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SUNDAY AT THE HANGER

By Oscar Zuniga

I've ordered a DVD version of Mike Cuy's Pietenpol story...an excellent thing to while away the hours if it ever turns into a cold, rainy night around here.

[I] Spent a few hours at the hangar this afternoon, and it was a beautiful afternoon indeed. Lots of folks out flying and messing around, which is a good thing. The blue Breezy with the wicker chest "baggage compartment" did some taxi tests, which was very heartening and nifty to watch. When I saw it before I took off on vacation, I mentally figured that it would be months before it got back in the air, but this type of surprise is nice to see!

The roar of my Triumph motorcycle attracted the attention of our friend Chuck from two hangars south (wish I knew his last name), and we spent about an hour talking vintage motorcycles. What an interesting guy, and what a super neat bunch of bikes he has! I think I need to take him up in my Piet one of these days; he's gotten discouraged about his gyrocopter and wants to get into an ultralight to avoid the regulation. Can't say that I blame him. Maybe I can talk him into joining me in building a replica of the Long "Longster" as an ultralight; see my theory at

<http://www.flysquirrel.net/Longster/longsterUL.html> and a picture of the Henderson Longster that I'm interested in duplicating as an ultralight at <http://www.shady-wood.com/rcmodels/pages/longster.htm> although this page shows a scale model. I figure Chuck's interest in antique machines might draw him to this concept.

I visited with my friend down at the far west end of our hangar (gee, I wish I could remember names!)- the tall suntanned guy with the Cub. He has the Cub very close to being ready to taxi test, and that is really exciting given the amount of time he's been tinkering with it. I learned to fly in a J-3 Cub at Tims Airpark in Austin back in about 1971 so that airplane is near and dear to my heart. My first solo was in a J-3.

I went by to see the latest addition to our hangar bunch... [Rick Patterson's] Hatz biplane. Extremely clean and nice airplane. A tribute to the builder, and a perfect example of the homebuilder's art. Very well executed.

What fun it is to be able to enjoy all these machines, projects, people, and the fine environment at San Geronimo!

-Oscar

ARTIST'S RENDITION — ROSE PARRAKEET

By Dave Baker, Artist

This painting completed in late September and exhibited at my home during our annual neighborhood Art Stroll in early November, drew many favorable comments and questions about the type of aircraft. I plan to have limited print reproductions made for sale at some point in the near future.

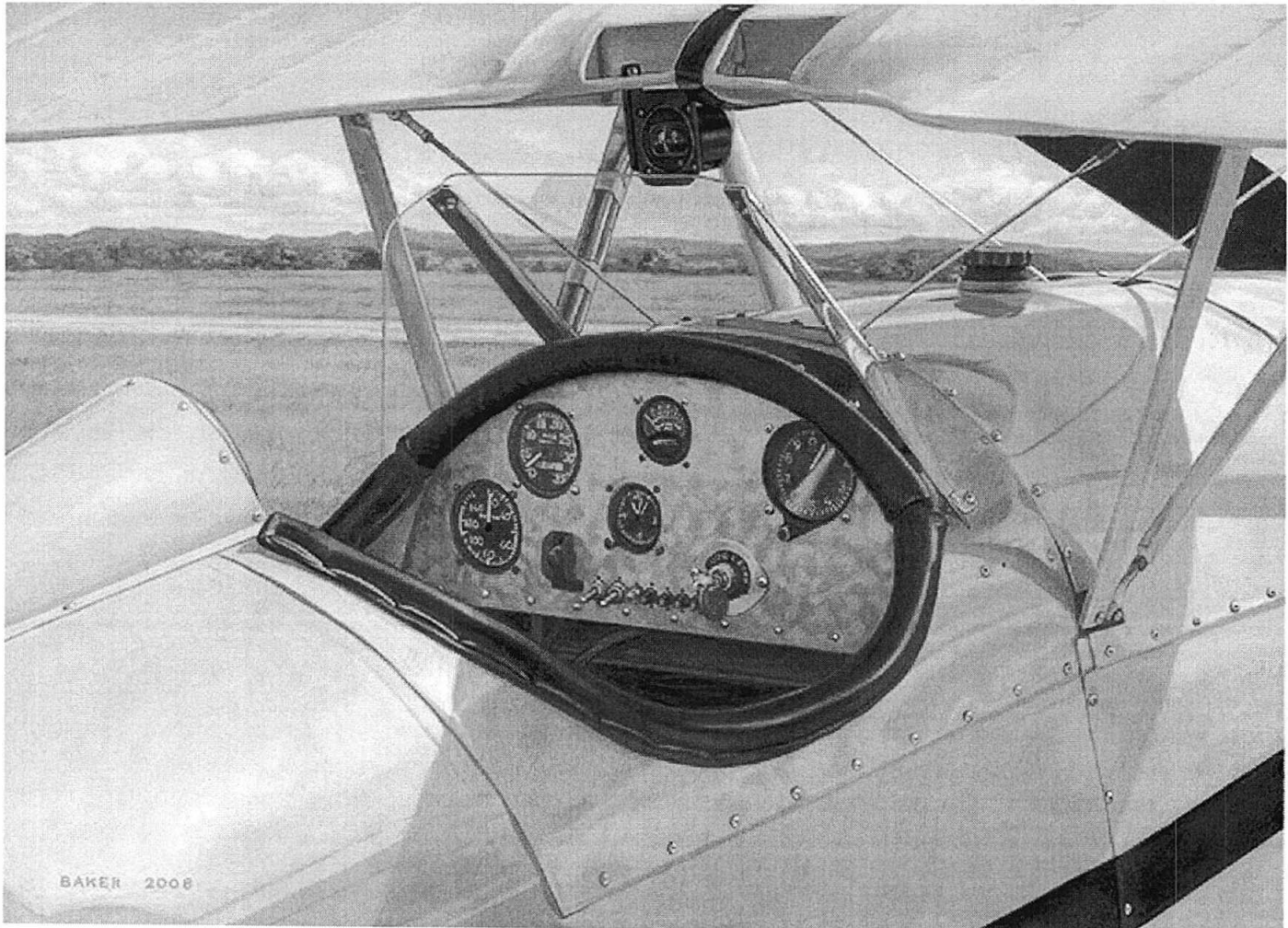
I took a little artistic license with the San Geronimo landscape in the background, removing an unsightly fence and scrub cedar as well as setting back the strip into the distance a little.

<http://www.earthspirittx.com/roseparrakeet/index.html>

You're invited to visit the link above for more information about the Rose Parrakeet

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