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B-17 turning into low pass.



Prez Sez

Weather permitting, it should be a great meeting this Saturday! It's the season-opening fly-out, TWO Wings courses, lunch and a chapter meeting. And maybe the new "Flyout Seat Finder" Blog [<<CLICK HERE>>](#) will

How come the blog? Well, in spite of wonderful hospitality and good will, we plane-less folks (sigh) are a little reluctant to go scrounging for rides--it seems like an awfully big imposition, and a favor that we can't reciprocate, at least for a time. We don't want to be a burden or wear out our welcome. Now having said that I've got to add that the fliers in this bunch are gracious as can be. I've never caught even a whiff that riders are a burden, and if we're inside the gates at the West T's things seem to work out informally and very nicely. BUT...we ARE based at 4(?) different spots at HUF, plus Sky King, plus Brazil, plus Sullivan, plus. . . well, t'ain't simple, sometimes. AND--planeless folk aren't the only reason to ride-share--it's just plain plane-economical!

So, that's how come the blog (admittedly a tad cumbersome) and maybe if nothing else it will make us more intentional about the whole thing. And if the weather stinks, it ought to work for carpooling too. Lemme know if there's a better way.

Also weather permitting, JP and I will be attending a chapter leaders conference at OSH this weekend, so Fish will be wielding the gavel for the meeting.

Fly often, be safe!

Alan

Member News

From Kevin Davidson:

I'm finally back in the RV7 build routine. 1-2 hours per evening (even during the Olympics). Faith and family events still come first but more and more of the family are wanting the plane finished. The RV7 project will always take back seat to other projects. That's life. I have more and more admiration for those who build from plans or non-match-hole-drilled kits.

The wing kit almost done: Right wing done except attaching tip, Left wing top skin on, next is wiring, pitot, AOA and bottom skin. Goal is to start fuselage in March 2014. Looking for a 180hp+ engine.

Build web site is <https://myrhil.rose-hulman.edu/personal/davidson/N575KD/default.aspx>

ed note: Kevin's build log (link above) is great, and has a ton of pictures with comments on construction methods. What a great family project! Nice progress!





Dale Barkley's Xenos is running well. Now, for some flyable weather--21 hours to go!

Alan's Chief is still in Mansfield. The engine is in Terre Haute, and Alan is getting really itchy for warm enough weather to hang it back on the airframe in an unheated hangar. The goal is to fly it back to the Aeronca factory in Middletown, Ohio this June.

And speaking of Aeroncas, Curt DeBaun reports that there is an Aeronca C3, aka "the flying bathtub" undergoing restoration at Sky King. The "advanced" C-3 rolled off the line in 1931, improving on the 1925 C-2. C-3 production was halted in 1937 when it no longer met new standards for airworthiness. The C-3 design—an external wire-braced wing with no wing struts, single-ignition engine and lack of an airspeed indicator—were no longer permitted. A "grandfather" clause in the regs allowed C-2s and C-3s to keep flying, even though they could no longer be manufactured.

Here's one that came to Oshkosh last year--piloted by a 17 year-old, the great-great-grandson of the original owner.



Crew: 1
Length: 20 ft 0 in (6.1 m)
Wingspan: 36 ft 0 in (10.98 m)
Height: 7 ft 10 in (2.39 m)
Wing area: 142.2 ft² (13.2 m²)
Empty weight: 569 lb (258 kg)
Gross weight: 1005 lb (456 kg)
Powerplant: 1 x Aeronca E-113C horizontally opposed 2 cylinder piston engine, 36 hp (27 kW)

There were 400 manufactured--love it that some of these old birds are still flying!

OTHER NEWS

"And contact tower on one eighte....ahh, correction, tower on 134.725."

Bob and Lisa Brickley received word that the "new" HUF tower frequency will finally be published on the April 3rd chart updates. Interestingly, not only the sectionals still show the old 118.3 tower frequency--SkyVector, AOPA, the A/FD, fltplan all show it too. Just another month to go.

Evansville (KEVV) is working on runways. 4/22 and 9/27 are closed for about 5 months starting March 5th. 18/36 may be down briefly from time to time--check yer notams if you're heading there!!

ISU, HUF and Hoosier Aviation are collaborating on a fly-in/drive-in event on Saturday April 26th. Excitement seems to be building for this. Lots of time to put together a great day, and things are already beginning to take

shape. Save the date and stay tuned!

Planning is also underway for the Indy Warbird Expo, coming June 7th at Indy Metro.

There are a variety of webinars coming up from EAA:

March 4 - 12 p.m. CST

[Aircraft Insurance: Stop Wasting Your Money](#)

Presenter: Bob Mackey

March 5 - 8 p.m. CST

[Diagnosing High Oil Consumption](#)

FAA AMT & Wings Credit

Presenter: Mike Busch

March 12 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Advanced iPad Flying](#)

Presenter: Bret Koebbe

March 19 - 7 p.m. CDT

[SuperVee to AeroVee Engine History](#)

Presenter: John Monnett

March 26 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Chapter Chat: Beyond the Young Eagles Flight](#)

Presenters: Brian O'Lena, Bret Steffen

April 2 - 8 p.m. CDT

[All About Not-So-Plain Bearings](#)

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Presenter: Mike Busch

April 9 - 7 p.m. CST

[The Right Mindset for Aerobatic Flight](#)

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Presenter: Michael Lents

April 16 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Aerobatics - Getting Started](#)

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Presenter: Patty Wagstaff

April 23 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Care and Feeding of the Rotax 912](#)

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Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch

April 30 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Small Bore Continental Engines: A-65 through O-300](#)

FAA AMT & Wings Credit

Presenter: Harry Fenton

Secretary's Minutes

The February meeting was a successful, well-attended WINGS event. Thanks again to George Ballard and Brian Paugh for their informative presentation. And, a big thanks to Rollie's for providing lunch with a stack of their fabulous pizzas.



Treasurer's Statement

Solvent. But, you can always check to make sure you are paid up with your dues... a measly \$10.

Upcoming Events

List of events occurring soon: