

# EAA Chapter 1373 Newsletter

## October 2019

Next Meeting: **Saturday, October 5th, 10:00 AM**

**Graham's Hangar, Blake Field, Delta, CO**

Welcome pilots and friends! Join us at our meeting and share your aviation interests. Have you visited the new website? <http://www.eaa1373.org/> If you have questions about our chapter or website, use the [Contact Us](#) page. Private areas of our website are available only to members of EAA Chapter 1373. The general public won't have access to these areas. The private areas include the member directory, member profiles, and the forums.

Have you read the September blog about the beginning of our EAA Chapter 1373? Did you know EAA Chapter 1373 has been around now for more than 16 years? Find out more about The 'X' Chapter at <http://www.eaa1373.org/comms/blog/> or see past issues of the newsletter at [http://www.eaa1373.org/comms/news\\_page/](http://www.eaa1373.org/comms/news_page/) after special announcements.

**Anyone see Colorado's fall colors?** Here's the best way to see them; right, Bernie?



## Marc's N404CX Phase 1 Completed!



I have completed Phase 1 flight testing on my Thatcher CX4. That is not to say the airplane is complete. As the picture shows, the cowl is still ugly and the spinner is not installed yet. I did make one flight with the spinner on but it vibrated horribly so it needs some work before it will be permanently mounted. The wingtips could also stand to have some finishing touches but the airplane flies fine as is.

The first priority is to build a better cabin ventilation system. The original cabin air inlets are directly behind the cooling air exits from the cowl so they bring engine heat and fumes into the cockpit. I tried cutting a hole in the base of the windshield in an attempt to get cleaner air into the cockpit. I am still getting fumes into the cockpit so either the propwash is swirling engine air up to the windshield or the firewall is leaking or both. I also need some cool air on my feet. It gets warm down there! At any rate the cabin air system still needs more work.

Performance is decent for a VW powered airplane. I usually fly early in the morning and density altitudes are usually between 6,000' to 6,500' on takeoff. I climb at 80 MPH IAS and can reach 10,200' in 7-1/2 to 8 minutes which is about 670 FPM in cooler temps to about 600 FPM average when it is warmer. Wide open, the airplane will true out between 135 to 140 MPH. I normally fly at 2600 RPM which gives me 95MPH IAS at 8,000' or so. At higher altitudes I usually run 2700 to 2800 RPM which bumps speeds up to 100 to 105 IAS. Stalls are gentle with a tendency to roll left. The best part is fuel consumption averages about 2.35 GPH.

## Flight to KFFA Kill Devil Hill N.C.

Bernie and Marti flew to the First Flight Airport in North Carolina's outer banks! KFFA is on the National Park grounds of The Wright's first flight. "We walked the very place where the Wright brothers took their first motorized flights in 1903. We walked up the sand dune hill with their monument atop where they first loosed the bonds of earth with their glider."

Another major bucket list place visited, without kicking the bucket (yet)!



At the Atlantic Ocean beach at the town, Kill Devil Hill.



## Goodbye N8UP, Hello SPEROCCO N3LM

As Lowell births his new bird, he said farewell to an old friend, Van's RV 8 N8UP. While several pilots had wished to own her, only one could. Fortunately, we'll still see her around because Seth Felix from Olathe Spray Service bought her! Seth's RV grin was unmistakable. And while that chapter closed for Lowell, a new journey has already begun with his new baby, Jurca SPEROCCO N3LM!



## And Clay Flies Another Young Eagle

I took this wonderful young lady on her first flight this morning. She seemed to take right to it and had a great time! It was a perfect flight in Kent's Cessna 172 N7824X. It's always a good feeling to be a part of this first flight for these young kids and see the gleam in their eyes.



Please ask Clay how to become a Young Eagle Pilot!!

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## **Never Stop Building!**

Thank you to the highest bidder on this hand-turned wood lamp which was crafted and donated by my member Dwayne Williams. And, our thanks to Dwayne!



Always Remember!

In the third grade, our teacher, said, "Quit staring out the window, because when you grow up, no one will pay you to sit there and just look out the window"..

Guess I showed her.....



## **EAA 1373 Newsletter Submissions are Welcome**

Thanks to all for your newsletter submissions. We are happy to publish aviation-related pictures, articles and items to buy, sell or give away.

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