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**Monthly meeting at Deer valley airport restaurant
The second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM.**

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List of Officers

The 2017 Board Members are:

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3 year Director – Dave Biddle

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Presidents Report

[EAA Chapter 538 - Phoenix, AZ](#)

March 11, 2017

Spring in in the air! This is certainly evident by all the airport activity recently. It's a wonderful time to be flying with the warm temps and great weather we have here in the Valley of the Sun.

Last month chapter member Darrel Sauder gave a presentation of his trike flying adventures that took place over beautiful landscape near Moab, Utah. Thank you again Darrel.

We are two weeks out from the arrival of the Liberty Museum's 1928 Ford Tri-Motor on March 20th. Thursday the 23rd will be the first day of the Tri-Motor event with media flights beginning at 2 pm and general public flights following afterward until 5 pm. They will continue from 9 to 5 Friday thru Sunday. We'll have our Thursday AM volunteer members getting the site ready with table and chair set-up before the activities begin. Please double check the work schedule for your scheduled times over the weekend. If you have not signed up for a time, contact Dee Grimm at deegrimm@cox.net to be added to the schedule.

We also have a Young Eagles Event coming up two weeks following the Tri-Motor. It was originally scheduled for April 1st. March Madness will also be here in the west valley that same weekend. Concerns were brought up about air and land traffic, so it was decided to move the Young Eagle event one week and will be held on April 8th at Glendale Airport. Contact Young Eagle event and ground coordinator Cheri McGunagle for



ground volunteering. Young Eagle pilots are to contact Young Eagle Flight coordinator Jim Moss. Also look for the signup sheet at the meeting.

This month will be showing March's EAA video magazine followed by regular business meeting before the break. The second half of our meeting will be the EAA Tri-Motor training video so that we are fully prepared of what is expected of our volunteers at the Tri-Motor visit.

We are looking for monthly meeting presenters. Do you have a topic or related activity that you would like to share? Send in your ideas for meetings topics, speakers, projects, fly-outs and social activities.

Enjoy the weather and get some air time. I look forward to seeing YOU on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. Come early if you are hungry and enjoy the Social Hour starting at 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend, and don't forget to bring a friend!

Thank you for being a part of EAA Chapter 538!

Carlos Hernandez
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Chuck Peterson & The Odyssey

It's been said that an Odyssey is a long trip filled with adventure. My flying odyssey began when my wife Jane and I were first married 50 years ago and I thought seriously about buying a Cessna Cardinal. But #1 daughter came along and the flying odyssey was grounded. In between then and now, I worked for the Navy as a civilian and for several contractors who all produced avionics for the government. So I was never far from flying. Last Summer, Jane and I took a 50th anniversary trip to Alaska where we did three remote fly-out trips (there's a lot of remote in Alaska!) After a landing on wheels, a landing on floats, and a landing on skis on Mount McKinley (Denali), albeit in turbine-power Otters, I was hooked; Jane

not so much, but as she tells our friends "Chuck is my hobby."

With all our family in the Midwest, the idea of being able to visit them several times a year with a plane had a lot of merit. But with the Midwest 1500 miles away, a slow plane was not going to cut it. One flight in an RV-8 at Deer Valley convinced me of the fun and performance of an RV, but not in tandem seats like an RV-8. Conversations with my three flying friends that have an RV-4, -8, -8A, and a -9A between them sold me on an RV-9A.

I came to an EAA Chapter 538 meeting last Fall, and met Roger Whittier and Carlos Hernandez, along with a bunch of other friendly people. Carlos told me of a -9A for sale at Deer Valley. Roger reviewed the Engine and Airframe logbooks for me, provided me some added education about engines, and so I continued looking. In the meantime, Carlos shared lots of information concerning RVs in general and 9A's in particular. I found another RV-9A in Santa Cruz, CA, got lots of pictures and logs, and again asked Roger's expert opinion. This one passed muster, so I made and the seller accepted my offer.

The next three days were filled with the drive to CA, a test flight, removal of all the inspection covers, floor pans, the baggage compartment bulkhead, etc, and the pre-buy inspection. My inspector, who came via a referral from Van's Air Force owner's forum, came the third day and, after a half-day of detailed inspection where he checked off four pages of items and quizzed the A&P that did the annual, proclaimed the plane well built and worth my offer! What a relief! Without all the help from EAA folks, I can't imagine having this successful outcome. You are the best!

March 1st was the long awaited flight home. It's amazing what you can see at 7500' altitude vs 30,000' or more. Shown are departing Monterey Bay, mesas that looked like emergency fields, a happy new owner, and Odyssey, our plane's name. It's at Deer Valley in a covered tie-down, pending a hangar coming available. Anybody have an empty one I can use for a couple months?

See next page.



Calendar of Meetings Second Tuesday of the month.

- March 14th, 2017
- March 23-26 2017 Trimotor
- April 8th 2017 Young Eagles
- April 11th, 2017
- May 9th, 2017
- June 13th, 2017
- July 11th, 2017
- August 8th, 2017
- September 12th, 2017
- October 10th, 2017
- November 14th, 2017
- December 12th, 2017

Chuck Peterson's New RV-9A



EAA March 2017 Wallpaper.



