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Are you a Weather Junkie?

I know I am one! Well, a minor one. For years I denied this fact even though my wife had tired to convince me otherwise. However, the truth came to light this past weekend. I awoke at 6am on Saturday in order to do my chores (feed the horses and clean their stalls) before heading off to the airport to get ready for the Young Eagles event. The first thing I did was turn on the TV to check the weather. It looked lousy. In fact, it looked lousy the two times "your local on the eights" reported the weather. Now, why did I watch it two times? I could say that I missed the first report because the dogs were barking, the neighbor was mowing his yard, or nature was calling. But, I would be lying. The truth is I just like to watch the Weather Channel. I am a minor Weather Junkie! (My wife says I am not a minor one!)

To show further proof. The first thing I do when out of town is to check which TV channel is the Weather Channel. I do this regardless of whether I flew by personal plane, commercial air or drove by car. I even checked to see what channel the weather was on when taking a cruise in the Caribbean. I am a minor Weather Junkie!

I do not know when this condition took over my body. I am sure I was not born with it. As a young kid I would just get up and go outside to play. No weather concerns there. As a teenager in the 60s one just did not think about the weather. Man, a jacket was not cool. Cool was being in a shirt even in the coldest or wettest weather to show the babes how cool you were. Ok, I was a teenager in New Orleans where it does not get below 40 degrees more than once or twice a year. I did start flying in the 70s, but as a young VFR pilot in the south all I had to do was look up. If I saw clouds or if my face got wet, then I did not fly.

Maybe it was my military flying career that brought on this condition. I was forced to be more aware of weather because of mission requirements. Some missions not only took me across the country, but across oceans. Missions that long always made one take a hard look at the weather.

Maybe it was parenthood that made me more aware of weather. Being a parent concerned with my children's health made me check the weather before they went outside. I know my concern about weather increased when we moved to Upper Michigan - 11 months of winter and 30 days of rain as some people see it. It was not that bad, but those sunny winter days with temperatures below freezing were deceptive. I still remember taking my kids trick-or-treating in a snow storm. But, I still did not consider myself a Weather junkie.

Maybe it was the Weather Channel. It started in 1982 but did not gain popularity until later. The Weather Channel made it so easy to look at the weather, not just locally, but everywhere in the country. How could one resist the temptation?

In case you have decided you are also a Weather Junkie, there is a website for you. Go to Weatherjunkie.com. There is even a book "Partly Sunny, The weather junkie's guide to outsmarting the weather" that one can go to for help (in being a junkie, not to stop being one). Will

Presidents Message

We are well into the season of good flying weather. Dale McClure, our Program Chairman, is working on a series of interesting programs. During our recent planning meeting, we discussed how we should utilize some of the funds we have available. There have been some suggestions to purchase different items to have available for use by Chapter members.

We have as yet come to a consensus as to what item(s) to purchase and how to keep track of it, etc. What can we do as a club to support a majority of our members? Please give this some thought and get back to any of your Chapter officers. We recently purchased a set of aircraft jacks. We are discussing heating the hangar next winter. Oshkosh is always on our minds this time of the year--we are hoping to put together a Chapter event one evening at Oshkosh for sure. Ward

May Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be held at 7PM on Monday, May 8th at the main hangar of Hangar One at Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. It is still located on South 132nd Street between O and Harrison.

May Program.

Bob Condrey will talk about his RV-10A. See the picture in the Dec 2005 newsletter or on the Chapter website. I tried to talk him into bringing his project for a "show and tell" event, but logic won out. As you know, you do not want to move an in-progress project unless you have to. Bob is thinking of having a "open house" on Saturday May 13th from 1-3 for those who may want to see his project or to BS. Expect more info at the meeting.

Thanks to TW you will not be missing cookies and coffee this month. TW is filling in for me since I can not make the meeting. I will cover the June meeting. The July meeting will be covered by maybe you!

June Program: We will be having an Old Eagles flying event. So, what is an Old Eagle? Well, it is anyone older than ??? who would like an opportunity to fly in an airplane. So, bring your planes and share a ride with an "Old Eagle" member of our chapter.

EVENTS: (B) - Breakfast

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (B)	Crete, NE
May 6	Fly-in (B) Pancakes	Abilene, KS
May 13	Young Eagles	Millard, NE
May 13	Brats & Hamburgers	Wahoo Hangar
May 13	Fly-In (B) Pancakes	Beaumont, KS
May 20	Spring Fly-In	Newton, KS
May 20	Fly-in (B)	Lee Summit, MO
May 20-21	Iowa Big Kids Toy Show	Iowa City, IA
	Website: http://www.BigKidToyShow.com	
May 20-21	3rd Annual Twin City Air Festival	Festus, Mo
May 21	Fly-In (B)	Cherokee, IA
	(Starts at 7. Free pancakes for pilots plus one. Cessna and Cirrus will have new planes on field for viewing and demo flights. Other used aircraft for sale.)	
May 27-28	Memorial Day Celebration	Fairmont, NE
	(Fly-in for general aviation, ultra-lights, and model airplane enthusiasts. Plus, a guided tours of the historic former Fairmont Army Air Field.)	
Jun 3	Family Fun Day Fly-in	Scottsbluff, NE
Jun 3&4	Wings of Remembrance Airshow	Newton, KS
	Website: www.wingsofremembrance.org	

