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From the Left Seat

Chapter 1337 President's Message: By Jim Thomas

New Year and New Flying Season

Our elections are behind us now and guess who is still in the left seat? We have Dick Collier flying the right seat with Paul Girard maintaining our logbook and Buck Buchanan collecting the airfare. The At Large Board Members are Ralph Phillips, Don Denhard and Alan Wallace. It is a good crew and we should have a good flight in 2007.

I want to thank everyone that helped make our Chapter successful last year. As most of you know, we cut back our activities to one every two months and I think that fit our Chapter size and needs just fine. This year will be much the same, however we do have the flexibility to add an event if we like.

Membership Renewal

Our Chapter membership is concurrent with the calendar year so as the saying goes "Dues are Due". Our dues is a whopping \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Each membership receives a "free" \$8 2007 EAA Calendar which means our dues is actually on \$12. If you haven't received your calendar with your renewal, please let me know.

Next Board Meeting

Our Chapter Board of Directors will hold its next meeting at my office at Columbia Airport before our February 24th Chapter meeting. The Board meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. This meeting will also be the Transition Meeting where we review our Chapter documents and By Laws. We will establish our meeting topics and dates for the year so if you have something you think we should include in this year's activities, please pass your ideas onto one of our Chapter officers before the 24th.

Fly Safe



February 24th Chapter Meeting Seminar on Airframe Corrosion

Our February meeting will be a seminar on airframe corrosion that will be put on by Chapter member and Aero Resources co-owner Greg Thompson. The meeting will be held at 1 PM on February 24th at Greg's shop located at Columbia Airport. This should be a very informative meeting where Greg will show us numerous examples of airframe corrosion and what to look for when inspecting our own aircraft. Come and learn about an important aspect of maintaining our planes and what can happen if corrosion goes unchecked.

New Plane in the Patch

Alan Wallace got his new Flight Designs CT in January and has been putting hours on it as often as he can. He says it is really fun to fly and has great visibility. The CT is one of the new certified Light Sport Aircraft and has some of the best performance numbers out there. Alan recently installed his avionics package which includes a Garmin 496 with XM radio. Rumors are that Alan loves the XM but had to figure out how to turn off the terrain warning feature. He kept hearing a voice in his headset that screamed "Terrain, Terrain, Terrain" every time he turned to the base leg during landing!



Flight Designs CT LSA

Golden West Fly-In Date Changes

The Golden West Fly-In has been moved to June 29, 30 and July 1st for this year. That is two weeks after our Father's Day Fly-In. It should be another great event for those of us that like to see a good gathering of homebuilt aircraft at an event nearby.

EAA Speaks Out for Vintage, Homebuilts, LSA Communities

Reprint from the EAA Website

February 8, 2007 - Financial and unintended safety ramifications for the vintage, experimental amateur-built, and light-sport aircraft fleets were the primary focus of EAA's comments to a recent FAA notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding aircraft parts. EAA generally credits the FAA's efforts to standardize quality systems and update the regulations to reflect today's global manufacturing and continued-airworthiness standards. However, EAA had several suggestions to protect small PMA manufacturers and individual aircraft owners.

"Increased costs imposed by the new rules could actually result in decreased safety," said H.G. Frautschy, executive director of the Vintage Aircraft Association. "The small PMA manufacturers may opt to not produce parts because of the compliance costs, resulting in a diminished supply. Similarly, aircraft owners may choose not to incorporate new and improved products and technologies in their older aircraft because of the excessive costs of getting such modifications produced."

The NPRM also does not take into account older type-certificated aircraft for which the design approval holder, type certificate holder, or production approval holder has not existed for 50 or more years.

EAA asks that preamble language regarding "Falsification of applications, reports, or records" be revised to allow "legal and correct promotion" of parts and components intended for the experimental amateur-built and light-sport aircraft markets.

EAA also sides with the Univair Aircraft Corporation in taking issue with the proposed requirement to "legibly mark each part or appliance and each component of each part or appliance." EAA feels this is an unreasonable burden, impractical or impossible in many instances, and largely would not benefit safety.

Items For Sale

Luscombe 8E, C-85, TSOH 610hrs, TTAF 3630hrs. New Alaskan Bushwheel Tailwheel, MXII Comm Transceiver, Transponder with mode C, Flightcom 403 Intercom, Ski Struts, very nice condition. \$26,000 Call Nancy @ (209)962-6257. Pictures available.

RV-9A empennage and wing kit for sale. The Current price from Vans Aircraft is \$7715, not including shipping. My price for both is \$5500. The empennage is 90% complete. The left wing has most of the prep work done but not riveted. The right wing has no work completed. Call Guy @ (209) 962-6257

Chapter Meeting and Events Schedule

Feb 24 th , 1 PM	Airframe Corrosion Seminar Aero Resources Shop Columbia Airport
April	Poker Run & Fly-out Picnic
June	Father's Day Fly-In
August	LSA Seminar ?
October	Survival Seminar
December	Potluck Dinner and Elections

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