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## NEXT MEETING SEP 29, 2002

Guest Speaker:

### PREZ SEZ

Be sure to bring your best smile to the September meeting, we will have a chapter picture taken under the wing of the BD-5 now mounted in front of the terminal building.

It may be late in the season, but it is never too late to review the effect of high temperatures and high altitudes. Our very own Skip Ruhe will review the effect of density altitude on aircraft

performance.

In addition, Bob Schraff will introduce us to 'Fiberglass construction 101' ('Composite 101 for Dummies'). It should be a very interesting meeting.

We will continue the discussion of what kind of a fly-in we want for the chapter.

Keep the blue side up.

### Editors Corner

This issue is dedicated to the successful completion of the BD-5J Member profile was left out so that we could add another page of pictures of the BD-5J and volunteers.

With so many pictures the size in bytes for those that receive the newsletter was huge. We reduced the quality of the pictures to make the e-mail version manageable. In future issues in the normal format we will go back to higher quality pictures.

I would like to thank Skip Ruhe and Peter Anest for contributing a large number of the pictures. We ask that all members submit stories, articles and pictures whenever possible.

was concern. The question, was this ever going to fly? Twelve gallons of paint thinner later, the aircraft was finally stripped and 'clean'. In the final analysis, at least 25 pounds of 'Bondo' was removed from the aircraft. Keith promptly nicknamed it, the "Bondo Bomber". After careful observation, Keith determined this particular BD-5J had been originally constructed for static display only.

Reconstruction included rebuilding the right aileron. The right flap was going to have to be rebuilt from scratch, but one was found instead. The fairings were built twice to fit properly. The chapter now has a spare wing, vertical fin and fairing.

Under Keith's leadership, this restored BD-5J eventually emerged with a fully functioning position lighting system and highly polished clam shells.

In appreciation for their persis-

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### Calendar of Events

- Next Meeting...Sun. Sep 29th
- EAA Southwest Regional Fly-In.....Sept 27-28 Abilene, TX
- BD-5J Presentation to County....Oct 31 2:00PM
- Copperstate EAA Fly-In, Oct 10-13, Phoenix, AZ
- Christmas Dinner ....Dec 12, 6 PM Hungry Hunter



### BD-5J Project Complete

In May of 2001, Brian Hopwood and Cal Kurz mentioned "what the chapter needs is a chapter project" and they have "the ticket". They were going back east to pick up three new BD-5's and one derelict in a trailer. That same trailer was designed by Jim Bede and called the 'portable hanger'.

The only cost to the chapter would be the delivery cost. Chapter president Rod Dunfield endorsed the idea, "if you don't mind waiting for the money".

The following month, the BD-5J showed up in the trailer. It sat parked on the ramp at French

Valley airport for two months. Unfortunately, Steve Sotcotia, the chapter member whom volunteered to be the 'team leader' for the resurrection, was recalled to active duty and has not been heard from since. This sudden turn of events left the project without a team leader.

Next, the airport informed the chapter, the trailer needed to be removed. Chapter board member Keith Fowler volunteered to store the aircraft. At that point, he unknowingly became the new team leader, by default.

Soon after, Keith took a closer look, by opening it up and there



## What Our Members are Building and Restoring



At first glance it looks like Judy Shablow is giving John's work the thumbs up. Actually she is gesturing that the backseat is his.



Skip swears during the construction of his Glasair I and while performing any maintenance he never drinks. This shocking photo proves otherwise.

Would you like to see your project on this page? Call or e-mail either Newsletter editor and we will be happy to visit your home, hangar or what-ever and document your project on these pages. We enjoy doing this and the Chapter members would love to have a look.



Inside view of Ken Schooley's Pelican PL. Exterior shot was in last months newsletter.



Bob Raines begins the messy task of sealing the fuel tank on his RV-7A.



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tence and dedication, project leaders the names of 'Keith Fowler' (pilot) and 'Lee Robeson' (co-pilot) are proudly displayed on the side of the aircraft just below the canopy (as with military jet aircraft) by recommendation and approval of the chapter board members. The gleaming red, white and blue jet aircraft also proudly displays the 'N' number 1279'.

Other prominent members of the resurrection or reconstruction

team included chapter president Rod Dunfield and chapter vice president Robert 'Bob' Schraff.

The Chapter would like to thank Frank Marquez of Pacific Commercial Construction for his precise operation of the forklift during the tedious 22 minute transport from the hangar to the final resting place atop the ten foot high pedestal located in front of the terminal.

Chapter 1279 received approval from the County of Riverside,

California to display the aircraft statically at in the center of the traffic circle in front of the main entrance to the terminal at French Valley airport.

