



# The ThunderWord

Thunderbird Field EAA Chapter 1217

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Scottsdale, Arizona

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings from my corner of the hangar! Last month Ernie Hilborn introduced us to his pet project of giving glider rides to handicapped people. He also talked about his new job where he operates the glider launch winch at Superior Airport. One of the big takeaways was to check the NOTAMS for Superior before you fly in as it is closed during winch operations.

Even though we are not having meetings during the scorching months of June and July doesn't mean we aren't planning future meetings. We just got the green light to continue having our meetings at the Barrio Restaurant starting in August. Brian Mitchell is working with Ernie Copeland from the FAA to have a very special meeting in August. For September we are not only looking for a speaker but for someone to run the meeting since I will be out of town. If you're interested speak up please.

See you around the aerodrome.

*Curtis*

## **NO JUNE OR JULY**

### **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

We are taking the months of June and July off from having in-person meetings. Over the years we have tried to have summer meetings but had low attendance because everyone is out of town to escape the heat.

## **THIS MONTH IN SPORT AVIATION**

As Vans aircraft emerges from bankruptcy; progressive aerodyne, Icon Aircraft, maker of the Sea Ray kit seaplane closes its doors. Wag Aero is sold to Aircraft Spruce and Specialty. Reno Air Races find new home in Roswell New Mexico.

## **AIRVENTURE IS COMING**

The biggest aviation event in the world is happening next month, July 22nd through July 28th. There is something for every aviation enthusiast from ultra lights to military jet fighters and everything in between. Each day will feature an afternoon airshow with night airshows on Wednesday and Saturday. The Canadian Snowbirds will perform on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. To escape from the crowds a bus trip to the Seaplane Base should be on everyone's agenda. Go to <https://www.eaa.org/airventure> for all the latest news.

## **AIRVENTURE HAPPY HOUR**

It has now been a 25-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 22nd around 7 pm.

If you want to plug it into your GPS, the address is N9699 Lake Shore Road, Van Dyne, WI 54979-9703 (920) 688-5231; [www.wendtsonthelake.com](http://www.wendtsonthelake.com). They are located 3.8 miles south of the seaplane base

## **COPPERSTATE FLY-IN ON HOLD**

Chapter 1217 member, Steven Bass, stepped up to try to salvage the Copperstate Fly-In; but has had trouble attracting volunteers to help with organizing and running the event. Sadly he has put everything on hold and there will be no fly-in this year.

## **The Top 10 Reasons for Pilots to Attend EAA AirVenture Oshkosh**

Are you a pilot, but have never had the chance to attend EAA AirVenture Oshkosh? Well, here are 10 reasons why you should try to make it this year, or at least once in your life.

### **1.) All your friends are there!**

There are those you know well, and those you haven't met yet. But you will.

### **2.) Put KOSH in your logbook, in July**

There's no better feeling than to hear the Wittman Regional Airport controller say to you, "Great landing. Welcome to Oshkosh!"

### **3.) You really needed that new thing, after all.**

With 800 exhibitors, you can shop, compare, and get direct information on anything from new avionics to a brand new airplane

### **4.) Everybody speaks the language**

You have to explain to your neighbors back home why you fly, why it's safe, why it consumes your spare time. At Oshkosh, there's no need to explain. We all get it.

### **5.) Ultimate hangar flying experience!**

Yeah, everybody at home has heard your stories, but there's a whole new audience here! (Plus, when you get back home, you'll have new Oshkosh stories

### **6.) Drool-worthy aircraft**

Never thought you'd see one of those in-person until you stood next to it on the Oshkosh flightline. And there are at least two of them here.

### **7.) Ultimate sunrises and sunsets**

See the golden-hour sunlight over rows and rows (and rows) of airplanes.

### **8.) You're gonna learn something**

Whether it's in one of the 1,000-plus forums or seminars, or in an informal gathering of owners, there are tidbits of knowledge and information that you'll discover about airplanes and your piloting skills.

### **9.) Make yourself a better aviator**

A pilot certificate is a license to learn and at Oshkosh, you'll learn from the best, because they're here sharing their expertise.

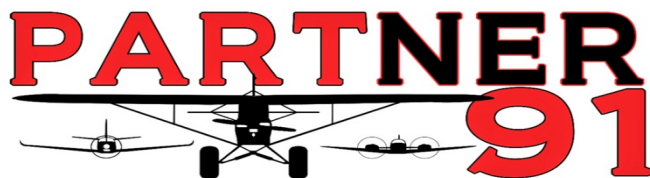
### **10.) Get hands-on**

Want to master that new skill, whether it's installing flight software or changing your own airplane's tire? You can do it here under the guidance of experts.



**Prototype Cessna that was never produced. it is quite a bit smaller than a Skymaster but was built before the Skymaster**

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