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From the Left Seat

Chapter 1337 President's Message: By Jim Thomas

Corrosion Seminar A Real Eye Opener

Our last meeting was hosted by Greg Thompson at Aero Resources and was a good overview of the various types of corrosion that an aircraft owner may encounter in their aircraft. Greg, Fritz Bayer and Dick Collier did a great job of presenting the common types of airframe corrosion, their common causes and how to mitigate their spread (when possible). Those that didn't attend missed a great presentation and an opportunity to see first hand the natural return of our complex aircraft components into the basic minerals from which they were built. Thank you Greg, Fritz and Dick for sharing your knowledge and experience so our Chapter members can benefit.

LSA Seminar

Most of you know that Alan Wallace has purchased a Flight Designs CT light sport aircraft. There was a picture of it in our last newsletter if you forgot! I think he is currently either in McMinnville, Oregon, or somewhere in Idaho flying his airplane and having fun. Who says the light sport aircraft (LSA) is just for flying around the patch in good weather on weekends. These aircraft are serious birds that have modern designs, engines and avionics. Compared to the aircraft from the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's these planes are really fuel efficient, quiet and capable. If you would like to learn more about this new category of aircraft and even take a demo ride in any one of several different makes and models, come to our next meeting which will be held on May 26th at Columbia Airport. Please read the accompanying article for more details.

We will need some help on Friday setting up the tables, chairs and barbeque for this event. If you have some time you could spare to help with the set-up please contact Alan by email or by phone at awelectric@mlode.com or 614-7388.

User's Fees a Real Possibility

All our Chapter members are also members of the National EAA Organization so I know you have heard about the airline industry pushing a user fee funding

approach for the FAA and air traffic control. If you haven't written a personal letter to [Barbara Boxer](#), [Dianne Feinstein](#), and [George Radanovich](#) you should do so very soon. GA is on the verge of having a large part of the FAA's funding pushed onto our backs in the form of an avgas tax and user fees. I don't know how much you use the FAA's services but I know personally that the FAA cannot provide me with useful weather advisories for my daily commute between PML and Columbia nor do I use their FSS or Approach services very often. To pay at the pump for services I don't use or need is a tax that is misguided, in my opinion. If you feel the same way then you need to be writing your representatives in Washington.

Father's Day Fly-In Is Just Around the Corner

This year's Father's Day Fly-In celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Columbia Air Attack Base. We will be featuring aircraft that have been based at the Air Attack Base over the years including a TBM Avenger and an F7F Tigercat. For those that haven't taken a close look at these aircraft, they are impressive. Our Chapter will have its booth set up to sell food and Dick Collier has already ordered a banner that should attract droves of hungry people. We need people to staff the booth both Saturday and Sunday. This event is the biggest money maker for our Chapter and every one of our Chapter members should either work in the booth or as a volunteer at the Fly-In. A special call for your support will be sent out closer to the Fly-In date.

Board Meeting

Due to the early start of the LSA Seminar, we will not have a Board of Directors meeting prior to our Chapter meeting. There is some business and planning that needs to be done so I will set an alternate date and time for the meeting.

Fly Safe



May 26th LSA Seminar

On July 27, 2004 the FAA adopted the Sport Pilot and Light Sport Aircraft Rule. This new rule creates new Pilot Certificates for Sport Pilots and Sport Pilot Instructors that only requires a driver's license as a medical certificate, (provided the most recent application for an FAA medical certificate was not denied, revoked, suspended or withdrawn).

For the new pilot this certificate will allow him or her to obtain a Sport Pilot Certificate and fly Light Sport Aircraft with a minimum of 20 hours of training. This will make it much more affordable for a person to become a Pilot; these hours of training can also be used as part of the training for higher ratings.

For existing Private Pilots this allows them to let their medical certificate expire and fly Light Sport Airplanes without having to worry about passing a FAA medical again.

In Light Sport Airplanes there are three distinct categories:

- Existing GA aircraft that meet the LSA requirements
- E-LSA which is Experimental, (homebuilt airplanes)
- S-LSA which is Special, (factory built airplanes).

The main LSA requirements are:

- Maximum gross takeoff weight – 1320 lbs, or 1430 for seaplanes.
- Maximum stall speed – 51 mph (45 kts).
- Maximum speed in level flight (VH) – 138 mph (120 Knots).
- Single or two seat aircraft only.
- Single engine with fixed or ground adjustable propeller.
- Fixed landing gear, except for seaplanes.
- Day VFR below 10,000 feet MSL only.

To learn more about the Light Sport Rule visit EAA at www.sportpilot.org.

Saturday May 26th from 9 AM to 3 PM, Light Sport Airplanes West and EAA Chapter 1337 will host the Columbia LSA Seminar and Fly-In to be held in the Wallace Hangar, (just north of the self serve fuel) at Columbia Airport (O22), 10723 Airport Road, Columbia.

Starting at 9:00 AM there will be many different S-LSA aircraft on display along with staff from LSA West to answer your questions about these airplanes. At 11:00 AM the seminar will start with a BBQ lunch following at noon. Demo flights can be scheduled with LSA West representatives.

This will be a great opportunity to see and learn about the best new Light Sport Airplanes. Come see the Flight Design CTSW, Tecnam Echo, Bravo and Sierra, Evektor Sport Star, Sting Sport and Jabiru 250.

You can visit the LSA West website, www.LSAWest.com to learn more about them and the Light Sport Airplanes that will be on display. For more info on the details of our co-sponsored LSA seminar contact Alan Wallace, awelectric@mlode.com, (209) 586-5860 or (209) 614-7388.

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

May 26 th	9:00 AM	LSA Seminar at Columbia Airport
June 16, 17		Father's Day Fly-In
August		Poker Run
October		Survival Seminar
December		Potluck Dinner and Elections

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