EAA Chapter 1279 wishes to thank all of those whom were directly involved and/or contributed to the completion of this project.

A plaque located on a smaller pedestal near the base of the aircraft reads:

"The BD-5 aircraft was designed

as an experimental aircraft by JM Bede in the late 60's.

This BD-5J was restored by members of EAA Chapter 1279 and donated to Riverside County. The project was made possible by generous contributions from chapter members and these business organizations. Aviation Sales California Inc., Paradise Aircraft Sales Inc., French Valley Cafe, R.W. Martin Inc., Airmech Inc., Francis Domenigoni Family Trust, Voit Management, Pacific Commercial Construction".

## SAFETY CORNER Aircraft registrations on CD-ROM

For just \$5, the FAA will burn all the documents pertaining to any U.S. registered aircraft on a CD in PDF format. They even include a copy of Acrobat Reader on the CD to make sure your computer can read it. So what's available on the CD? Everything you ever wanted to know about your airplane but were too afraid of the hassle to ask. The FAA's Aircraft Registration Branch has replaced its antiquated microfiche and hard-copy filing system with a computerized data bank -- and it now includes a CD burner. The FAA keeps records of applications for registration, evidence of ownership, security agreements, mechanics liens (and their releases) and lease terminations. On the airworthiness side, it keeps track of airworthiness

certificates, major repair and alteration reports and the like. The CDs are available for any aircraft that wasn't taken off the U.S. Civil Aircraft Register before 1984. You can get your own CD by faxing 405-954-3548 or online at a new government website <https://diy.dot.gov>. Click through on "Federal Aviation Administration" then "Aircraft Payments" then "Request for Copies of Aircraft Records" ... no one said they'd make it easy.

I recently ordered and received in less than two weeks a CD-ROM for my aircraft. Over 200 pages of documents including all Bill of Sales since new in 1942. Well worth the \$5.00 cost.



### John Lyon EAA Chapter 1

John Lyon of EAA Chapter 1 spoke to the membership at the August meeting. He talked about the Wathen Foundation and the improvements being made at Flabob Airport including it being used as a test site for EAA Air Academy youth programs.

The discussion included the acquisition of Glasair and GlasStar and was followed by a question and answer period.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas dinner will be held on Thur. 12 Dec at Hungry Hunter at 6 PM. Choice of Standard Cut Prime Rib, Filet Mignon, Forest Mushroom Chicken or Fresh Salmon. All dinners include soup, salad, fresh baked bread and non-alcoholic beverage. The price will be \$23.90 w/tax & tip. Tickets must be purchased no later than the October meeting so that we can provide accurate numbers to the Hungry Hunter.



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## Members Projects

Peter Anest	GaStar
Keith Fowler	Lancair 360
Randy Frankel	PT-23
Brian Gallagher	Velocity, RV-8
Robert Gentry	Glasair, Dragonfly
Ron Greene	Taylorcraft L-2B
Rich Hansen	RV-6A
Charles Haynes	Kitfox V
Freddie Heglar	RV-7A
Dale Hollingworth	RV-6
John Hults	Lancair Legacy
Bob McCall	Lancair Super ES
Dave McPhee	RV-9A
Roger Milner	Boatway Jet Exec
Clyde Osborn	GaStar
Gary Pacheco	RV-8
John Pickering	Hatz
James Pyle	RV-6A/ Rober J. Ace
Robert Paines	RV-7A
Skip Ruhe	Glasair
Robert Russell	RV-6A
Ken Schooley	Pelican FL
Bob Schraff	Glasair
John Shablow	RV-8A
Skip Sater	Lancair Super ES
Frank Souza	Murphy Rebel
Thomas Stanaland	Glasair III Turbine
Michael Stump	Ultralight Gyro
Fred Walker	Zenith CH701

*If your project has been omitted or is inaccurate please contact the newsletter editors and we will make corrections to the list.*

#### Don't forget:

Our Chapter still has a few white or grey EAA caps (\$8) and t-shirts (\$20) for sale.



The weather was great on Saturday September 14th for the Young Eagle's orientation flights at French Valley airport. Pilots included Dave McPhee with his C-152 and Bill Daubenberger with his famous two place C-210.

Art Froehlich, the Young Eagles commander, started with a pre-flight orientation using his 1/4 scale Travelair 12W.

Harry Tolle manned 'registration' while Skip Ruhe proudly displayed his Glasair I RG to the Young Eagles for preflight orientation as well.

Only Six Young Eagle's were in attendance. Dave McPhee commented that one Young Eagle flew better than he. Quality not quantity? I guess Microsoft Flight Simulator really does work.

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