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Crosswinds Aplenty

If February this year will be remembered for anything on Airport Manatee, it will be for the constant stiff crosswinds. There have been plenty of opportunities to practice and improve landing with one wing down. That is, unless you are Robert Curtis flying an Ercoupe.

“What crosswind?” he says. “With no rudder pedals, and trailing link gear, the Ercoupe does all the work. Land it wings level in a crab and it rolls right on.”

A little bit of wind (190°, 15 gusting to 22 mpg) didn’t dampen the the spirits of the Friday morning gathering (FAMFAM). If anything, there were more donuts, cookies, brownies, and other munchies than usual. A few adventurous souls braved the crosswinds to fly in and joined us. We are even seeing new faces

and aircraft has our airport family grows. There also seems to be surge in the Cessna 150 population lately.



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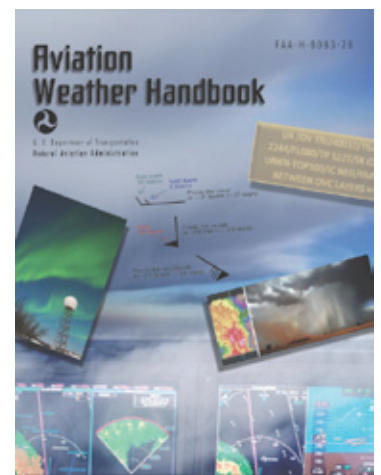
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MAINTENANCE GOING ON



Eleven aircraft got their biannual transponder inspection done on the field. IFR Certified Avionics out of Barstow spent the day hopping from airplane to airplane. Ten out of the eleven aircraft got a pass. Josh Snyder (813) 999-5457 and his partner did a great job.

Wandering around the field on most any day you can find people tinkering on their birds from changing tires to wing repair and cylinder replacement. Bruce Sprouse and Ron Jarvis can show you how to break loose a stubborn tire from

a wheel rim.



FROM PULPIT TO PILOT

Pastor Ron Jarvis is using his God given talent of gab to help a few aircraft owners sell their airplanes. Herb Gonzalez got frustrated with the sales hassle of his Piper Archer and turned it over to Ron. Ron found a buyer from Texas who fell in love with the bird and is giving it a complete referbish. Herb, an A&P (retired) picked up a couple of Cessna 150s badly in need of repair and plans on making one good one out of them. If I have my facts straight, Herb was once an owner in the National Aviation Academy, an aviation maintenance technician school out of Clearwater. (Ron on the left, Herb standing)

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