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The Prez Sez

I came up with some riddles for such a time as this. Here goes: Q. What does a piston in a Ranger in-line engine have in common with the stock market? A. It goes up and down, up and down. Q. What do pistons in a 0320 engine have in common with accusations in a political campaign? A. They go back and forth, back and forth. Q. What does a worn out piston ring have in common with a political spinster? A. They are always blowing smoke. Q. What does an engine-out Tri-Pacer on a hot day have in common with an IRA filled with stocks? A. It sinks like a rock. Q. What does a pilot of a single seat sport plane with no baggage compartment have in common with a greedy financial CEO flying west? A. He can't take anything with him. And finally, what does the American taxpayer have in common with a Timex watch? A. They take a lickin' and keep on tickin'.

Don't know if you have heard the flap about Joe Biden and his interview with Orlando TV news anchor Barbara West. Looks to me like Joe didn't want to answer the hard questions and instead turned against Barbara. Then the DNC tries to discredit her saying she is unprofessional. Well, I have watched her for several years on channels 9 and 27 and in my opinion; she is one of the best. Just think, when we have our next meeting on November 5th all this political campaign junk will be over.

This cooler weather really feels good. I'm looking forward to our pancake breakfast Saturday morning, Nov. 1st. See you there. Dan

Chapter Meeting Oct.

Another fine meeting conducted by Dan! Twenty two people were in attendance. Meeting started promptly at 7:30 with a pledge to our flag. Dan reported that he has talked with Wayne and he's up and walking with a cane after his hip replacement a couple of weeks ago. Wayne said he'll probably be down in December.

It was decided that we will have a winter party again this year and probably will be at the Clarion again. Our idea of free admission to the party if you buy a chapter membership will work again this year. We will once again have live entertainment. This will occur about the second or third Saturday of January.

Stu reported there are still lots of shirts for sale.

Ben Charvet reported that the marina at Sand Point has had ethanol free auto fuel but is temporarily shut down due to a problem.

Dan said that we should be thinking about nominees for our chapter officers elections in December.

Ben said that he has the tail surfaces for his Piet. Are now fabric covered and he is experimenting with Sherwin Williams paint on some sample pieces which he brought and showed at the meeting.

Kip is making steady progress on his Sonex and has designed a sliding canopy for this. He mentioned a Merlin engine for a power plant . Nobody believes him though!

Mark Oriza has designed a super charger for the DH2 and hopes this additional development of power will allow him to get her up and over the trees at Dunn. So far he hasn't been able to get out of ground effect with it. He said it is almost there and just needs a little bit more power.

Curtis has been overworking his compressor drilling holes for rivets on his Murphy Rebel wings. He has drilled over a thousand holes in the last few days.

The program was put on by Jennifer Santorelly from Timeless Wings and Wheels museum and restoration facility in Ormond beach. They actually have a flying F4U Corsair! Also they are working on a P51. She told us of upcoming events and encouraged us to these.

No user fees this year

On Sept. 30, the very day that FAA funding was set to expire, President Bush signed the "Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2008," which means the FAA has the money to continue operating until March 31, 2009. "We've won the battle against user fees for now," said AOPA President Phil Boyer. "This extension means that aviation fuel taxes remain at their current levels, and the FAA can't charge any new fees for the length of this act."

Chapter building repair

Chapter VP, Stu Sammis took on the repair of the damage to the front of our meeting place. It appeared as though someone had backed into the bldg and left an ugly gap in it. Stu armed with a hammer, saw, boards, and a high tech rule, did a beautiful repair! The area he repaired is better than new and very nicely done. Good job, Stu.

Lot of stuff lately about revisions/modifications to the FAA's enforcement of the 51% rule.

