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The June Chapter meeting will be held on the first **Wednesday** of the month. There are **two exceptions** to our normal Wednesday meetings, which are **two Hanger Meeting Meetings**, one in **December and one in March**. These two meetings are combined with a BBQ and are held on the 1st Saturday after the 1st Wednesday at 10:00 AM at Doc Bob Starck's hanger.

All meetings are open to anyone with an interest in building, restoring, and flying airplanes. The normal monthly meeting will be held at the CAP Building on Air Commerce Rd., starting at 7:00 PM. There should be ample parking in front of the of the CAP building. Please note that the Chapter does not meet during the months of July and August.

President's Corner:

Greetings fellow Chapter members. At last the long planned compass rose is a few brush strokes from being completed. James Chovat, Jim Doan, and Edgar Flaig have put a lot of effort into the project. If you haven't seen it yet, take the time. From 1000 feet, it can be easily seen.

A recent discussion with American Aviation surfaced their contention that the Compass Rose was off by 5 degrees. John Osborn, a professional land surveyor, who had set the points for us earlier, resurveyed the coordinates. He found that from the center of the Rose to the North Point, the rose was off by less than one degree, to the west. He determined that at 62 1/2' (center to the north point) was off 11", less than one degree. American Aviation used a "calibrated" hand held compass to establish their belief that the Rose's coordinates were off by 5 degrees but the instrument they were using is questionable since the sighting picture of their compass could add to the error. Further the Compass Rose is just that, it's not a Calibration Pad. Bottom lines, if you use the Rose, understand the limitations.

Note: FAA lays out specific requirements for Calibration Pads, several of the requirements are that the area must be free of any metal (rebar) imbedded in the ground and the site must be at

least 600' from the closest building. The requirements get tighter as you continue to read the FAA description. Further, to accurately use a Calibration Pad you would have to drop a plumb bob from the tail and nose of the airplane, and then run the engine with all avionics turned on. You would then reposition the plane to the other coordinates and repeat the process. If you could get the plane within a degree or two using that process, Good luck...

Our next meeting will be on June 6th at the CAP building. We will have a guest speaker from Metro Crime Bureau. They have visited us several times before and their presentations have always interesting so plan to attend. This is the last meeting until September

As usual, coffee and donuts are served.

Stay safe and remember to keep the blue side up.

Bernie

Chapter Meeting Minutes:

The May chapter meeting was called to order at 7:15. There were 13 Members and two guests present. One of the guests was John Rockcastle .He was our speaker once before and once again he did a super job.

Edgar gave his secretary's report and it was accepted as read. After that report, Jim Doan gave the Treasury report. At the end of March we had \$5350.92 in the bank.

He also took in \$20.00 for a new member. Our expenses where \$138.00 for the flight which we owed the Humane Society, \$46.96 for food used at our recent picnic and \$7.96 for masking tape used to produce the compass rose. Our current bank account is \$5158.21.

Mike January reported that he had performed some flight testing and had two engine failures. He is thinking about a replacement for his currant VW engine.

The compass Rose is mostly finished, many thanks to Jim, James, and Edgar.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Edgar Flaig, Secretary

King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. However, all the Swiss league records were unfortunately destroyed in a fire, now we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.