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EAA Chapter 723 July Membership Meeting

Plan on attending our July Meeting this Saturday July 13th.

- Socialize with Coffee and Doughnuts 9:30
- General Meeting and Installation starts at 10:00

- Speaker: Ali Moghaddas
- Topic: Aircraft Tires



Message from the Chapter President:

Last month we had a great summer gathering. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the setup and food preparation to make this event a great success. I am proud of this chapter for what we stand for and our contributions to our aviation community. There are other organizations that are focused on self-preservation. However, EAA Chapter 723's main focus is serving our community. This chapter is about helping our youth, promoting aviation, and lastly having fun while doing good deeds.

A couple of weeks ago, I received a call from one of our fellow pilots from Camarillo. He had a flat tire in Santa Rosa, and needed help in getting the right equipment to repair his flat tire. Doug and I got on line and located the contact information of the local Santa Rosa chapter officers and shared it with our fellow Camarillo pilot. The pilot got a hold of the second person on the list and the fellow helped our friend to repair his airplane and get back into the air. We have a great EAA community, near or far.

In August, the Wings Over Camarillo airshow is taking place. The main volunteers for this event have been coming from our chapter. I remember way back when we were the airshow sponsor until insurance mandates required us to form a separate organization (i.e. Wings Over Camarillo). I am asking everyone to sign up and volunteer every which way you can. Again, this event is helping our community.

This month, we are also awarding three Math and Engineering scholarships to three young folks from our community. The chapter's success and respect in the community is coming from all of our member's contributions and hard work including you.

I look forward to seeing you this coming Saturday at 9:30.

Ali

Hangar Happenings:

By Doug Wagner

The June Gloom looks to be at its end. The weather has been getting nicer for flying. We have some new additions to the hangar. I noticed there are cabinets under the tables where we have EAA information and news items. Robert Appleford has fixed the lights in the cabinets in the office which helps with the displays.

The door handle to the office had become a loose issue this last week. Harvey and I did a discovery and repair. First, we had to figure how the mechanism worked and then how to repair it. As you will notice, we got it working.

Reminder: if you are the last person leaving the hangar, please take a look around and make sure the lights and anything that may be on is turned off. Our electric bill has been running high.

We added a new tie down space. You will notice the Mooney tied down there.

Tim and I changed the oil and filter in the forklift truck. Thank you, Tim, for your help.

Builder activities:

- Tim Patrick has the Red Savannah. Tim has his ADSB and weather working. There was some damage to his trim tabs which he repaired. It looks like someone may have ducked under the wing and possibly their clothes may have caught on the trim tabs and broke them. He has repaired them and has them working.
 - Doug Wagner with the EZE has been working the fuel systems and getting close to doing fuel flow test. He improved the remote battery charging cable to make it easier to use.
 - Mike Fountain with the Quickie 2 is hooking up the rebuilt engine and installation. He is looking at ways to improve the brakes. He is trying to get help with fiberglass work.
 - Andrew Freesh and dad Bill are building the Spitfire. They have painted many of the wing components and other items. Andrew got his Fly Baby inspected and is flying it.
 - Jay Hansen has been working on his plane and doing some flying.
 - Andy Barkin is looking at getting rid of his projects since he has little time to work on them.
 - Wayne King with the Zenith is working on the spar and other components. I see he is making progress. Looks good. He is adding some parts to the wing to stiffen up the ribs.
 - Tom Swires is working on his wings and landing gear. Tom has the landing gear attached and is now able to move the airframe around the hangar. Nice work being done.
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Our June Party and BBQ was enjoyed by all!



Music, Good food and Friends



Our Grill Chiefs 2024



Safety Corner:

By Ali Moghaddas

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Tracy, California

Date and Time: April 24, 2023, 13:45 Local

EXPRESS Aircraft Damage: Minor

Defining Event: Loss of control on ground

Injuries: None

Analysis

The pilot reported that, during the takeoff roll, the airplane drifted to the left, and he corrected with right brake input. The airplane began drifting left again, and the pilot was unable to correct with right rudder or brake. The airplane briefly became airborne and then landed in the grass to the left of the runway. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the engine mount. The pilot reported that there were no pre-accident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain directional control during the takeoff roll.

This is a reminder to be cautious when operating high performance aircraft. Getting proper training and avoiding bad habits is the best way to prevent this type of accident.

Fly Safe!



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