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From the Left Seat

Chapter 1337 President's Message: By Jim Thomas

February Meeting

We will be having our first general membership meeting of the year on Saturday, February 25th at 1:30 PM at Alan Wallace's hangar at Columbia Airport. Our meeting will feature none other than the great Don Canard (Denhard) who will provide us with details on the changes he has made to his LongEze since he has owned it. Some of the changes he has made include:

- Installing a new propeller
- Installing an engine monitor
- Installing new wheels and brakes
- Repairing (upgrading) the nose gear system
- Trying out various ignition systems

Don flies quite a bit and he is often seen heading off to lunch somewhere fun at least once a week. He is a real hands-on owner/pilot and represents the classic EAA member. Please come and join us on February 25th to hear Don tell us about what it is like to own, fly and modify a Rutan LongEze.

Chapter Board Meeting

Our Chapter Board of Directors met on January 28th to conduct the business of our Chapter. The highlights of the meeting included the following items:

- The Chapter bank account has been moved to Yosemite Bank in Groveland for better access by our treasurer Buck Buchanan
- Thank you letters were sent out to the donors of our PML Airport weed control program
- TCAA will make a donation of \$500 toward a webcam for Columbia Airport. Our Chapter agreed to match that with our own donation of \$500.
- Our Vice President will prepare the necessary IRS forms required for us to maintain our non-profit status
- We need to find a new membership chairman to take the lead in handling our membership roster and to help our Chapter promote new memberships

- The 2006 meetings and events were scheduled. We have planned to have an event every other month this year. See our events calendar for our tentative schedule.

All in all it was a productive meeting and we got a lot done. Remember that the Board meetings are open to all Chapter members. Our next Board meeting will be held at the Columbia Airport Administration office on Saturday, February 25th at 12:00 PM. Paul Girard is providing lunch (pizza, I think). This meeting will be held just prior to our general membership meeting which will start at 1:30 PM.

Annual Audit of Chapter Finances

The bylaws of our Chapter require that our finances be audited by the Chapter Vice President on an annual basis. John Hessler our 2006 Vice President performed the required audit and he confirmed that the Chapter books contain no errors or emissions and that the monies on hand total \$9017.95.

Membership Chairman Wanted

As was mentioned earlier in my article, we are looking for someone to take on the job of Membership Chairman. This is really not a big job and consists mostly of keeping our roster up-to-date and looking for ways to attract new members to our group. We have lost several members due to circumstances not related to our Chapter and we need to build up our ranks once more. If you are interested in contributing some time to making our Chapter successful, this just might be your big chance. Give me a call and I'll provide you with more details of the responsibility.

Fly Safe



Airport News

By Jim Thomas

I guess I'm in a unique position because I am around aviation 24-7 (that's 24 hours a day and 7 days a week). I spend approximately 10 working hours a day at the airport during the week, and then work in my hangar at night. I usually fly somewhere on the weekends or again work in my hangar. This provides me an opportunity to hear a lot of new of what is going on around both of our airports. Well here are some tidbits of news.

- Ralph Phillips is replacing the alternator on his RV8 after it went south on him. Sounds like Van's is going to help him a little with the replacement of the alternator with one that is a little more robust.
- John Hessler took the cowling off his RV8 for a little inspection and everything looks good. He continues to work on his Coot as time allows.
- Mike Gustafson continues to work on his RV project but work on the house remodel may be getting in the way a little.
- Buck Buchanan continues to cogitate on how to finish up his Dragonfly project.
- Don Denhard is working on some new wheel pants for his LongEze but he seems to spend a lot more time flying than working on his plane.
- Dave Edmonds sold his Marquardt Charger to a museum at Flabob Airport.
- Paul Girard bought a Taylorcraft up in Oregon and should be bringing it home in the next few weeks.
- Eric Henderson has had his C-170B in annual and has fixed a bunch of small items. He really keeps his plane in top notch condition.
- Dick Collier has been working on the Cherokee 6 and has the gear all back together after we pulled it all apart at one of our builder's workshops last year.
- Red Rossio sold his A-36 Bonanza to Kris Cox.
- Tom Martin has moved his C-182 into Red's hangar.
- Nancy Russell has been dealing with the trials and tribulations of installing a new tailwheel on her Luscombe. The new tailwheel just didn't want to caster properly.
- Guy Russell has his C-310 up for sale. Anyone want to go fast, carry a big load and experience a great plane?

- Clark Sergerstrom bought an Aviat Husky. He flies it on a regular basis and when he is flying with Tim Diestel (who also owns a Husky), we often announce that "The Dogs are Loose Again!"
- Elwin Smith has been having difficulty with the gear on his C-182RG. I haven't heard if Elwin has solved the problem, but he fears that it may be a bad pressure switch, a little item costing around \$600.
- Greg Thompson has been working overtime building up Aero Resources, the aircraft repair business he owns with Fritz Bayer. They now have five full time employees including themselves (I think).
- Alan Wallace sold his C-205 to Jim Murray and now owns a RV6-A, which Shane seems to possess!
- My girlfriend Colleen passed her commercial check ride and now charges me to ride in her Cardinal RG!

There must be more than that going on but in case I've missed something, let me know and I'll pass it on in a future newsletter.

Chapter Meeting and Events Schedule

February 25	Don Denhard Talks About Modifying His LongEze
April	Poker Run & Fly-out Picnic
June	Father's Day Fly-In
August	Fly-out Breakfast to Auburn
October	Hangar Visit - TBD
December	Potluck Dinner and Elections

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