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Greetings and welcome to the 3rd issue of LOBO's e-zine!

Many things have happened since our last newsletter and I'd like to take a few moments of your time to get you up to date.

First, this year's OSH Airventure was outstanding! Part of what made it so great was the weather; attendees enjoyed the coolest July in many years. The new grounds layout took a bit of getting used to, but I'm sure we'll all become familiar with it soon enough.

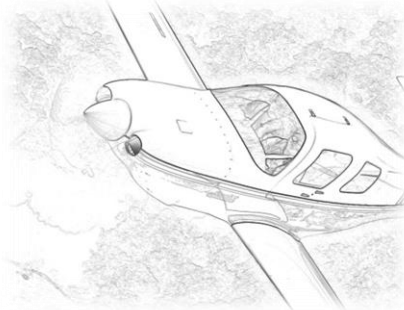
Lancair moved to a new spot near Hangar D. The synergy of the Lancair tent and the Lancair builders' flight line will be missed. If members will support it, perhaps next year LOBO will grab that familiar old spot for our own.

What is in store for the future? LOBO will host another maintenance seminar weekend 12-13 September at Creve Coeur (St. Louis) MO. Sign up now by emailing me. If you are interested in learning how to take care of these machines, have another set of eyes look at yours or just want to learn more about what makes them tick, join us for two fun-filled days. LOBO will also sponsor the same event in CA with Don Barnes in November.

What LOBO is Doing

I get an email or two between newsletters asking "what are we doing?" LOBO directors have been hard at work these last three months moving the LOBO ball forward.

Bob & Judy Pastusek, Bill Harrelson and several motivated volunteers put on a great LOBO Lancair Maintenance seminar weekend at Manassas, VA in June.



Rudy Haug & I met in July with executives representing several different insurance companies to discuss future Lancair insurance needs.

Claudette Colwell organized a terrific social at Airventure for Lancair LOBO members and guests at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Finally, we have seen steady growth in membership – we now have over 200 members!

Speaking of the OSH Social, my wife Shelby (below) and I had a great time. Shelby manned our merchandise table



helping members pick out LOBO T-shirts and other souvenirs to take

home. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to put faces to names.

Lancair Training

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Rudy Haug and I have been busy preparing top-notch flight instructors to conduct Lancair ground/flight training based on LOBO's exclusive training syllabi. Mel Hill in Oregon, Keith Thommassen in California and Mike Newman in Massachusetts are all now available as qualified providers of LOBO-developed training, with other outstanding instructors soon to follow.

A number of Lancair insurance underwriters now accept LOBO's scenario-based and FITS-approved training syllabi to meet requirements for initial and recurrent training. Contact your broker for details.

Finally, if you are a CFI(I) interested in Lancair training using LOBO-approved syllabi, contact Rudy Haug at (636) 346-0415 or me at (314) 308-6719.

Maintenance Issues

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LOBO will sponsor its second Condition Inspection Workshop at Creve Coeur Airport (1h0) on September 12-13, 2009. Creve Coeur airport is located 7 nm west of St. Louis, Missouri Lambert field beneath the Class B airspace.

The planned two-day event starts at 9 AM each day and continues to 5 PM, including a no-host lunch. The \$50 event fee covers the costs for refreshments and other expenses.

The workshop will focus on the annual condition inspection needs of Lancair



composite aircraft, but is open to all LOBO members, EAA members and invited guests. The first day is scheduled for engine and related systems, with composite airframes and airframe components subjects for day two. Bob Rickard has generously agreed to allow attendees to poke and pore over his IV-P as the "inspection sample" (of course, a 'free' inspection is a great incentive). We also plan to have a 320 or 360 available as reference for inspection issues with these types.

The local talent on hand will include a pair of excellent gentlemen boasting FAA A&P/IA certification to assist and keep us honest. Both have extensive experience with homebuilding and general aviation aircraft maintenance, and we're fortunate they've agreed to make their talent and expertise available to us.

