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FAA Notice Answers EAAs' Call to Protect 51%-Approved Aircraft Kits

(From EAA Website—April 18, 2008) As foreshadowed in an announcement made at Sun 'n Fun last week by the FAA's Small Airplane Directorate manager, the agency today posted to the Federal Register a policy decision to not re-evaluate any previously approved aircraft kits under its forthcoming new policy on amateur-built certification.

"The policy published today represents a significant victory in the EAA community's ongoing advocacy to preserve the enormous recreational and educational value of the vast majority of today's amateur-building practices," said Earl Lawrence, EAA vice president of industry and regulatory affairs.

The FAA's statement reassures aircraft-kit manufacturers and customers that - as the agency firms up its policy on interpreting and enforcing the requirement that amateur builders personally perform more than half (51% or more) of the construction tasks in building their aircraft - the FAA will not disqualify any kits that it had already approved. (Go to EAA website for list of approved kits.)

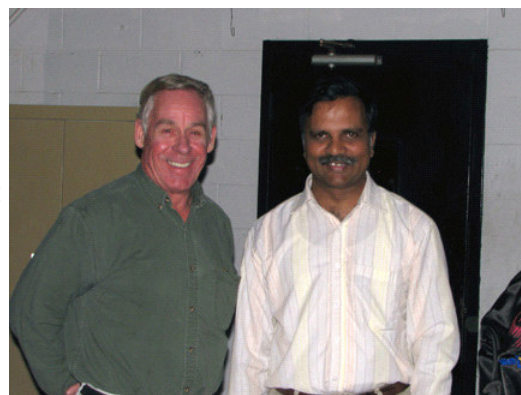
"The FAA continues to forecast more stringent standards for determining the amateur builder's contribution," Lawrence said. "Now, however, aircraft-building enthusiasts who are working on or planning to purchase a kit already on the FAA's 'approved' list may rest assured. They won't have the rug pulled out from under them."

For more than two years, the FAA has expressed concerns that prefabrication and commercial builder assistance are diminishing some amateur builders' actual contributions to construction. The agency has indicated it will announce revised enforcement policies as early as the end of this month.

"Because a comprehensive policy revision is still coming, we in the EAA community must remain vigilant," Lawrence added. "As we have from the beginning, we must continue to protect the amateur builder's privilege to construct aircraft of any technical and performance specifications.

"Furthermore, we must be ready to respond once we've seen the FAA's policy revision. Many questions still confront aircraft-building enthusiasts, so the FAA's new vision of how to interpret and enforce the 51% requirement remains a concern."

Accordingly, Lawrence reminds amateur builders that certification of a completed aircraft construction project is not a foregone conclusion - even for kits on the approved list. "This



John Linke (L) with our April guest speaker Brian Thomas (R). His talk on flying in India made us realize how good we have it here. (But don't tell that to the FAA.) Photo by Dick Austin

latest notice reminded us that the FAA determines whether an amateur builder personally contributed enough to the construction of a particular aircraft when the FAA performs the airworthiness inspection," he said. "The builder still has to show that he or she did the work.

"Theoretically, a kit could be on the approved list with the assumption that it qualifies only if the amateur personally performs all of the construction tasks that remain after the kit manufacturer prefabricates and pre-assembles certain components. This is why we must be careful to fully understand the new enforcement criteria that the FAA will soon publish."

In the mean time, Lawrence advises all amateur builders to adopt scrupulous record keeping practices. "The best practice is to carefully document your work as you progress through a project," he said.

May Meeting Time & Location.

This month's meeting is on Monday May 12th at 7:00 PM at Hangar One at Millard Airport. It is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

May Program.

Our guest speakers will be Kevin Faris and Ron Wood. They will be talking about what they learned in building their RVs and will hopefully pass along some tips. We should hear the good, the bad and the ugly.

THE B-17 IS COMING. THE B-17 IS COMING. It will be here June 26-30. We are planning on hosting the B-17 at Plattsmouth airport so as to get away from the security headaches of Eppley. In addition, this will allow us to host a Young Eagles event at the same time. Kevin Faris has volunteered to chair this project and is currently working very hard to get things going. However, he will need volunteers to help set up the event and volunteers to work the event. Please contact Kevin to let him know how you can help.

Did I mention we are hosting a Chapter picnic after the flying is done on the 28th? Please keep these dates open on your calendar.

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

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (0730-1030)	Crete, NE
17 May	Young Eagles (0900)	Millard, NE
17 May	Fly-in (B)	Lee's Summit, MO
18 May	Fly-in (B)	Kimball, NE
24 May	Fly-in (B)	Newton, IA
25 May	Evelyn Sharp Days Fly-in (B)	Ord, NE
01 June	Fly-in (B)	Central City, NE
08 June	Fly-in (B)	Fairbury, NE
14 June	Young Eagles (0800)	Millard, NE
14 June	Fly-in	Independence, KS
14 June	Fly-in (B)	Brookfield, MO
15 June	Fly-in (B)	Creighton, NE

