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FEBRUARY Our meeting was at **Lou Larsen's** for a weight and balance demonstration on Lou's very nice **Model "A" Ford-powered Pietenpol Air Camper**. Lou has determined that his nearly three hundred pound engine must be moved two inches forward since, in his worst case weight-and-balance situation, the center of gravity falls outside the rear limit. Refreshments were graciously provided by Lou's bride, Elinor. (This constitutes the minutes of the meeting and will be presented at the March meeting for acceptance.)

FIELD TRIP Early this month, the editor visited the **Museum of Aviation (MoA)** just outside the Main Gate of Warner-Robins AFB in Macon, GA. This facility has a good representation of primarily military aircraft which are nicely presented. They range far and wide from a Cessna "Tweet" and "Dragonfly" through the usual (and some *not* so usual, such as the swing-wing F-111 "Aardvark") fighters, gunship variants of the C-130 "Herky," all the way up to various types of bombers.

And then there are "no-guts-no-glory"-- but essential-- heavy-lifters like the C-45, 46, -54, -119, and -141. There are even some "odd-balls" like the RB-57A "Canberra" and "in uniform" versions of civilian-types such as the Aero Commander and Cessna 210. Probably the most out of place is a red and white Pitts built and donated by a retired USAF officer! Or perhaps the Grumman "Albatross?" Yep, a US Air Force *seaplane*! Lurking in the shadows are the sinister-looking-in-matte-black U-2 and SR-71 "Blackbird."

All in all, the MoA is a "must do" for those who are buffs of military hardware. (The editor is a "peaceable" sort (chuckle, snort!) with an affinity for civil-type aircraft, particularly those having pistons and props!) (Aircraft pix in this newsletter not attributed to Jim Brewer are by the editor.) Website: www.museumofaviation.org.



MARCH Meeting will be at 9AM on the 25th at our usual meeting location, the CAP/EAA Building at the Leesburg Municipal Airport. This is a **change in plans** requested by the Kimball's in order to better facilitate their preparation for Sun'nFun. Here is an extract





from an email from LtCol (USAFAux) D. Moseley to our Flight/Tech Advisor and Program Chairman, Paul Adrien concerning our currently scheduled meeting:

I have just received confirmation that the new Life Net helicopter from Wildwood will be at Leesburg Regional Airport on Saturday morning 25 Mar 06.

The crew will put on their Landing Zone procedures class and will show you their newest helicopter and talk to you about safety around the helicopter and

things to do to assist them should we be involved in medevacing a patient.

This training has been used for EMT re-certification so there will be some interesting things to see and experience. It will not just be sitting in a classroom although the flight nurse, Audea Jants, has a nice "PowerPoint" presentation.

The meeting will start **promptly at 9AM** as we want to be finished by 9:30 so that we can adjourn to the SunAir ramp to witness the arrival of the helicopter (whappa, whappa, whappa!).

APRIL Meeting to be held on Saturday, the 22nd, at 9 AM at the **Jim Kimball Enterprises, Inc.** www.jimkimballenterprises.com/ restoration shop in Zellwood. Jim and Kevin always have an varied group of aircraft under construction or restoration. Directions to the facility will be published again next month. The **March** and **April meetings were swapped** in order to give the Kimball crew more breathing room before Sun'nFun. In stead of seeing what Kimball *will be* showing at SnF, we'll see what they took there.

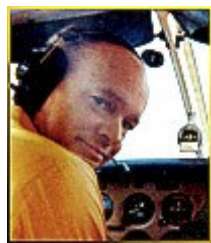


MAY This meeting will be on Saturday, the 27th, at **Mid-Florida Airport (X55)** in Eustis and will be either a presentation by our own Jim Brewer on his single-place EXPERIMENTAL Mini-Coupe (below) or perhaps at his home where he has his recently acquired ex-Bernie Herman Rand-Robinson KR-2 project plus some antique autos like this 1930 Durant (left), As an alternative, we might hold a pancake breakfast (PCB) at X55. In the event



it's to be a PCB, Bill Howard will have been in contact with 'drome owner Mike Thibault to determine type of PCB he had in mind, an "us 'n them" get to meet the folks at X55 or "open to the public." (Photos: Jim Brewer)

Treasurer Bill Howard is looking into placing our current essentially zero-return money market funds into some financial instrument yielding a greater return.



THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING... Wasn't that article in January's *Sport Aviation* on Chapter 288 over at Spruce Creek just about the *most disheartening* thing you ever read? Of course, they do have the one thing that's so important in so many areas of life, that is, "Location, location, and location." Yes, they're located at a fly-in community with, of course, a high concentration of aviation-oriented people, but they're also "just plain plane" folks and you, out there reading, this, are cut from the same bolt of fabric so let's put that to good use! We've got you folks with your varied backgrounds and interests, be they warbirds, experimentals, classics, or "fun flying" to the extreme, ultralights. We've got doctors, ATPs, ex-Feds, mechanics, and you all come from widely varied parts of our country. Surely you have seen something that we might be doing better. We need some fresh ideas and the Executive Committee will give serious and honest consideration to any and all that are brought to us. So don't

be greedy and play your cards close to the vest, give us some input!



SUN'nFUN Lake County Aviation Association (LCAA) is sponsoring a bus to the Sun'nFun grounds at Lakeland-Linder (LAL) for the second biggest fly-in of them all, Sun'nFun. The bus will leave Sunair at 8 AM on Thursday, April 6th and will depart LAL at 4:30 PM for the return to LEE. Cost is \$45 and includes bus fare, admission, and pre-departure coffee and donuts. Send check to LCAA, 05005 Magnolia Ridge Rd., Fruitland Park, FL 34731, or deposit fee at Sunair. Reservations MUST be made by 27 March.

HELP! AGAIN! AGAIN! This newsletter is *not* the editor's personal "turf." There are interesting people, projects, and planes here in Chapter 534 that we'd like to know about.... YES, YOU/YOURS! Give Eddy Torr, the edi-tor, a call at 787-9526 so that he can scour your skull for some interesting tidbits!

FOR SALE OR TRADE

I have a starter, generator and carburetor for a continental O-300 for sale. I think the starter and generator will fit any Continental engine from an 85 HP up. I don't know what they are worth, maybe \$50.00 each? Or best offer. Phil Rea, sprea@toast.net, 352-787-6694



FOR SALE WJS "Jaybird" N735BS. Single seat, EXPERIMENTAL. 41.1 TTAE. Day VFR. VW 1600 Custom wood prop of patented "SuprProp" design. Fan-driven alternator (no XPDR required). Gel cell battery. Voltmeter. Droop tips. Brakes, 8.00x6 tires. 2 x 5 gal tanks. Glove box. FAA signed off. Time flown off. 60 kts cruise @ 2900 rpm, 2.5 gph. "Sunbrella" covers, baggage tote. BRS 750# "Smart" ballistic chute (needs mfr. recommended repack) Logs/paperwork in order. Fresh condition inspection with sale. Asking \$6K. **OR SWAP** VW 1600 and one (1) five gal. TEAM polypropylene wing tank for 35-40 HP 2-stroke. schulznotee@yahoo.com

Mutts

By Patrick McDonnell