Help us Help You

We are collecting information on issues that have shown up over the years, and would most sincerely appreciate any checklists, AD's, deficiency reports, or similar things that apply to any model of Lancair aircraft that you can provide, preferably in electronic form.

We intend eventually to consolidate and post material provided to the website (www.lancairowners.com), and to generate handouts for this and future maintenance workshops. We also welcome any advance questions so we can research and include answers as part of this workshop.

Bonus Activities

Based on interest, the professionals on hand can compute and sign off aircraft weight and balance, inspect and sign off pitot/static, altimeter and transponder systems, as well as

dynamically balance props.

NOTE: These services are not free; costs are dependent upon number

upcoming events

When: TBD
Where: TBD
LOBO LIPS Training

Interested CFIs can attend LOBO Instructor Pilot Standardization training and obtain a LOBO instructor endorsement to use our training syllabi.
www.lancairowners.com

When: Sep 11 –12
Where: 1H0 (St. Louis, MO)
LOBO Condition Insp Workshop

Jeff Edwards & Bob Pastusek host a Condition Inspection "how to."
www.lancairowners.com

When: Oct 03
Where: KPVG (Chesapeake, VA)
Bonanza/Lancair Fly-in

Bonanza/Lancair Social
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When: Nov 07 (Tentative)
Where: O22 (Columbia, CA)
LOBO Condition Insp Workshop

Don Barnes hosts a Condition Inspection "how to."
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signed up. Those providing them have requested a minimum of three signed up for each service to make the equipment available.

To permit planning, please send an email (alt address: vtailjeff@aol.com) or leave a message at (314) 308-6719. Include the number of attendees, whether you'll be flying in or driving and if you would like to sign up for any pay-as-you-go bonus activities.

The deadline to RSVP is 6 September.

Event Logistics

Aircraft parking is on the main ramp. If you're driving, park in the lot as you enter the airport on the southeast side of the airfield.

For those remaining overnight, we can arrange for a tie down spot on the ramp for your aircraft, but you must bring your own ropes or chains.

If you plan to fly in, keep in mind that ground transport, while available, is limited. You should contact Enterprise if you wish to rent a car.

Holiday Inn Express St. Louis Airport Riverport (1-800-780-5733), inexpensive and located within 3 miles, has a free shuttle. Harrah's St. Louis is a bit closer and a bit more expensive—but does offer a casino. (We haven't yet been able to confirm if Harrah's shuttle service extends to Creve Coeur airport.)

Although this event is planned and sponsored by LOBO, please encourage your non-LOBO friends to come with you... and to join LOBO!

Bob and I look forward to seeing you the second weekend in September.

Mark your calendar now, and be sure to send me an RSVP!



Our MC, call sign LOBO 1, otherwise known as LOBO President Jeff Edwards (right), tried to keep some semblance of order during the proceedings. He welcomed the surprising number of attendees during his opening remarks, and remained on hand to introduce our guest speakers.



During the social, Jim Stewart (below) and Fernando Monroy of Falcon, along with "JT" Helms of Chartis (formerly AIG), lead a lively discussion about the continuing insurance challenges Lancair owners face.

JT shared a stark reminder of the economic realities of the situation: In recent years, AIG's claims against



Lancair aircraft were double its revenue in premiums from Lancair customers, obviously un-tenable from a business perspective.

During the discussion, several in the overflow audience (that left more than a few standing) suggested the best way to reverse this alarming situation is through increased emphasis on training and maintenance. This, of course, is one of the driving forces behind the formation of LOBO – we continue to be dedicated to furthering our members' knowledge

and awareness in both of these critical areas.

Another important subject discussed was that of second owners. There are many Lancair owners who purchased their aircraft from a previous owner and, therefore, were not involved in building their aircraft. It seems likely these new owners have a less than complete knowledge of components and systems – certainly less than that of a builder.

