

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter #571, Annapolis, MD

Chesapeake Flyer



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November General Meeting Notes:

The Nov 18 was held at Bruce Raymond's house, near Annapolis. The meeting was well attended. Lots of folks turned out to see Bruce's RV-8 project. There was at least one guest that I can recall. Joe Andrucyk, a pilot based at Lee for some time, stopped in to visit, since he lives nearby. Among other activities, many hands helped unload the engine hoist Art loaned to Bruce for his upcoming engine work. Nice to see the club fulfilling one of its primary purposes, members helping each other by pooling resources.

Next General Meeting:

The next chapter meeting will be held on January 20th, at the CAP hut. The program will be an open floor for business and member Show-N-Tell. Business should include planning for club activities for 2005.

It is possible that special security associated with the Presidential Inauguration could be in effect at the airport. If such security forces a change in the meeting location, we will try to post information on the gate. If I learn of any access problems, I will try to get the word out via E-mail.

Membership dues for 2005 are now due, and can either be paid at the general meeting, or via mail to Denny Workman. If you pay at the meeting, please take the time to insure that your information is correct in our records, and that your payment gets recorded. Sometimes a name can get misplaced in the avalanche of payments, particularly when paying in cash. Your \$20 will be put to good use, enabling the club obtain insurance, fund events, and cover operating expenses, like meeting room rental.

Thank you.

Upcoming meeting programs:

The program for the February 17th meeting will be a discussion of the new Sport Pilot category by former United States Ultralight Association president, John Ballantyne.

Those who received "comp" copies of the "Flyer" in 2004 should be aware that they will soon be dropped as part of our normal mailing list housekeeping. Thank you again for your assistance to the club, and we would be honored if you chose to join our group.

Upcoming Club events:

Currently, there are no club events planned. Hopefully, we will have a couple on the schedule by the end of the January 20th meeting.

One activity I would like to see is another trip to Udvar-Hazy annex of the Air & Space Museum. Even those who attended last year's trip should get something out of it, since the new Space Vehicle wing has opened since our last visit.

Chapter Christmas Party:

Wow, what a great party! Great food, interesting people, and a fantastic location. Art Kudner built welcoming fires in the two fireplaces and graciously opened his home to members from Chapters 571 and 532, as well as other aviation-minded folks. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time.

Photos from the party are included on page 2. Thanks to Sandy Lange of Chapter 532 for sharing her digis with us. I'm sorry there is only space for a couple.

Many thanks to Art and Leslie for inviting us into their home.



Massey Christmas Party:

The folks at Massey Aerodrome Museum had good weather for their holiday party, and they were –mobbed- with planes. With all the comings and goings it was a little hard to count, but it looked to me like they had in excess of 100 visiting planes. With that kind of traffic, the event was much more a fly-in, than a party. A little bit of everything was represented, from ultralights to gliders to helicopters. In spite of the traffic, things seemed to go fairly smoothly. Unfortunately, the “Flyer” was not able to obtain any pictures of the event. We were too busy having fun.

A nice formation flight home of two planes from ‘571 provided one (of many, I’m sure) fitting end to a perfect day.

News from Lee Airport:

As a result of the recent airport meetings a new organization, The Lee/Annapolis Pilots Association has been formed. The next meeting of the association will be in the Pilot Shed at the airport at 19:00 on January 19th. Leadship contact for the group is Dick Kuszyk, reachable at 410-867-9156, or by e-mail at rkuszyk@cs.com.

Also, be advised that the Lee airport management has become increasingly strict about some aspects of operations from the airport, specifically, landings in the grass are expressly prohibited, and all flight operations are prohibited between 22:00 and 07:00 daily, even though official documentation still only references take-offs.

Lunch with the Browns:

Those who have been with the chapter for a few years will remember former member, and president, Dave Brown. Dave and Catherine were in town over the holidays, so a group of the old guard got together for lunch at Red, Hot and Blue.

The smiling faces pretty much tell the story of how it went.



Project and Activity Reports:

I'm afraid I can only report on the ones I've heard about.

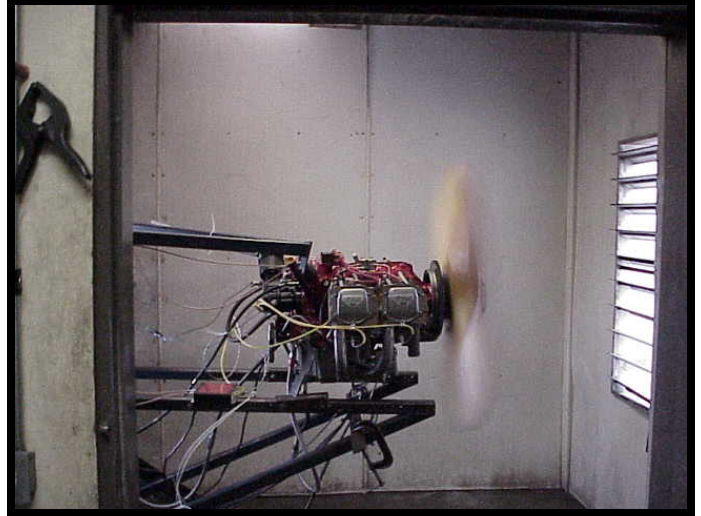
Our Technical Counselor, Bob Meeks, is in the process of complying with the rather intrusive Lycoming oil pump AD, on his Tri-Pacer. Hopefully, when he gets it done, he will be an expert and have some words of wisdom for those of us still facing that inspection.

Carl Deakyné's Fisher Avenger was trailered to Ridgely in a windstorm, assembled, and was test flown on 12/4, before the party/fly-in at Massey. The little plane handles great, though it is clearly not over-powered. Carl has managed to log a few hours on it since then, but is currently struggling with chronic exhaust header problems. He's hoping that reconstructing the custom header from new pipes will help the situation.

At Talisman, the not-directly-airplane projects are progressing. The ignition problem on the roller has been sorted out and the engine runs, albeit a bit smoky. Currently, the hydraulic lines are off being rebuilt. The hangar addition is mostly complete, except for the rear wall/door. It is already full of plane parts. The space opened up in the main part of the hangar is already full, with two B1-RDs awaiting assembly, and two new Phantom ULs awaiting reconstruction. Along the way, two sets of 12' amphibious floats were acquired, one for

a B1-RD-S, and the other for testing on a Challenger I single place.

Bruce Raymond received word, and several pictures, that his new engine has been assembled and is ready to ship. If all goes well, it should arrive just before the January meeting. Here is a picture of his new mill, in the test cell at America's Aircraft Engines.



The last word I heard on the MerganserII was that it got thoroughly cleaned up, polished, and some nice gold accents have been applied to the (lack of) color scheme. Apparently, progress slowed somewhat as Peter was interrupted by those pesky paying customers.

Bob Synder is ticking off the time on his 40 hr test period. He performed his first flights of his Challenger with the cabin doors, recently, and is getting familiar with the handling changes. A simple antenna relocation corrected the RFI problem he encountered during testing.

What about your project? Drop us an e-mail with an update and a picture or two, and we'll get it into the next edition of the "Flyer".

And one last random shot from me to you.



Think Summer thoughts.

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JANUARY MEETING

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