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Presidents Column

At the conclusion of our last meeting on March 20 it was decided to have a work day the following Saturday, March 27. The idea was to make a little progress toward completing the interior work in the meeting room. Allan, Phil, Dan and John got there pretty early. I had to leave as noon approached and assumed that they would be leaving as well. Later that afternoon, about 3:45, I stopped to see how much more they had accomplished. John told me they had just left and everything was completed! Even swept and vacuumed and the windows washed!. It looks terrific and I never imagined that it would be finished that day. This week I am going to get over there for a couple of days and throw some paint around. Perhaps this Saturday we will be able to move some of the pictures over from the Cub Café.

Breakfast will be a little different this week. Instead of sandwiches we will do home fries, bacon and/or sausage and eggs. Orange juice and coffee. These breakfasts have turned into a nice little fund raiser for the Chapter.

John advertised the Teal project on E-Bay and at first the results seemed promising. One immediate bid of \$6,000 and many others circling. But none of the people in the pattern ever landed and the bid went down to \$4,000 due to the expense the bidder would incur getting the project to Florida. Then it went further down to zero when the bidder was given the choice of acquiring the Teal or keeping a wife.

Come on over Saturday, have breakfast and take a look at the meeting room as we all hoped it would look like some day. I may have a person for a program but won't know for a couple of days.

Jim Corliss

Monthly Chapter Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

Chapter Meeting - This month's meeting will be at Millers Field on Saturday the 17th at the usual 9:00am starting time.

Wagabond Builder's Group - Most Wednesdays nights from 6:00 to approximately 9:30. Call Don Hansen for more info.

Club House Renovations:

Thanks to all who turned out to help with the ongoing Club House renovation project. Some substantial progress was made on Saturday with the walls and trim. The interior painting is now one of the last big items remaining to be completed. Once that is completed the majority of the work is done. The items that remain include front steps/porch, outside lights, shelving and other interior niceties.

Once again, thanks to all who have contributed their time and money to help see this project through to completion.

Auction results:

At some point I heard a rumor that the Teal auction had some near misses but no confirmed bids. If this is correct it may be worthwhile to try again in the near future. John Miller is the member who is running the auction. He will have to give everyone an update at the next meeting.

Below: A B-25 makes a low pass at the Valiant Air Command Warbird Airshow in Titusville Florida on March 13th and 14th. Sent in by John Miller.



In the News ...

Pilots May Be Cleared to Use Anti-Depressant Meds:

(From Flying eMagazine)

The FAA has reversed a former ban on certain antidepressant medications for pilots. Last Friday, the agency announced it will permit special issuance medical certificates to pilots who are prescribed the following medications (provided they have been satisfactorily treated for 12 months): Prozac (Fluoxetine); Zoloft (Sertraline); Celexa (Citalopram); and Lexapro (Escitalopram). The announcement comes after many years of debate on the issue. FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said, "I'm encouraging pilots who are suffering from depression or using antidepressants to report their medical condition to the FAA. We need to change the culture and remove the stigma associated with depression. Pilots should be able to get the medical treatment they need so they can safely perform their duties." Certain psychiatrists and Aviation Medical Examiners with special training will help the FAA monitor pilots under the new policy.

Lycoming Rewards Loyal Customers:

(From Flying eMagazine)

Lycoming Engines, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, has launched a customer-loyalty discount program. Operators who return select engine cores (engines that left the factory as rebuilt or overhauled) can receive "significant" discounts on Lycoming factory overhauled replacement engines. The rebuilt engines come with a zero-time logbook and the same two-year warranty as a new engine. In addition, Lycoming has announced a second program in which "first-run" cores (from factory-new engines that have never been overhauled) could bring discounts of up to \$5,000 on a zero-time, factory-rebuilt Lycoming engine. For more information and to see if your engine qualifies for either program, contact Lycoming at www.Lycoming.com.

Virgin Galactic's VSS Enterprise Makes First 'Captive Carry' Flight

(From eHotline)

Virgin Galactic announced Monday that its commercial manned spaceship, VSS Enterprise (SpaceShipTwo), successfully completed its first "captive carry" test flight on March 22, taking off at 7:05 a.m. (PDT) from Mojave Air and Spaceport, California, and remaining aloft for 2 hours, 54 minutes. VSS Enterprise remained attached to the WhiteKnightTwo carrier aircraft, VMS Eve, for the entire flight, achieving an altitude of 45,000 feet.



Wagabond Builder's Group

The covering process continues in Rod Wright's workshop. Once the surfaces are covered, sealed and stitched, then the painting process can begin. I will take a LOT of iterations with the spray gun to fill, seal, protect, and color the fabric. Fortunately, we have access to an HVLP rig from Tim Le-tourneau to help minimize the amount of overspray and thus loss of materials.



Top: The tail surfaces after covering and before stitching.



Bottom: Stitching is often best done as a group effort.