LOBO would like to get the word out to these folks, and we could use your help. If you are acquainted with a second generation Lancair owner, please let them know about LOBO. Our training programs can help a new owner get through those critical first 100 hours, and our maintenance seminars can help them develop a better understanding of what it takes to keep these birds flying safely.

Once again, thanks to all who attended our first LOBO Airventure Social. I would especially like to thank everyone for taking the time to RSVP. Knowing in advance the numbers attending helps us pick an appropriate venue.



Social Occasions

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I'm going to make a statement of fact: LOBO members love Airventure at Oshkosh. How do I know? How about 90 attendees at our first Airventure LOBO social?

Held in Oshkosh on July 30 at the Hilton Garden Inn, this first of what we hope will become a lively annual event was sponsored by John Allen, President, Falcon Insurance.

I sure hope everyone enjoyed the evening, and I look forward to many future LOBO social events!

What's Coming Up

Ed & Janie Smith are sponsoring what should be a fun Bonanza/Lancair event Oct 3 at Chesapeake, VA (KPVG).

What's that, you ask? Bonanzas and Lancairs mixing? How'd that happen? Well, Janie and I are both members of the Northeast Bonanza Group (NBG). She and I were asked by the group, to organize a BBB, or Bonanza Breakfast Breakout.

While helping Janie get things together, I had the idea of inviting my LOBO Lancairian friends. I know, I know, they're Beech geeks, but heck, we all like airplanes, and I thought they might like to see some "real nice" airplanes. Seriously, I think the mix of people will be great, and when I made the suggestion to the NBG, they actually seemed enthusiastic – I think some of them are really looking forward to seeing our Lancairs!

This is going to be a fun one folks. First, it's a catered event – BBQ pork, fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, hush puppies, banana pudding, tea and lemonade – with lunch to be served around noon, give or take 30 minutes.

Second, the NBG is generously footing the bill. That's right; all you have to do is show up and enjoy the great food and fellowship!

Hampton Roads Airport is planning an "Airport Day" on the same date. That means there may be some other attractions (besides all the Lancairs and Bonanzas) at the airport that weekend, perhaps even a few vendors.

So let's all put in a good word with the weatherman and Mother Nature, and keep an eye on the LOBO website for any changes. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to 2luv2fly@cox.net so we can be sure to have enough food.

LOBO Talk

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Welcome, and thanks again for reading the third issue of LOBO News! I would like to remind everyone reading this that LOBO News isn't the only avenue of communication we use to keep members up to date – we also have a website.



As LOBO continues to grow and evolve, we hope to continue making improvements in the website and the newsletter.

Although we have already scammed him for some freebies, we are happy to announce that Don Barnes has generously offered to provide us tech support in upgrading and maintaining LOBO's website. Look for those improvements to come soon.

As I have in all the previous issues of LOBO News (get used to it!), I wish to reiterate our need and continuing search for experienced help, you know, volunteers!

If you have the expertise, the time and the inclination to help out, please get in touch with me, Cameron Byrd or Don Barnes. Even if you don't have the skills, if all you have is grand ideas (like us!), please contact me. We want to do whatever we can within our means to make LOBO News and the website a valuable source of information for LOBO members.

What About the Online Forum?

As I mentioned in the last issue of LOBO News, we are still pondering the idea of an online forum. I asked for input from the membership,

specifically if you think such a resource would be worth the time (and likely dollars) to put into such an endeavor.

I would like to ask once again for you to sound off on this. We all (well, probably all) know and love Marv's Lancair Mail List; it has served the Lancair community well for many years. There are, however, a number of advantages to a forum-style, on-line information sharing tool, and we'd like to hear from our members

Email me with your thoughts and opinions, or if you're interested in leading a volunteer effort!

Newsletter Submissions – Please!

As always, we are looking for submissions. If you have something you would like to share with your fellow LOBO members, get in touch with me. Good topics include building & maintenance tips, trip reports, good places to visit or just an idea for a topic you would like to see discussed.

Thanks again for reading, and remember to enjoy your Lancair safely!