

Now, about COPPERSTATE:

First of all; go to the COPPERSTATE website as noted on page 1.

There is a very lengthy NOTAM on the website's main page.

PLEASE READ THE NOTAM!!!

Make sure you have all of your “ducks in a row” before flying into Casa Grande for that weekend since the airfield will be under Temporary Tower Control for the event.

Here's some general information:

Admission:

- \$15.00 per person
- \$13.00 for EAA Members, AOPA and Active Duty Military
- Kids 12 and under are FREE!
- Parking is FREE!

Camping:

- Tent Camping
- Parking for motorhomes and travel trailers
- Shower facilities
- \$10.00 per night

Hey! Wait! Here's another local aviation event!!!

Community Open House at TIA

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11

Time: 9 am – 3 pm

Terminal Tours/UA Mars Lander Mission

Giveaways / Free Refreshments

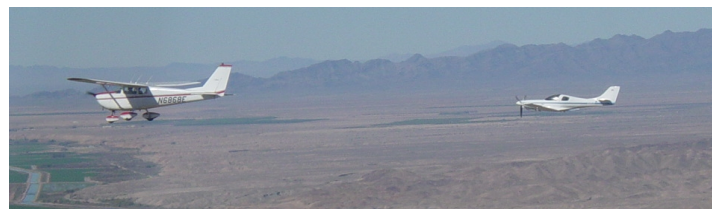
Air National Guard Color Guard and Flyby @ 11 a.m.

Free parking and shuttle from TIA Economy Lot

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Well, it's coming to that time of the year, again.

COPPERSTATE Fly-In

Casa Grande, Arizona (KCGZ)

October 23-26, 2008

Hours: Thur-Sat 8am-5pm , Sun 8am-3pm

<http://www.copperstate.org>

There will be more information on Copperstate later on.

EAA Chapter 81 Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2008

Project Meeting was called to order by President Dwayne Boyd at 1005 at the home of Erik Fjerstad.

New newsletter editor Ed Justice was introduced. An abbreviated August SkyWriter was distributed to those attending. Ed can be contacted at his address: 2751 W. Vermont St., Tucson, AZ 85746, or by E-mail: prop.wash@comcast.net. Ed stated that he will try to obtain a list of all who do not have E-mail addresses, so that, if Skywriter goes E-mail in the future, all members will still be able to receive it in printed form.

Treasurer Mick Myal's report: We have \$2570.32 in the bank as of 7/27/08. Report was approved.

Secretary Bob Miller presented the minutes of the July 19 Chapter meeting. Minutes were approved.

It was announced that there will be a Pancake Breakfast/Fly-In at Casa Grande airport on 8/23/08 from 0630 to noon. Full-service fuel will be offered at the self-service price. On the topic of fuel, it was noted that Steve Hulland, manager of Casa Grande airport, found a Fry's and Safeway in his area to have non-alcohol mogas, as determined by his own testing. Erik Fjerstad explained how to use a tester for fuel alcohol content, and also has a tool for determining Reid Vapor Pressure. There was no news about the Copperstate Fly-in. Webmaster Bruce Noon discusses setting up a PDP file for an electronic newsletter.

At 1020, Erik Fjerstad began his Project Presentation: a 1997 RV6A quick-build kit, which had been through the hands of several previous owners. The factory had already built the wing spars, and the fuel tanks were sealed and pressure-tested.

The first owner, a jet-propulsion engineer, did quality work, and had built the tail and done some minor work on the lower fuselage. The second owner did some shoddy work that Erik is redoing. The third owner added some RV7 parts, such as improved wingtips and better wheel fairings. Erik, the fourth owner, picked up the project at Falcon Field a year ago, and has just acquired hanger space at Ryan Field. His goal is final assembly at Ryan this winter. He demonstrated a pantograph-style rivet-spacing tool for laying out where to drill for rivets. Some adjustment has to be made so that the rivets are not placed over flutes in the sheet aluminum (as the 2nd owner had done). Erik has also had to redo the brake hydraulics, which the second owner had tried to seal with joining compound, replace the turtledeck, and refabricate the panel area. The lower half of the fuselage, the flaps, and the ailerons are done, and single-side toe brakes installed. He is starting on the wings this week and will be installing the engine from a Cherokee 140 that he purchased with 400 hours before overhaul.

Erik's presentation was an education to us, both in how to inspect the workmanship done by previous owners, and in how to save substantial money on a previously-owned kit, if one is sufficiently skilled and industrious to correct previous errors. Erik knew what he was getting into and has the necessary skills.

Meeting was adjourned at 1100. The next meeting will be at the Ryan Field meeting room at 1000 on 9/20/08. Bob Miller will be presenting mini-talks about tailwheel flying, Wankel engines, and a brief report on the annual KitFox Fly-in, held on 8/29-31 in Homedale, Idaho. The October meeting will be a Project Meeting at the home of Bob Miller, who sincerely hopes that he will be working once again on his alleged KitFox project.

Respectfully Submitted by

Secretary Bob Miller