We don't really need it. Here are the Top Ten Ways an Inspector Knows that an Amateur Builder Constructed the Aircraft:

10. Bloodstains on plans seem to emphasize the middle digit
9. Builder knows how to pronounce "Bingelis"
8. Shop has at least one piece of hardware inadvertently attached to the floor
7. "Hired Gun" shop pin-up: Claudia Schiffer. Homebuilder shop pin-up: Burt Rutan
6. Builder owns no clothing without bits of wood, aluminum, and/or epoxy stuck to them

5. Whole 'nother airplane in the scrap bin
4. At least one template made out of a pizza box
3. Bumper on builder's car held on by clecos
2. EAA Technical Counselor's phone number on telephone speed dialer

October Breakfast

Loretta and I arrived at Dunn to set up for breakfast at about 6:30am. Jerry showed about five minutes later, then Ray and Donna came. We stumbled around in the dark, firing up the grills, setting up tables, hooking stuff up and making coffee. Jerry gets a good head start cooking the bacon and sausage and I do a trial run on the pancakes. Don Remley starts hauling out the tables and is joined shortly after by Stu Sammis. By 7:30 we're ready to go and for about ½ hr there isn't much to do.

Winter party door prize donations

The party is a long way off (not that long) and we'll need door prizes again. Dottie Morgan, Jim's wife, again this year has donated a beautiful hand made quilt. (thanks Dottie) If you get anything for Christmas that you can't use and the person who gave this to you won't be at the party, it might be a



good idea to donate it. You can bring items to any meeting between now and then and even the party night.

Flying from X21- Saturday & Sunday, 10/11/2008 – 10/12/2008

Although I have done some flying in the past two weeks, I have not done any of it myself. I went to Puerto Rico commercially to visit my Dad. Then immediately upon my return I flew with Patty to Dayton. We had a great time and got to tour the Hartzell propeller factory, some of the Wright Brothers sites and the Air Force Museum. It was fun to do a long trip with the glass panel. Big difference between that and my state of the art 1960's instruments!

This weekend I am going to fly to Thomasville for their annual fly-in. I will leave on Saturday around 0900 and return Sunday. I had inquired two weeks ago to see if anyone from Arthur Dunn was going but received no responses. If you want to fly together, see me at the airport tomorrow morning.

I think good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, 'My choice early in life was either to be a piano player in a whorehouse or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference. I, for one, believe the piano player job to be much more honorable than current politicians.'

out the clerk asked to see my driver license. Dumbfounded I asked why and she said, "we have to be sure you're old enough to buy the paint." C'mon, I'm almost 70 and she's wants to know if I'm old enough to buy spray paint? "Why do you have to be a certain age to buy paint", I asked. She said "you can get high on the stuff." Here's a twist, I want to get the paint high! When I fly the plane, that is. I'm so confused! The other thing that set me back some that same day was at the Mims Post office. The clerk smiled when she waited on me! That's a first for me I'll go to Mims for my postal business when I can from now on.

*Flying from X21- Saturday & Sunday,
10/18/2008 – 10/19/2008
By Alberto Silva*

Fancy, our little Citabria once again is looking like an airplane. Almost everything is screwed, nailed, glued, or bolted back on except for the engine cowling. This will go on as soon as I get the new battery installed. The engine has already been run for a few minutes and it seems to be a little smoother than before. Probably the new engine mounts or the overhauled prop does this. Next is the weighing process and calculations involved there. This will involve draining the little gasoline I put in it to check for leaks and run the engine. Then we have to submit the STC paperwork and Jerry to sign her off. Then we'll break the surly bonds of airport. SOON! Yip, Yip, Yahoo!

Last week end I went to the Thomasville Fly-in. Unfortunately, the weather was not the best and the fly-in was not very well attended. I flew at about 1,200 Ft all the way to the Cross City area. North of Cross City it was a high scattered layer until about 30 miles south of Thomasville where the ceiling was at 3,600. The rest of the day was windy and gray. The next day, we had to wait until 1300 to let the 200 Ft. ceilings lift. At 1300 the weather was 1500 ceiling for about 40 miles. From then on, it was nice and clear with a high scattered layer. Our only bad weather was in Titusville. I had to wait for 45 minutes at Massey because of a thunderstorm right over Arthur Dunn. Anyway.... The fly-in was a bust but the trip was fun.

Larry



Alberto

Fancy Report

I needed to paint a couple of little items and went to the dollar store for a couple of cans of white spray paint. When At check

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**Monthly Breakfast Sat. Nov. 1
Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark (X21)
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**Monthly Meeting Weds. Nov. 5
7:30pm Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark
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