15 June	Fly-in (B)	Spencer, IA
15 June	Fly-in (B)	Harlan, IA
19-20 June	American Barnstormers Tour	Council Bluffs, IA
21 June	Fly-in (B)	Council Bluffs, IA
21-22 June	American Barnstormers Tour	Hastings, NE
20-21 June	State Fly-in	Holdgere, NE
27-30 June	B-17 Tour	Plattsmouth, NE
28 June	Young Eagles	Plattsmouth, NE
1-2 July	B-17 Tour at Lincoln	

The 2008 "Barnstorming the Heartland" Tour Dates are:

June 15-16	Iowa City, Iowa (IOW)
June 17-18	Ames, Iowa (AMW)
June 19-20	Council Bluff, Iowa (CBF)
June 21-22	Hastings, Nebraska (HSI)
June 23-24	Great Bend, Kansas (GBD)
June 25-26	Wichita, Kansas (AAO)
June 27	Emporia Kansas (EMP)
June 27-28	Lee's Summit, Missouri (LXT)
June 29-July 1	Jefferson City, Missouri (JEF)

Young Eagles. 23 kids were flown on April 19th. We broke a record for volunteer pilots; thank you for the support. The next event will be **May 17 at 0900 Millard Airport.** We are asking everyone to help advertise the event and make it a goal to send 1 eligible person to the event. See the flyer and cards sent with this newsletter.

EAA Criticizes White House Over Veto Threat (From EAA webpage)

May 1, 2008 — EAA is criticizing the threat of a presidential veto issued this week by the White House Office of Management and Budget should President Bush be presented with FAA reauthorization legislation that does not contain user fees. As EAA reported earlier this week, a compromise has been reached between the Senate Finance and Commerce committees resulting in elimination of the administration's proposed \$25 user fee for IFR flights that had caused widespread opposition in the general aviation community. The compromise, once finalized, would maintain the excise tax structure for funding the FAA and the aviation trust fund, with an increase in GA jet fuel taxes from 21.8 cents per gallon to 36 cents, and no increase in the Avgas (100LL) tax. In its "Statement Of Administration Policy" issued on April 29, OMB states, "If the President is presented with a bill that... excludes the critical reforms proposed by the Administration...his senior advisors would recommend that he veto it."

Doug Macnair, EAA vice president of government affairs, criticized the veto threat, especially at a time when both houses of Congress appear to finally be on the same page. "The Administration does not want to sign off on a bill that excludes user fees from the equation, despite wide bi-partisan agreement to the contrary," he said. "The House last year, and now the Senate, have taken user fees off the table, and the Administration, by threatening to veto the final bill, would rather hold up progress on critical equipment and infrastructure needs at a highly critical time for the FAA. This casts doubt, uncertainty, and unpredictability on the outcome, and this is a time when we need true leadership." As the Senate continues its consideration of floor actions on HR 2881, EAA encourages members to contact the White House to voice their objections to this veto threat.

EAA Chapter 80
April 14, 2008
Official Meeting Minutes

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

- Tom Wieduwilt, President
 - Jim Ratte, Vice President,
 - Don Meyer, Secretary
 - Jan Daniels, Treasurer
- No guest present

Treasurers Report:

- Expenses \$2,299.43, Income \$418.00, Checking balance \$727.58, Money Market Account balance \$4,599.60. CD balance \$2,868.08. Total Cash Assets as of \$8,195.26.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Young Eagles:

- 2008 dates are in newsletter and on website.
- Next event April 19th, Millard Airport
- Chapter has \$250.00 credit available for YE camp.
- Agreed to open chapter store with items for sale at YE events and B-17 event.
- Chapter will reimburse YE pilots \$1.00 per gallon used during event.

Builder's Reports:

- RV-10 Bob Condrey moved his plane to his MLE hanger for completion.
- RV-8A Tim Hewett has completed the wings.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- Insurance concerns: Letting your medical lapse may also cause your insurance coverage to lapse.

Fly-Out Report:

- Chapter will plan a poker run in near future.

Old Business:

- **B-17** at Plattsmouth June 27, 28, 29th for flights and walking tours. Kevin Faris is in charge of arrangements and we need volunteers for the event with security, safety, escorts, souvenir shop, food sales and advertising. Tom Mann has volunteered to head the advertising and we will have a Gator to transport visitors who need assistance.

New Business:

- Harlon Hain presented an opportunity to fly in to Offutt on August 9th for tour of facilities and possible event on Aug 10th. He will update us at next meeting. 15 members indicated interest in participating.

Librarian Report:

- Magazines will be collected and shipped to our service people in Iraq and Afghanistan. Drop off any you would like to donate.

Web Site:

- www.eaa80.org
- Ameet and his wife have a new baby. Congratulations to them!

Program:

- Indian Aviation by Brian Thomas. Makes us all realize how fortunate we are to fly in the United States.

Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer
Secretary

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

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

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

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.

Hey, does anyone still need a 2008 calendar? We still have a few. See Jan at the meeting.



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BUSHBY MUSTANG II KITPLANE FOR SALE \$9,000.00

Folding wings, completely unassembled, 25 gallon fuel tank, can accommodate an engine up to 210 HP. Aviation tools pertinent to this kit are available and can be purchased separately. If interested call Bev Strega 493-2198.

Also, specific information about the Mustang II can be obtained through the internet at <http://www.mustangaero.com>

(Both pictures are from the Mustang website. Left shows parts in Standard Kit - Will)