Jun 3	Airport Dedication/Fly-in (B)	Blair, NE
Jun 3	Fly-In (B)	Audubon, IA
Jun 10&11	Fly Iowa 2006 (B) on 11th	Spencer, IA
	(Annual Iowa airshow event.. Pilot activities and seminars will primarily be on Saturday with a flight breakfast and 2 airshows on Sunday - one in both the morning and afternoon)	
Jun 11	Fly-In (B)	Red Oak, IA
Jun 11	Fly-in (B) pancakes	Lee Summit, MO
Jun 16-18	Cherokee Pilots National Fly-in	Osage Beach, MO
	Website: http://www.cherokeeflyin.com	
Jun 17	Fly-in (B)	Norfolk, NE
Jun 17	Young Eagles	Millard, NE
Jun 18	Open House	Osceola, IA
Jun 24	Young Eagles	Millard, NE
Jun 24&25	EAA Regional Fly-in	Watkins, CO
	(Front Range Airport (FTG) Here is a great opportunity to get involved in the largest EAA event in the Rockies. Start your Colorado vacation here at the 28th Annual RMRFI (Rocky Mountain Regional Fly In). It's only a 15 minute drive from Denver International Airport. Free Camping to all fly-in pilots and visiting volunteers. You can Sign up on line at : http://www.rmrfi.org/).	
Jun 24&25	Aviation Extravaganza III	Kearney, NE
July 8	Young Eagles	Millard, NE
July 24-30	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI

Young Eagles - Once again we were low ceiling/rained/fogged out. Something about April showers bringing May flowers. Talking about May, our next Young Eagle event is 0900 at Millard on Saturday May 13th. See ya there! If you have any questions or want to volunteer, call Jim Ratte.

May Fajitas Madness (MFM) on May 6th, is de sink od (cancelled). Why? Because! Must have something to do with initials. Anyway, we will have a **brats and hamburger feed on May 13th after Young Eagles.** Young Eagles at Millard, feed at The Wahoo Hangar. Remember to bring another pilot to fly the plane if you have to a have a beer with your brats. (Oh, you will also have to bring your own beer) . Expect more info at the meeting.

Blair Airport Website - While looking for info on the Blair airport dedication I found their website which is : www.blairairport.com Checkout this site if you are interested in what is going on or want to review their board minutes. Note: The airport dedication starts at 8am on June 3rd.

EAA Homebuilt Certification Kit: (from EAA ehotline)
EAA's Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Kit includes everything you need to register and certificate a new experimental amateur-built aircraft. The 15-page, step-by-step Certification Guide walks you through the entire process - from getting an N number to the aircraft inspection - and provides samples of how to complete each required form.

EAA staff member and Amateur-Built DAR Joe Norris, who reviewed all of the materials included in the kit, commented, "Whenever I inspect an aircraft for certification, the paperwork is what causes delays more often than anything on the aircraft. This guide will make a homebuilder's inspection go a lot easier."

The certification kit also includes all FAA forms, Experimental sticker (in black), data plate, and a convenient placard decal sheet. Cost for EAA members is \$12.99 plus shipping. The kit is also available for non-members for \$19.99 plus shipping. To order, call EAA Membership Services at 800/JOIN EAA, or visit <<http://shop.eaa.org>>.

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“Of course, you are the best pilot around. Here is a chance to prove yourself. Match your piloting skills, navigation expertise, and precision landings against other pilots with equal self esteem! Compete for trophies and prizes in a super competitive aviation extravaganza across Nebraska. Open to all single and multi-engine aircraft. All experience levels of pilots are welcome. Match your performance to your aircraft operations manual - Identify landmark/checkpoints - Spot Landing Contest.

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The April meeting Minutes will be at the May meeting for review.

Aircraft Instruments Still for Sale: Mike Howard still has a lot of instruments for sale. See the January newsletter for details or call Mike at 402-991-0403.

Own a share of a **1956 Cessna 172 for \$6,000**, 6200 total time. New annual. Engine 600 Hr. since complete/major overhaul. Hangared at MLE (Millard) Presently insured for flight training. Contact Tom Wieduwilt (TW) -- 734-6580 or 305-2303 cell.

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Pictures For May 2006



Just a heads up!
Someone sent me info about a flying Douglas A20G "Havoc" for sale.
The problem is - I lost the website address.
So, I guess someone else will have to buy it.
Any interested buyers out there?