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**Sunset over Tampa Bay FL on flight back
to Spruce Creek from Punta Gorda**



The Prez Sez!

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Bruce and I are trying to get back to monthly newsletters again, but it's a challenge finding the time for it. When we decide we have a bit of time to produce one, we hammer it out right then. That said, if ANYONE has interesting information they would like to share with the chapter, please compile it, include pictures and, send it to us as you have time. We'll keep it in our files for the next newsletter when we receive your articles. I'm stepping up and helping Bruce this month, giving him a bit of a break (other than the short note I asked from him) and producing this month's newsletter. During our last meeting we decided to leave our Ford Airport Day open between two weekends, September 14th & 15th or September 20th & 21st, depending on availability of attending "attraction" airplanes (most likely EAA aircraft). We are open to help from members though in securing special aircraft from other sources (hint Tye!). We will give it a couple months to see what our options are and then lock a date.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that pictures and details would be forthcoming on my rapidly progressing Lancair Rebuild Project. But this month I attended Sun & Fun and had an abundance of photos from the show that hit this month's N.L. Since I am rushing this to complete and have marginal publisher skills, I will note the significance of the pictures to follow rather than figure out how to add text lines on picture only pages. Page 4 top is my friends Eric and Nick that flew down to S&F with me (well, Eric actually flew my Mooney Rocket each way, a retired ATC controller, supervisor, and Pink Shirt from both S&F and Oshkosh for many years, and his first arrival to an air show on the other side of the radio). The lower picture on Page 4 is my friend Sam, doing his second cross country in his Gyro, and first trip for Saturday Morning Breakfast for the Spruce Creek Pilots, flying in to Arthur Dunn Airport. Page 5 is a show stopping 1936 Waco seen at S&F. Page 6 has pictures of my engine internal compressor shaft on the balancer being balanced for my new engine on the Lancair. Quentin Cook, my engine Guru, is smiling next to the balancer control console. I'm thinking the smile is dollar signs rolling across his mind as he's looking at me.

As noted, progress is pretty good on my Lancair Rebuild. I've spent 6 weeks in Florida and a week on the other Lancair Turbine in my hangar since January 11, my first day of the rebuild. With a legitimate 7 weeks of time on the project, and some serious help from Mike Ackerman and Garth Daugherty, we are already at 500 man hours into the rebuild, with three major portions of the rebuild completed. I'm not sure I can keep the pace through the next 6 months, but if I (we) can, this rebuild make be completed in less than the expected two years (it IS a major undertaking!!). I'm keeping a decent update of details and pictures if a few of you want to see more about it. It can be viewed, I believe without registering for the site, at <https://lancairlive.com/viewtopic.php?t=177> . If you want to comment or want to register, it doesn't cost anything to register to the forum. If the link will not work, the forum is Lancairlive.com, and the topic is under "Builder's Hangar", sub-topic "Build Status Posts", with the actual thread being "N994PT (IVPT) in extensive rebuild now".

I'm hoping to schedule a work session on the EAA Chapter hangar now that the weather is warming up. Since I have a final trip in the air (well, actually driving) to Florida to manage the installation of a new hangar door on my home, pending on several scheduling factors, I can't commit to a specific date until that trip timing is decided (and probably completed).

We will be having a Young Eagles Event in June this month. Chad, Jordanne and Allie have committed to helping, in either the planning stages or the day of the event. There will be more to come on that as we get closer. We haven't had one in June in a while, so looking forward to what we will see for interest.

Tom Sullivan

Editor's Section

Hello everyone,

Our last meeting at Toms house we had an ok turnout due to the snow. It was great to see Toms progress on the Lancair! We also talked about Ford airport day and the hangar. As we approach spring the temperatures are finally starting to warm up! I received a phone call from Tom as I was on an overnight in Miami asking if he could do this month's newsletter, to which I responded absolutely! Speaking of my recent overnights not only in Miami, but other warm climates as well. Makes me second guess my decision to live in the far north, with chilly temperatures most of the year. When it's December through March and I'm running around in tank tops, shorts, sandals and even board shorts on my overnights something just doesn't seem right. My brain tells me I need to have full winter gear on. I always say to myself I'm going to buy a home in Florida when my son graduates high school or close to it. Of course that's a long way off into the distant future. It's never bad to dream of a goal and make it happen one day. Speaking into the future, EAA AirVenture is right around the corner, and I plan to have at least part of the showoff from work.

-Bruce

Another Connie Seen at Sun & Fun







NS 16212



WACO MODEL	YQC-6 CUSTOM ATC#598
DATE MANUFACTURED	APRIL 4, 1936
SERIAL NUMBER	4402
AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATE NUMBER	NC-16212
GENERAL DESCRIPTION	5-PLACE LAND BIPLANE
POWERPLANT	JACOBS R-755-A2 300HP@RPM-2200
PROPELLER	HAMILTON STANDARD 2B20-9
MAXIMUM GLIDE OR DIVE SPEED	214 MPH
TOP SPEED	166 MPH
CRUISING SPEED	150 MPH
MAXIMUM FLAP EXTENDED SPEED	108 MPH
LANDING SPEED	52 MPH
SERVICE CEILING	17,000 FEET
EMPTY WEIGHT/GROSS WEIGHT	2309lbs./3500lbs.

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04/24/24*	Four ways to save Fuel, Time & Money	7 PM	Andy Matthew
5/1/2024**	Borescope Initiative	7 P.M.	Mike Busch
5/08/24*	Slip Sliding Away, Learn about slips	7 P.M.	FAA
5/29/24	Building Your Dream Airport	7 P.M.	Gary Stevens
6/05/24**	Minimally Invasive Maintenance Procedures	7PM	Mike Busch
6/19/2024*	Flying into Air Adventure 2024	7 PM	Fred Stadler

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