EAA Sweepstakes RV12

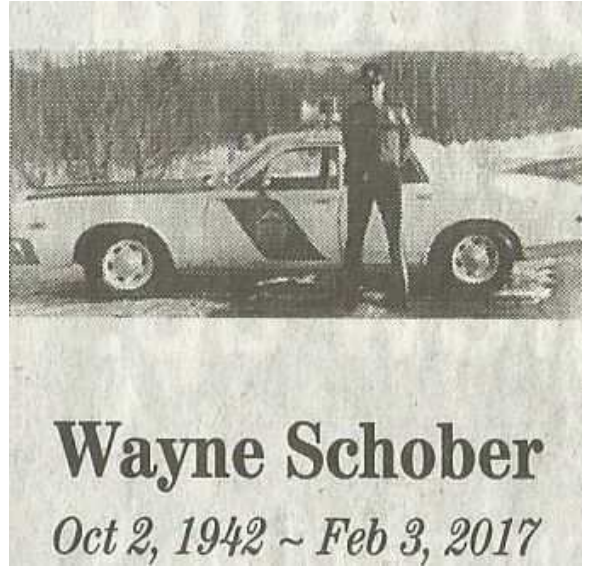
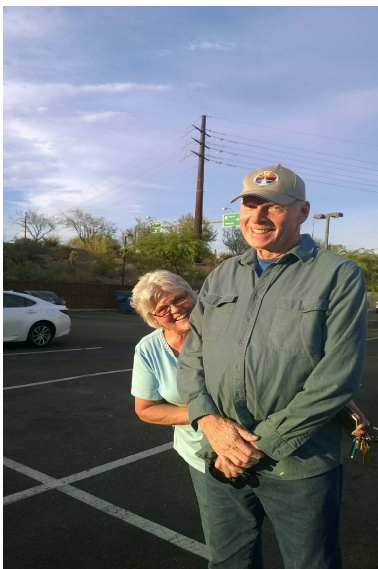


Activities and Pictures from Members

Robert Latham's plane build progress.



Wayne
And
Vicki



Wayne leaves his wife Vicki; his son Brian and his wife Michelle; his son Paul and his wife Darcy; his son Michael and his wife Misty; grandchildren Stephanie, Natasha, Paul and Samantha; as well as a vast network of friends and family.

Born in Summit, New Jersey to G.W. and Florence Schober, and was the oldest of three children. He leaves behind a brother Gary Schober and sister-in-law Eileen in New Jersey, and a sister Elaine Martin and brother-in-law Buddy that lives in Georgia. Wayne spent much of his working life in Alaska, while retirement was spent in Florida, New Mexico, Arizona and Alabama.

Wayne left New Jersey for Alaska after being enlisted in the Army, during the Vietnam War. He repaired printing and typesetting equipment during his service at Ft. Wainwright. He carried this repair skill beyond the Army by working for Addressograph Multigraph International, Inc. in Anchorage. Shortly after leaving the Army, Wayne earned his pilot's license, fulfilling a longtime dream.

Wayne then joined the Alaska State Troopers for a career spanning 23 years that took him to Anchorage, Bethel, Cantwell, Fairbanks, Anchorage (again), Palmer, Kotzebue, and Soldotna. As a pilot for the State Troopers, Wayne flew many of his working years accumulating thousands of accident-free hours

in Department aircraft. Wayne was very proud to be a Alaska State Trooper.

After retiring, Wayne first moved to Florida. He began to volunteer with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) coordinating an annual parts swapping market. To help fill time, Wayne worked part time for a local bank as a maintenance manager. He then worked as an armed security guard. Finally, he became an insurance adjuster to deal with a bout of hurricanes that had impacted Florida.

Wayne then moved to New Mexico, where he continued to fly the family airplane and work part-time as an insurance adjuster. Wayne then moved to Arizona to be closer to grandchildren. Finally, Wayne moved to Alabama to be closer to the other grandchildren before he passed.

Wayne's work with the EAA Young Eagles program helped introduce hundreds of children to flight. He also volunteered with the Santa Fe County Sheriff's office as a reserve deputy and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Posse.

Wayne's warm smile, infectious laugh and genuine compassion defined him. His sense of humor was unmatched, his quick wit was impossible to beat and his treasure trove of trivia was envied by many. The family has asked that donations be made in lieu of flowers.

In Memory of Wayne Schober to E.A. Roberts Alzheimer's Center at 168 Mobile Infirmary

Picture from Airventure 2016

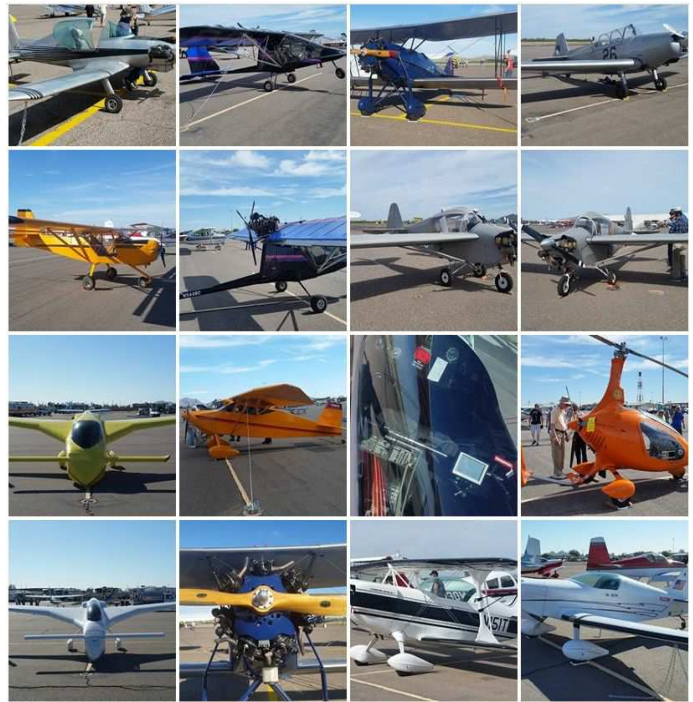


I was searching for experimental aircraft and found this website and thought I would share it.

<http://www.homebuilt.org/index.html>



Pictures from the Cactus Fly-in



Many Thanks for everyone who sent things for the newsletter. KEEP THEM COMING !