



CHAPTER 42 NEWSLETTER

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Monthly newsletter from Chapter 42 of the Experimental Aircraft Association

FROM THE LEFT SEAT

Matt has been kind enough to let me sit in the left seat this month while he takes a break. I'll try to be a good pilot, no loops, I promise!

The Winds of March have come and gone and April Showers have arrived. Luckily we've also been graced with some nice flying weather and record warm temperatures. If you have not been flying much this past winter, now is a good time to take advantage of the warmer weather and give your plane a thorough spring cleaning and check-out before punching holes in the spring sky.

Our April meeting will be the club's last formal meeting until September. This is the same schedule we ran last year, but this year the Chapter officers decided it would be a good idea to formally announce this to the rest of the group. However, this does not mean that there will be a lack of fun summer activities.

In May we will be focused on getting ready for and attending the Alaska State Aviation Conference and Trade Show (June 14th and 15th). Jim Moss has graciously agreed to lead us into this event again this year. Jim will be looking for volunteers to man the Chapter 42 Booth. Special thanks should go to Jim for using his smile and charm to get us our booth again at the show! Please contact Jim to volunteer an hour or two to help solicit new members into the club and share your experiences with the aviation community.

June will see two club events, the first being an informal Saturday morning flight to somewhere fun, and then we will host another backcountry Airstrip Improvement field trip (location yet to be determined, please offer up any suggestions you may have). In July we will be hosting our annual Chapter 42 barbeque at Matt Freeman's hanger in Birchwood as well as another Saturday morning fun flight. Lastly, in August, those of us not out hunting and/or fishing will get together for another Saturday morning flight. The dates for each of these events were in last month's newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at these activities.

Chris Gill

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 22nd, 2003 at 7pm at the home of Chuck May. Chuck is putting together a quick build RV-7A.

To get to the meeting site, take Lake Otis South past Huffman. Lake Otis turns into Westwind. Take a left off Westwind onto Spinnaker Drive. Take a left off Spinnaker onto Leeward Place. Chuck is located at 2811 Leeward Place. Call 345-4703 if you get lost.

THANKS, JERRY!

Thanks to Jerry Patterson, we had a great time looking at his instant airplane project. It is fun to see all those new pieces lying in wait to be assembled into a beautiful flying machine.

We appreciate the comraderie that flows freely when such a large group of air-minded individuals get together. We're also grateful for the hospitality offered by the host. A grand time was had by all. Thanks, Jerry!



Jerry Patterson and his RV8

ELECTIONS

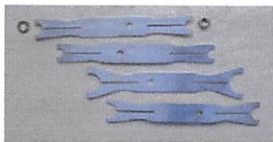
In September we will be electing new officers and it's time to get some new blood. If you would like to volunteer to fill any of the positions (including newsletter editor), please let it be known. Matt has expressed a desire to take a break as our venerable president. Interested? Contact an officer.

TOOL OF THE DAY by Tim Rittal

When the builder guy came to my project in February, he brought one of his latest tool acquisitions, the Wa-Rench. It is a set of gadgets for holding nuts and washers when trying to get them on a bolt in hard-to-reach places. On the GlaStar, for example, you need double joints and loads of patience when installing the door latching linkages. Until I got my hands on this tool, I was constantly dropping washers and nuts down behind things and into the belly. Once I starting using the "wrench" I was able to slip nuts and washers on almost every time with relative ease.

I bought mine straight from the manufacturer by going to www.aircraftsupportequ.com. I don't think you will find this tool in the stores. Cost is \$39.95 for a set of 4 wrenches they claim will fit 90% of all aircraft fasteners. I was happy to pay the price. The quality is very good.

This tool makes a great companion to the nifty home made bolt holder we featured here in May 2001 from Gale Partch. Same principal, just the other end of the bolt.



ANOTHER SAD DAY

Just last month I reported the loss of long time member Fred Goff. This month I am truly sorry to report that we lost another great friend in Jerry Nibler on April 14, 2003. He died at home after a long battle with cancer. His full obituary was in the Anchorage Daily News on April 17, 2003.

Jerry was a director of our chapter and always had one of the brightest smiles in the room. He delighted in flying his Long EZ both in Alaska and on trips to the Lower 48. Some of you may remember he flew his favorite craft to our Chapter 42 picnic last summer. We will miss his good nature and enthusiastic smile. May his flight from this life be the best of them all. Our condolences to his family.

FROM THE EDITOR

We are coming to that very busy time of year again. As Chris wrote, we will suspend monthly meetings until September. The newsletter is likewise going to shrink back to little more than e-mail notices of coming events. If you have e-mail and have not given it to me, now is the time to get on the list. We have several great events planned and you are going to want to know where and when the group is flying. The e-mail notices are the least expensive and by far the easiest way to disseminate this information. So get us your e-mail address and stay informed. Send me an e-mail from your computer and simply say, "add me to the EAA list." Send to Tim Rittal at tim@timrittal.com. Thanks.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks for getting your dues in this year! We should have enough funds to cover the newsletter mailings and special events for the year. Those still needing to contribute can submit your dues for 2003 (\$24) to Chris Gill. Pay at the next meeting, or mail your check to 2618 East 20th Avenue, Anchorage, AK, 99508.

FLY MART

Free to members. Contact Tim to place an ad: tim@timrittal.com or 907/248-2249.



FOR SALE: Murphy Super Rebel (SR2500) Tail Dragger Kit. Slow build version, located in Anchorage. Complete kit with 80 gallon tank option and Murphy basic tool kit. \$24,000 negotiable. Contact George Ziot at 696-0405, or e-mail George at amberz@gci.net.

FOR SALE: LOM 232 4 cylinder lowline with Murphy Rebel mount. 15 hours total time, comes with all accessories. \$8,500 OBO. Julian Smith, 694-7881.

FOR SALE: 45:100 epoxy ratio pump by Michael Engineering \$50. Call George Dorman 349-1864.

FOR SALE: Schemmp/Hirth Austria SHK-1, N909D, serial #7. Built in 1965, the last and best of the German plywood ships. Glide ratio of 38 at 54 mph. I have the logs and manual. The sail plane is in good condition, but needs refinishing. The price is \$5,000 including the trailer. See website for pictures: ewtq.tripod.com or Email: ewt@gci.net. Phone (907)-243-7245. Eric Tasker