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JULY 5 CHAPTER GATHERING PHOTO REVIEW

Our July Gathering was a more open affair than last month, thanks to Tim Morris moving two aircraft out of his end unit hangar in row T4, giving us tons of space for 33+. Being an east facing hangar we benefitted from afternoon shade. We were able to maintain better spacing, and more members wore masks. VP and chief chef Joey served vegetable pizza and chocolate crumb pudding which was made by his wife Kim. Fantastic!! Thanks Tim, Joey and Kim for taking such good care of us!



Announcements and Discussion:

Mark Schababerle reminded us that there are still openings to view donated projects in his and Valentine Boehm's hangars.

A movie night for 9/12 was discussed

Bob Burkhardt reported Young Eagle Flights still on hold.

He also reported The Houston Inn has been closed and we'll need to find another Christmas Banquet venue.

Bob continues to take orders for name badges.

There will be limited B-17 rides during Lunken Days.



Tom Martin: Chapter has approved larger TV purchase using \$200 Young Eagle Grant to offset total \$600 allowed

Projects:

Mark Taylor placed deposit on Verner Radial engine for his Hatz.

Tom Martin had his transponder certified by CF Airtronics aka Pete York.



Scott Balmos: RV9A Alternator now OK. He has a new pain shop date mid to late August.

Scott Hersha: Ordered a new Sensenich ground adjustable, carbon fiber prop for his RV4. His Current prop allows engine overspeed and loss of a/c performance. Photos: ed.

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS

We had quite a harvest of new members this month. A Big Chapter 974 Welcome to all of you!

First is Greg Koedel. I remember Greg from years ago when he kept a beautiful VW powered Ultra-Pup hangared with Brian Charlton's Rans S12. Good to have you back with us Greg!



Next is Steven and Brandy Brewer. Steven and Brandy have a collection of Vintage Aeroncas in hangar Row T1. I got a peek inside their hangar one evening as I was leaving. It looked like an Aeronca museum! I hope to do a follow up story. Welcome Steven and Brandy!



Next is Natalie Kelly. Natalie Brings an RV8 to the field and the chapter. It is currently hangared in Ken Rieder's hangar. Welcome Natalie!



Last but certainly not least introducing Gavin Bernard. Gavin has been flying Hogan's Cub on a regular basis. Great to have you with us Gavin!



Photos: ed.

VMC CLUB WITH BILLY BIE

After a brief intermission, we adjourned to the chapter hangar for Billy Bie's VMC Club. Always fun and informative it is not to be missed. Billy can get all chapter members in attendance Wings Credit which looks good on your record, but really helps your brain and decision making ability!

Billy started off with a VFR quiz about approach lights.. He asked us to identify the lights from a selection of choices on the screen: PAPI, VASI, MALSR or ODAR. PAPI or Precision Approach Path Indicator, was the correct answer. He pointed out that approach path lights are always located to the left of the runway.

Next was a discussion of Special VFR. Question: Can non IFR private pilot use special VFR?

Answer: Only between sunrise and sunset.

Special VFR requires ATC clearance. Weather minimums are one mile visibility and clear of clouds. Most Class B airports will not issue Special VFR including CVG. FAA recommends local immediate need only.

See the bracket Billy is holding? It's the bracket that holds the throttle cable on his RV7A. While returning from a flight recently he discovered his engine would not go to idle at throttle back to land resulting in a non-landable condition. It was something easily missed on a condition inspection. Billy urged us to do two things:

1. Be meticulous when doing your condition inspections.
2. Think about what you do when you find yourself in a non landable condition.
3. Choices: pull mixture and deadstick, may need to plan a different approach for safe landing.

Thanks Billy for another great VMC Club session!!

Photos: ed.



What is now just, well... Normal

Hi everyone,



In this month's article, I want to provide a quick update to some of the members who maybe haven't had the opportunity or aren't yet ready to return to the monthly gatherings.

We are now past 7 months of being in the COVID-19 pandemic, and with that has come a lot of change for all of us. For me, the phrase "new normal" was certainly overused, but the behaviors and practices that have come with this new reality, that once seemed so foreign to me, have effectively become "normal". I certainly long for things to return to how they were before, but I have come to the conclusion that this is going to be with us for quite a while, and with that we must safely adapt and overcome.

I certainly don't want to downplay the seriousness of the virus, and the havoc it has caused to the now 4.3 million people in the US. But I do want to talk about the changes we have made to make the gatherings as safe as possible for those who are ready to attend.

Over the past couple of months, your Chapter leaders have discussed, and tried multiple changes and formats. I think this past gathering is a solid representation of what our monthly gatherings will look like for the foreseeable future.

The activity that probably has largest impact on our safety is everyone wearing a mask. **Thank you for that!**

Tim Morris graciously offered up one of his T-Hangers which he emptied out. This has created a nice space out of the sun, larger than our chapter hanger, for members to gather at a safe distance. Joey Shreve has provided his sound system which has helped us in a few ways... It has allowed members to spread out and still be able to hear, and the portable microphones have allowed members to participate while keeping masks on, and to still be heard.



The other big change... Yes, Joey is still fixing up an amazing menu of food to share, but he's doing double duty by serving it up to members directly to reduce the number of hands touching the serving utensils. Oh, and there is plenty of hand sanitizer around for use before and after the food.

I always look forward to seeing each of you every month. For those who may not be ready to return in person, that is completely OK! Just know we'll keep doing everything we can to keep the membership safe when you are.

Safe landings and stay well!



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SUMMERTIME FLYING WITH TIM MORRIS

Tim Morris sent these from a recent 2 ship flight that he ,Kevin Gassert, and Bill Morris flew to Lakefield Ohio. You could guess that the mission was urgent due to that sky, which was well matched by the look of that colorful, angry scope! Tim says the flight home had rain showers to the left of us and rain showers to the right. He says it wasn't as bad as it looked but definetly not for the faint of heart. Kevin doesn't look the least perturbed by the scene outside or on the scope. Almost looks like you're napping, Kevin. A cool customer!

Thanks Tim!

Photos: Tim Morris



AND YET ANOTHER 'COUPE'!

It appears there is another "Coupe" restoration in the works after receiving these from Al Kenkel. What you are seeing is NOT one of Joey's puddings, but the result of Mike Wood stripping untold layers of paint from another acquisition by Ercoupe Guru Kevin Gassert. Al says this a restoration project he and Kevin hauled down from Dayton. It's a G model which Kevin will either paint to original G model colors or strip and polish similar to his last restoration. Fortunately, only the tail and a small section of the cowling had been painted. Stripping shouldn't take that long, but needed to be done. Photos: Al Kenkel



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