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What is the Title of Your Aviation Image?

I was going through the book store at the EAA web site and found the following book, "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Sport Flying". Man, does that present an image of pilots - "Any idiot can be a pilot". Just imagine your getting on a commercial airliner with your family and you see your pilot reading the above book. Doesn't quite fill you with confidence in the pilot does it?

Now, we all know that the "Complete Idiot's Guide" books not only introduce people to the topic it addresses, but are also very informative and educational on the topics. In fact, I think I have some of these books around my house.

However, if I bought the above book (which I understand is a very good book for beginners and old heads alike) I am sure you would not find it out in plain sight in my house. I would most likely have it hidden in the library in my wife's sewing room. After all, that is not the image I want associated with my aviation skills. I would prefer a book titled "The Golden Hands of Flying Revealed" or "From Novice to Expert - The Flying History of Will Kroeger" or "A Guide to Becoming a Pilot's Pilot" or "Everything You Want to Know About Building an Airplane".

Of course, these titles are what I might want other people to think about my aviation skills. In reality, my books titles would likely be something like: "The Almost Complete Book on Low-Level Flying" or "How to Survive a Crash" or "How Not to Hand Prop a Plane" or "I Learn Something Every Time I Fly" or "How to Start Thinking About Building an Airplane - Volumes I, II & III" or "I Fly Because I Live" or "I Love Flying More Than My Wife" (I hear that comment sometimes at home, but it is not true).

The point I am trying to make here is that we all project some image about our flying/building abilities. Sometimes images are based on our looks or how we fit the image other people have of what a pilot or builder should look like. Many of us probably grew up with that universal image of a pilot being a good looking tall blonde with a square jaw who has a trusted mechanic (builder) who is always covered in grease and only owns one set of overalls. However, if anyone was to look around our Chapter they would be hard pressed to apply these standards in determining who flies, who builds and who does both. Why, because we are all good looking with just a hint of grease.

Even though some of us may meet the above images, the majority of us project our aviation image through our actions and our words. I believe those old sayings like "Action speaks louder than words", "A picture is worth a thousand words" or "Talk is Cheap" apply when your aviation image is being created. So, the question is - do your actions match your words? What image are you projecting? What would be the title of your aviation image? Would it be



Roland Manarin, Gary Johnson and Harlan Hain talked about the building, the specs and the experiences of flying the EPIC.

"How to Forget to Lower Your Landing Gear" or "Who Needs to Read the Owners Manual" or "Ways to Improve Your Flying Ability" or "The Complete Builders Guide" or "The Correct Way to Wire Your Avionics" or "How to Scare those Flying With You"?

Hopefully your title is - "The Qualities of a Good Pilot/Builder"

Will Kroeger

December Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be at 6:30PM on Monday, December 10th at the Tiburon Golf Course Club House at 10302 S. 168th St., Omaha, NE. The club house is north of Hwy 370.

December Program.

We are planning a steak dinner for only \$10 a person. The Chapter is picking up the difference between the actual cost and the \$10. Therefore, we are limiting this good deal to yourself and your guest/date/spouse/significant other. You are welcome to invite others, but they will have to pay \$25. Also, there will be some prizes and gifts. And a cash bar. Please call or email Dale McClure today to place your reservation so we can get a good head count.

Besides eating, drinking and having fun with good ole flying friends, fellow aircraft builders, spouses, and significant others, we will have a program. John Fuller will be giving a talk about his flight to Scotland, not in an airliner but in his Beech A36. Now, that is a long cross country.

Note: We will be charging \$25 at the door if you do not have a reservation.

EVENTS: (B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (0730-1030)	Crete, NE
Dec 6	Winter Flight Safety Meeting & Chile Feed	Hangar One Millard, NE
	Contact Hal Ellis at Hangar One for more details	
Dec 11	FAA Safety team seminar - 7:00 PM	
	Topics: Takeoff and Landing Mishaps / Nebraska Accidents & Incidents, Imminent Approach Control Airspace Changes	
	Location: Duncan Aviation	
	West Engine Shop	
	5000 Northwest 44th Street	
	Lincoln, NE 68524	
Jan 19	Winter Chili Cook Off	Newton, KS
Jan 26	11th Annual Chili Fly-in 1130-1430	Greenfield, IA

Calendars are in - see Scott. We have two boxes. Calendars are selling for \$8.00 each

Jan Daniels will be unavailable until the end of January 2008. Please send or give any money to a Chapter Officer.

