

THE 534 TIMES

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EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 534

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DECEMBER, 2005

NOVEMBER EAA Chapter 534 mailed out 269 invitation fliers announcing our Coffee 'n Donuts "social" to EAAers who were not Chapter members. Roughly 20% of those came out and, of those, about 20% signed up as new members: Not bad at all and exceeding our expectations. Nearly one hundred cups of coffee and some 80 donuts were "dispatched" and, we met some nice "new" people, some of whom were not aware that there was a chapter in Leesburg.



Bill Condermann trailered in his beautiful XTC ultralight seaplane (above) while John Weber drove from his home north of Leesburg all the way down to Gator Field just so he could fly back to LEE in his RANS S-10 (right).



Bill Howard had a shorter drive but also flew in, in his case from Mid-Florida (X55) in Eustis, in his modified Davis DA2, "Devious" (left).



And, finally, we had a chance to see Paul Adrien's LongEZ at morning prayers (below, right). A number of EAA guests also flew their planes in. (And, no, the "air sucker" on the flightline was neither **EXPERIMENTAL** nor an EAAer's)

The "buttery soft leather" flight jacket provided by HQEAA; a pair of tickets to the Icehouse Theater in Mt. Dora generously donated by Charlie Schnitzlein; and the original art "Hudson Valley Aerial Diorama Coaster Set" by the Editor, were raffled off, adding nearly fifty dollars to our coffers.



All in all, it was a fun morning, we signed up nine new members, and our Treasurer was reportedly as happy as a clam!

"Though I Fly Through the valley of Death ... I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 feet and Climbing."

- At the entrance to the SR-71 base, Kadena, Japan



DECEMBER 10 Annual Christmas Dinner Party, Café Stella, US441 just east of SR19 (formerly Shoney's).

JANUARY 28 Program Chairman *Paul Adrian* has lined up a "rep" from *Castrol* for a presentation on aviation lubricants.

Refreshments: Bill Condermann

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"



"YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING" Jim "Zoomer" Campbell's Aero-News.Net reports that schooling is now available on *how to fly glass cockpits*. King Schools is now offering the new *Cleared for Flying the Garmin G1000* interactive CD-ROM course. Said John King, "After taking this course, pilots will be prepared so well that their hands and eyes will automatically go to the right place."



Gone are the days when your hands belonged on the controls and your eyes outside the cockpit with an occasional glance at the gauges to see if the engine's still healthy. More "toys" *inside* mean less time looking *outside*. So *watch out*, all you "see 'n avoid" pilots, for that XS Speedbird might just get an SAS² ("See And Avoid Sport Aircraft Splat") on its windscreen and it might just be *you* puttering along in your "Phuhn Phly'r" just out for a ride, minding your own business!

ELECTIONS Officer installation will be at the January meeting. **Bill Howard** replaces Roger Harper as Treasurer. Our sincere thanks for your years of service, Pappy! And, thank you, Bill, for stepping up to fill the void. The remainder of the officers are unchanged and will continue to serve **EAA Chapter 534**.



"THIS ... IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING..."

Editorial comment by... who else? The Editor

THANKS *The Editor wishes to thank all who came out for our "Coffee 'n Donuts social," especially you who brought your planes for us and potential members to*

ogle! You showed the true EAA Chapter spirit and it has paid dividend for the Chapter. Your Chapter couldn't have made this event the success it was without your contribution. (If you brought a plane and the Editor missed mentioning it, please forgive him as he was busy greeting guests while wearing his "President" hat and he felt guilty when he slipped out once for a few flightline shots.) And, WELCOME to our new members, **Jack Rabon, Bob & Dot LaBonte, Dale Cornelius, Earl Donaldson, Darryl Richie, Lynn Gardner, Doug Burgham, Phillip Rea, and Ed Chioski, Sr.**

THE CONTINUING INSURANCE SAGA In response to another of the Editor's acerbic letters to EAA's Falcon Insurance, VP Bob Mackey agreed that a thousand and a half to insure the "Jaybird" aerial putt-putt for liability only was a bit out of the "rational" range. Mr. Mackey then said that the problem was with Scott Casler-- who builds engines under EAA legend Morey Hummel's name-- and that if Casler would simply supply some basic information on the engine, assurances that the customer is using the proper parts and assembling properly (not a factor as the Editor's 4-cylinder engine came ready-built) and data on fliers' field experience with Hummel Engines, that liability-only coverage should be available for about \$500, a 66% reduction from the prior quote.

The Editor contacted Scott Casler with this latest information who said that he had sent this information to Mackey some time ago. Now, in addition to still not having insurance coverage, the Editor has Mackey and Casler throwing accusations at each other with the Editor "smack-dab in the middle." He's starting to feel somewhat akin the net in a match between Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi! Will it ever end? Will he ever fly again? Tune in same time next month for the next exciting episode of "EAA Insurance Program Strikes Again!"



C L A S S I F I E D S

FOR SALE BY OWNER/BUILDER WJS "Jaybird" N735BS. Single seat, EXPERIMENTAL. 41.1 TTAE. Day VFR. Reliable 4-stroke **VW 1600** by Scott Casler (d.b.a. "Hummel Engines"). **Great Plains** induction system.

Zenith carburetor w/ mixture control. "Armstrong" (hand prop) starter. Custom wood, "**SuprProp**" (patented design). Fan-driven Toyota Corolla alternator (no XPDR required), gel cell battery, voltmeter. Droop tips. Cub-type gear w/ brakes and 8.00x6 tires. 2 x 5 gal. tanks. Glove box. FAA sign off. Time flown off. 60 kts. cruise @ 2900 rpm, sips 2.5 gallons of mogas per hour. "**Sunbrella**" covers for wing, tail, engine/windscreen/panel, and prop. "**Sunbrella**" baggage tote. Includes **BRS 750#** "Smart" ballistic chute (mfr. recommended repack due). Paperwork in order, fresh condition inspection with sale. Offers considered. Pick-up: Leesburg, FL. Info: 352.787.9526 or schulznotee@yahoo.com

HELP! AGAIN! I'm scratching the bottom of the barrel, folks. Please, I need news and pictures from you. This is not my newsletter. I've got three pages to fill... all I can do is use a larger type or more "fillers."

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted airplane part you were drying.

MYSTERY PLANE- 155 SUPER AERO 45 w/ 2 Walter Minor 4 111 (Photo: The Editor, OSH '96)