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Rules of the Air

I was going to do an article on using the AOPA medical form as mentioned by Jim Steier during his talk last month. However, I ran out of time. So instead, I have pulled the following from my "List of things to use when I run out of time" file.

This appeared in a 2000 issue of Australian Aviation Magazine. (Sent to me by Jim Rush)

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
4. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
5. The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it tops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
7. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
8. A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
10. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
11. The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice versa.
12. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
13. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.
14. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.
15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
17. Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.
18. If all you can see out of the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.
19. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.



Jim Steier talking about being an AME.
Photo by Dick Austin

20. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.
21. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
22. Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.
23. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.
24. The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second ago.

I'll work on that AOPA form for next month.
Will Kroeger

February Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be at 7PM on Monday, February 11th at the main hangar of Hangar One at Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. It is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

February Program.

Our speaker for the month is Tim Ryan from Omaha TRACON/ATC. He will be discussing GA Pilot use and interaction with Omaha TRACON. Mark Grant, the new TRACON Manager, may also be there. Now, what is the proper format for that initial radio contact with approach control???

March Project Tour: Doug Humble has volunteered to coordinate a tour of Chapter member's projects. Please contact Doug if you have a project in the works that you are willing to share with chapter members. It can be in your hangar, your garage or even your basement.

Volunteer of the Year: I do not know if we have ever had one before, but Leonard Lawton earned it this year for all the things he has done for this Chapter. Say thanks to Leonard when you see him.

The Chapter officers are looking into forming a Chapter **Financial Committee**. This committee would include as a minimum the Vice President, Treasurer and a member at large. Some of it's activities would be: create an annual budget; establish proper financial procedures; and conduct an annual audit. Please talk to TW, Jim or Jan if you are interested in helping this committee.

EVENTS: (B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch
 1st Sat Chapter 1055 (B) York, NE
 3rd Sat Chapter 569 (0730-1030) Crete, NE

FAA Presents: IFR secrets for pilots who fly IFR & those working on their Instrument Rating
 When: Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM
 Where: University of Nebraska, 6001 Dodge Street, Arts and Sciences Bldg - RM101, Omaha, NE 68182

You can still get a 2008 Calendar - they look good in your hangar. See a Chapter officer.

Chapter 2008 Young Eagle Schedule: (From Jim Ratte)

19 April, 0900 Millard Airport
 17 May, 0900 Millard Airport
 14 June, 0800 Millard for the Air and Space Museum Summer Camp Kids plus open for other YE flights to recognize International Young Eagles Day
 15 June, 0900 Millard (Rain Date) for the Air and Space Museum Summer Camp Kids
 28 June, 0800 Millard Airport
 19 July, 0800 Millard Airport for the Air and Space Museum Summer Camp Kids
 20 July, 0900 Millard (Rain Date) for the Air and Space Museum Summer Camp Kids
 2 Aug, 0800 Millard Airport for the Air and Space Museum Summer Camp Kids
 3 Aug, 0900 Millard (Rain Date) for the Air and Space Museum Summer Camp Kids
 TBD Sep, 0800 Plattsmouth King Korn Carnival
 11 Oct, 0900 Millard Airport
 1 Nov, 0900 Millard Airport
 Mark your calendars with the above dates and let Jim know if you can help.

EAA Air Academy Summer Camp is approaching and it's never too early to begin planning. If you have an individual interested in attending and desire Chapter 80 sponsorship, contact Jim Ratte. The different camp dates and costs are:
 Young Eagles (Ages 12-13): \$600 15-19 June and 21-25 June
 Basic (Ages 14-15): \$800 27 June-2 July, 6-11 and 13-18 July
 Advanced (Ages 16-18): \$1000 22-30 July and 1-9 August
 See www.youngeagles.org for more details

Rotax Gearbox MSB Issued (from AVWEB)
 Rotax has issued a mandatory service bulletin affecting specific 912 and 914-series engine gearboxes after a fault was found with the material used in making the gears. Under severe operating conditions, it's possible for gear teeth to break. The fix calls for replacement of the gears but the good news is that Rotax is paying for it. Removal and replacement of the gearbox, the gear set and the installation of the new gears is all covered, as is the freight.

FAA, LOCKHEED NEED TO HEAR ABOUT FLIGHT SERVICE GLITCHES (from AOPA online)
 They're listening, but pilots aren't reporting. The FAA and Lockheed Martin created the toll-free hotline (888/FLT-SRVC) to discover glitches pilots are experiencing with flight service and then use the information to fix them. The problem is that pilots are not reporting their complaints or compliments through the hotline. "This past summer, calls were topping 130 to 150 a week. Now the number of complaints ranges from 10 to 30 a week, on average," said Melissa Rudinger, AOPA vice president of regulatory affairs. We (pilots) demanded this toll-free number as a way to help fix the flight service station (FSS) system, but it won't be effective unless we start reporting what's working and what's not. The FAA and Lockheed can't fix glitches they don't know exist.

P.S. This is your last newsletter if you have not paid your 2008 dues. See Bob Cartwright.

EAA Chapter 80
January 14,2008
Official Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wieduwilt at 7:00 at Hanger One, Millard Airport, Omaha, NE.

- Tom Wieduwilt, President
 - Jim Ratte, Vice President,
 - Don Meyer, Secretary
 - Jan Daniels, Treasurer
- One guest present

Treasurers Report:

- Income \$936.00, Expenses \$512.40, Net income \$423.60. Balance \$2781.91. Total cash assets \$11,895.48.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Young Eagles:

- 2008 dates are being determined as always we need pilots and ground crew.
- The chapter has received Air Camp credits for the YE's flown last year.

Builder's Reports:

- Tom Weiduwilt reported on his RV-6 and Scott Laughlin presented a video of his Zenith CH601XL in flight.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- Mike Howard discussed the mandatory Van's service bulletin regarding all 2 place craft with a nose wheel
- Mike also discussed automotive fuel containing E-10.

Fly-Out Report:

- No Report

Old Business:

- Chili feed at Wahoo hanger. Chapter members were reminded to please park in designated parking lot so we keep our hanger neighbors happy!
- Food will not be provided before chapter meetings this year.

New Business:

- Doug Humble recommended a Project Tour be held in March. He will plan the event so members can observe the different projects being built by chapter members.

Librarian Report:

- We need to clean out our magazine supply. Please take any you are interested in.
- Leonard Lawton donated a table to the chapter.

Web Site:

- www.eaa80.org

Program:

- Jim Steier, MD discussed the process he went through to become an AME and discussed some general medical issues important to all who are pilots.

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

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.



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The best looking table at the Chapter
Holiday party.



Another good looking table.
Both photos by Scott Laughlin.