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Hangar Talk

Schazam!!! Here we are into a new year already and I am already almost down to just above stall speed. Its time for some thought on some projects for the Chapter and follow through on some from last year. As I write this, the new heater is installed and operational, I sure hope it will suffice to warm the hangar to the point that we can be somewhat comfortable on those cold Saturday mornings.

I certainly want to thank all that came out to help with the breakfast in December as it makes it easier with the extra help. I have heard from some folks in the area that we have the best quality breakfast of all. Give your self a pat on the back as you helped make it happen. Also thanks to Fuller Neely for his efforts in the hangar as we have another cookstove in operation. The next objective is to get the hot water heater changed out, as it it has been leaking for a while.



Some other changes may be in place by next meeting, and we can discuss them then.

Put your thinking hat on and lets come up with some aviation projects to work on this year and make it a reality.

See you all at the meeting next week!



JT Alsup
President

EAA Chapter 1326 Breakfast
December 22, 2007

The RV Corner

By Dan Garrett and Bill Dyess

This month let's take a departure from the usual clatter about all things RV. Our fellow 1326 Chapter members Max and Jean Burnette have just completed a remarkable project; they converted a 1962 model Piper Colt, PA 22-108, to a tail dragger! Well, what would you expect from a guy who is identified as the taildragger doctor?

When this particular Colt came into the ownership of Max and Jean about eight years ago it was in very sad shape. Its previous owner had caused it to have a landing "incident" that created major damage which included a collapsed nose gear, damaged wing spar, sudden stop engine, prop damage, etc.



At the time of the accident, the airframe and Lycoming engine had experienced 1,700 flight hours during its life of approximately 37 years.

So what to do? As you might guess, Max & Co. decided on what amounted to a "ground up" restoration and modernization. Starting with Univair, the STC for a tail wheel conversion was purchased and installed along with STCs for drooped wing tips, alternator and shoulder harnesses. In addition repairs were carried out to the vertical stab and rudder, a replacement windshield was installed, some tubing was replaced, new wing spar was put in, and the propeller was overhauled. A new interior was installed as well as a KY97 Com. radio, transponder with encoder, LORAN navigation and strobe lights.

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To complete the job, Max chose new Ceconite fabric with urethane finish in white with red trim. I have not yet seen the plane, but imagine it would look similar to a Piper Vagabond.

So why has the new plane not yet flown? Max reported that while taxiing to the take-off point at his 1,700 foot grass strip at his home in Rockvale TN he noticed a loss of power. When he shut it down, the engine seemed to freeze up. After some investigation and several phone calls to Lycoming, it was found that the incorrect piston rings had been shipped for the new chrome cylinders. As a result, Max had to rework that part of the overhaul. Must have been Divine intervention that the problem showed up while the little beast (as Max calls it) was still on the ground!

Now the only thing Max is waiting for is a dry day so that mud won't be slung upon that pretty white paint. (See photo at left.)

Max is an A&P who was trained by the USAF and has been flying since 1956. And, no, he will not need a tail wheel endorsement to fly his new "baby".



Cleaning the tables before the December 22, 2007 breakfast are the newest members of Chapter 1326, Jim and Susie Henderson. Susie has volunteered to be the new editor. We thank Helene for her many years service, she did a wonderful job as editor.

**Have you paid your
2008 EAA Chapter Dues?**

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Shelbyville Sport Flyers Club EAA Chapter 1326 is to enhance the quality of aviation life for its members by providing information about aviation, flying, and mechanical/maintenance knowledge shared by fellow members, guest speakers, and special events which respond to the expressed needs and desires of all members.

Dates to Remember

January 24 th	Shelbyville EAA Chapter 1326 Meeting
January 26 rd	Shelbyville Fly-In Breakfast
February 2 nd	Winchester, TN Fly-In Breakfast
February 9 th	Murfreesboro, TN Fly-In Breakfast
February 16 th	Moontown, AL Fly-In Breakfast
February 21 st	Shelbyville EAA Chapter 1326 Meeting
February 23 rd	Shelbyville Fly-In Breakfast
April 8 th – 13 th	Sun-n-Fun (Start Planning & Packing Now!) (Go to www.sun-n-fun.org for more information!)

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