## **HERE'S A DEAL**

If you are thinking about building one of those fine metal kitplanes from Oregon, this might be the deal for you: Sheet Metal Tool Kit & RV-6/8 Videos - Never used. Included are a Cleveland Complete Sheet Metal Airframe Tool Package (I paid \$1670 2 yrs ago); C-Frame Table; Set of 4 "From the Ground Up" RV-8 construction videotapes (cost new \$80); and a set of 10 George Orndorff RV-6/8 construction videotapes (cost new over \$200). Asking \$1500 for everything. Will sell videotape sets and tool set individually. Contact Chapter 1217 member Denny Myrick @ 480-502-0547

## **GOODBYE PRESCOTT FSS**

Effective October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, there will be a big change to our Prescott Flight Service Station. Lockheed Aerospace will take over the FSS contract from the FAA as part of a cost cutting measure. Lockheed's Prescott facility will be one of three "super FSS" that they will operate. So, if the weather briefer sounds a little grumpy for the next month and a half you now know why. For more information don't call 1-800-WX-BRIEF.

## **COMERCIAL BUILDERS ASSISTANCE STILL A VEXING QUESTION**

By David Sakrison EAA Headquarters

In recent years, a growing number of amateur aircraft builders have taken advantage of builders' assistance offered by kit manufacturers and suppliers, and by independent builder assistance centers. For an aircraft to be inspected and certificated as an "amateur-built experimental" aircraft, the amateur builder must complete the majority of

the work, a requirement commonly known as "the 51 percent rule."

In a meeting with EAA and the EAA Homebuilders' Council earlier this week at AirVenture, the FAA expressed its concern that some amateur-built aircraft constructed with commercial assistance might not qualify for amateur-built experimental certification under the 51 percent rule. The FAA officials present said they want to resolve this question and improve the amateur-built experimental certification process, working with the EAA and companies offering commercial assistance to amateur builders.

At the meeting, FAA officials told the EAA that they hope to publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) by the end of August, requesting public input on this issue. A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) would follow later this fall. The public will be able to comment, in writing, on the NPRM, and the FAA said it hopes to issue a final rule about one year from now.

In the meantime, FAA designated airworthiness representatives (DAR) can continue to do "51 percent checks"—to determine that an amateur builder has, in fact, complied with the 51 percent rule, with or without commercial assistance. The EAA and the EAA Homebuilders' Council will work closely with the FAA and other regulatory agencies throughout the year on these and other issues related to the design, construction, certification, operation, and maintenance of amateur-built aircraft.



**Al Ross with the four-place version of his plane at the Arlington EAA Fly-in**

# Thunder Ads

## FOR SALE

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All fixtures to build a GlaStar airplane. Will take \$150. Bill Grieme 480-998-9164

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RV-3 wings, flaps, ailerons and wing tips \$1000., 2 US army flight helmets, 8 new David Clark listen only headsets \$100. each, 2 yellow tagged cranks for an 0-320 and an 0-290-G. Dick Wall 602-788-9848

### COZY 3 PLACE PROJECT

Fuselage finished thru Chapter 8. Have most raw materials to finish fuselage and wings. Includes plans, landing gears, metal kit, epoxy pump, news letters, etc. Asking \$1500 (firm) for all. Jim Stevens 623-872-7531 after 3 pm. Location: Avondale, AZ

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Most major work complete. Hangered at DVT. \$10,000. Stuart McDonald 602-954-9343

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