Member Needs Help.

Mark Miller is about to start a Zenith 601 project. He is wondering if any members know of a good local source for clecos? He has all the other tools he needs at this time. Are there any members who have finished their project and want to sell them? Thanks for your help.

Received the following from EAA:

TO: ALL EAA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, NEWSLETTER EDITORS

When I read through the history of your EAA, living every day for half a century plus, I truly know how time flies.

I want to share with you some of the thoughts of our members as they appeared in our *Sport Aviation* magazine back in 1963. The organization of dreamers, homebuilders and fellow aviation supporters building/designing their aircraft under the CAA/FAA 51% rule we worked so diligently for and earned is something to be treasured. One can build his or her airplane for educational and recreational purposes and friends can work with you for their own educational value. Really, we can build one half of it – the other half, such as engines, propellers, wheels, brakes, instruments, radios, items not normally within the capabilities of those who work with hand and mind can be purchased. Now we are faced with a situation of the FAA amateur building program being used for commercial purposes – from building complete aircraft or well over the half mark ... not within the intent of the program given to us by those CAA/FAA folks who believed in us. *Let's hope we don't lose this privilege.*

Sincerely,
EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
Paul H. Poberezny
Founder and Chairman of the Board
The Article: "Experimental Or Not" by [the late] Joe Kirk, EAA 2023 Published in *Sport Aviation* magazine; February 1963 can be found at http://www.eaa.org/sportaviation/2007/november/1963_02_kirk.pdf

Would you like to fly a Cessna 172 for \$20/hr.? We are looking for additional members in our flying club. Call Ed Haffke @ 935-0803 or TW @ 305-2303."

The 2008 Chapter Dues are due. See Bob Cartwright if you have not paid!!!!

EAA Chapter 80
November 12, 2007
Official Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Laughlin at 7:00 at Hanger One, MLE, Omaha, NE.

- Scott Laughlin, President
- Dale McClure, Vice President
- Don Meyer, Secretary
- Jan Daniels, Treasurer
- A dinner was served.
- Charles Byrd was introduced as a guest.

Treasurers Report:

- None

Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made and passed to accept the previous month's minutes.

Young Eagles:

- 11 YE flown on Nov. 10th.

Builder's Reports:

- Dave Miller reported on his Zenith 601XL
- TW reported that he is working on the canopy for his RV-6.
- There were 11 members at the meeting who are currently in the building process.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- None

Fly-Out Report:

- Poker Run cancelled due to weather, Chili feed went ahead as scheduled.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Chapter Christmas Party is Dec. 10th at Tiburon Golf Course. \$10.00 for member and guest if purchased before Dec. 1. \$25.00 at the door.

Librarian Report:

- None

Web Site:

- www.eaa80.org

Program:

- Kevin Faris presented a video of his RV-7 during its first flight.
- Harlan Hain and Roland Manarin had Roland's Epic Aircraft in the hanger and shared their experience building and flying this new aircraft.

Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer
Secretary

1966 Cessna 150F commuter for sale. Total time about 6000 hours. Engine about 250 hrs (SMOH). Original paint, good interior. VAL 720 com, KT76 transponder with altitude encoder. Wheel pants and back seat (very rare option). Alternator, Autogas STC. Current annual, no problems. \$13K or so. Hangared at Blair. Contact Terry Wilwerding 342-2795 tmjw@creighton.edu

Cessna 150 for sale. Ron Wood is selling his Cessna 150 for \$20,500.

For sale — Extra Stuff left over from Jerry Mason's L-3 (Champ) rebuild. All are new and unopened.

Stits Poly Spray	2 gallons	\$66.10 each when purchased
Stits Poly Brush	1 gallons	\$67.20 when purchased
Stits Poly Fiber RR 8500	3 quarts	\$9.53 each when purchased
Air Tech RT4085 Rev4 Reducer	1 gallon	\$47.08 when purchased
Air Tech PCU2030F Primer Filler	1 quart	\$57.38 when purchased
Air Tech PFU1030F Primer Filler	1 gallon	\$120.41 when purchased

Listed price or make offer. Email: mason.jerry@cox.net or Phone: 393-0361



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Roland's new plane - Epic.



Roland's old plane - Lancair IV-P Turbine