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From the Left Seat

Chapter 1337 President's Message: By Jim Thomas

Father's Day Fly-In

I've been getting all sorts of feedback about this year's Fly-In and it is all positive. Many people, both pilots and non-pilots have said that this year's event was one of the best ever. Thank you to all of our Chapter members that helped either in our booth or as a volunteer for the Fly-In.

Our booth did quite well thanks to the returning leadership of Dick Collier. He and his crew sold hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and drinks. Dick (candy man) is still walking around twirling his fingers as if spinning the cotton on the stick. The people that helped out in the booth were:

Dick and Judy Collier
Elwin and Myrna Smith
Nancy and Guy Russell
Roger and Jan Sloan
Dennis Smith
Rich McGlashan
Wayne Irwin

I want to thank you all again for helping out with our biggest fund raiser of the year which raised \$1,161 for our treasury.

Columbia Web Cam

Don Denhard, the guys at Aero Resources and Del Chase radio man extraordinaire have been making good progress at installing the webcam at Columbia Airport. The wire is installed, the computer operating and the camera mount is being fabricated. Hopefully, within a few weeks we will have live webcams at Columbia Airport. TCAA has offered to pay ½ of the cost of the system making this a nice cooperative effort between our two organizations.

Chapter Board Meeting

We held a Chapter Board of Directors meeting on July 15th. Several agenda items were discussed including a review of the Father's Day Fly-In booth to find out what went well and what things we can improve on next year. We had good input and as a result, I think next years effort will be even more profitable.

The required quarterly treasurer's report was given and we have the following balances as of June 30th.

General Fund Beginning Balance =	\$7,233.55
2 nd Quarter Income =	\$2,402.00
2 nd Quarter Expenses =	\$1,577.26
Ending General Fund Balance =	\$8,058.29

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The Board approved the donation of \$968.75 to reimburse Dan Ward, the CDF Battalion Chief, for his personal out-of-pocket expenses to prepare Tanker 76 for its flight from McClellan to Columbia Airport. TCAA will be contacted to see if they would be interested in sharing in the reimbursement of Dan Ward. Incidentally, Dan was instrumental in helping Columbia Airport acquire the historic Tanker 76.

Missing Man Formation

Our Chapter lost one of its members this month when John Hessler died of cancer. John was our Vice President and a very active contributor to our Chapter. He was an accomplished builder having build and modified a Coot amphibian and his high performance blue and yellow RV8. I'll always remember John for his willingness to share his knowledge with other builders and his overall enthusiasm for aviation.

Next Month's Activity

Our August Chapter event will be a fly-out breakfast to Auburn Airport on Saturday the 19th. Don Denhard is organizing the event and it should be fun. Auburn has a nice restaurant with good food. The flight is an easy one that is not too far away. Don will be planning an arrival time at Auburn Airport so we all can sit together. When that time is determined, I'll send out a notice to all our Chapter members. Talk this one up with non-members. Our events are open to all.

Fly Safe



AirVenture

I'm headed to the AirVenture this week and I have a page long list of things I plan to look at or do. I have always said that you can be there the whole week and never come close to seeing it all. For those of you that have never been to Oshkosh, you really need to plan to attend the event some year. Once you have experienced the AirVenture you will always look at aviation a little bit differently. You will realize that there are more aspects to aviation than you could ever imagine and you will have expanded your mind to the never ending possibilities for creativity. I plan to write an article for the next newsletter on the highlights of my trip.

Chapter News

Dick Collier will be presenting a forum at the AirVenture on his fixed gear mod for the Venture kit aircraft. Not only will this be good for his business but it will be good for improving the landing qualities of the aircraft. I hope his forum is well attended and that he gets a lot of interest in his gear modification.

So far as I know Alan Wallace still has his RV7A Quick Build kit for sale. This includes a professionally built empennage, the quick build fuselage, the quick build wings and many extras. Contact Alan at 209-586-5860 for details.

This may be old news but Nancy and Guy Russell have finally fixed the tail wheel problems with Nancy's Luscombe. They replaced the wheel with a new assembly that is very similar to a Scott tail wheel. Nancy says her plane handles just great on landing and she is now one happy aviator!

New Hangars and the Fire Code

The new Uniform Fire Code identifies "aircraft hangars" as a new occupancy class that has specific fire protection requirements. Prior versions of the Code did not specifically identify "aircraft hangars" and they were classified as "storage buildings". Under the new Code "aircraft hangars" must have a fire hydrant that flows at 1,500 gpm with a residual hydrant pressure of 15 psi or, if that requirement cannot be met, then have fire sprinklers installed. The installation of a fire hydrant that meets the required flow rates or the installation of a fire sprinkler system is adding significant costs to the construction of hangars throughout the country. The risk of a hangar fire appears to be very low as evidenced by a long history of no fires at airport hangars and the inherent non combustibility of steel buildings.

It is time to push back on the continually restrictive Code and try to get the people that write the Code to change the

Code to a reasonable requirement for hangar fire protection. If this doesn't happen, then the cost of new hangars will be so expensive that the everyday airplane owner will never see the day that his plane is parked inside safe from vandalism and the elements.

If you are interested in helping gather data on the past history of hangar fires, the risk of a hangar fire, the cost of the currently required fire protection, or just harassing our Congressmen, Representative, and Code writers, then contact Jim Thomas. Aircraft owners need to become active in changing this new regulation that is going to cripple airport development and the construction of new hangars.

Chapter Meeting and Events Schedule

August 19 th	Fly-out Breakfast to Auburn
October	Hangar Visit – Jim Thomas's Lancair Progress Inspection Appoint Nominating Committee
December	Potluck Dinner and Elections

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