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When Do You Decide Not To Go?

Last month we talked about your minimums for flying. Now I would like to cover when you decide that your minimums have been exceeded or there are other factors that have you deciding not to fly or to land early. I know that there may be no real distinction between these two subject. Why? Well, if you have already decided your minimums, and they have not been met, then it is a no brainer that you have already decided to not fly. The example I used last month was waking up to fog and deciding not to go for that \$100 breakfast. You could still go by car, then it wouldn't be \$100. (Do not tell my wife that part, I continually tell her that it is cheaper the more we fly.)

The timing of the decision to not fly varies based on each situation. The old saying, "If you have time to spare, go by air" comes into play for the timing of some decisions. The fog that is hanging over the airport at 7am may dissipate by 8am, the thunder storms enroute may move out of your direction of flight or the low ceilings at your destination may rise. These types of decision are the "wait-and-see" type. You have decided to not go for now, but you still want to go. So, you are waiting to see if the conditions improve to a point where you will decide to go later. One of the pitfalls of this decision type is the possibility of "get-home-itis" overriding common sense, which might result in someone violating their minimums.

One factor that plays into when a decision is made is experience. A new pilot may be unsure how to handle a new situation, whereas an experienced pilot has the ability to relate a new situation to a previous experience. Experience adds to ones ability to answer the questions of "can I handle this situation?" or "is this really right/safe/correct/smart?". Experience also tells you that the weather is beyond your capability; that the rough engine will not clear up by leaning the mixture more; that your spouse really does not mind if you get home 3 days late; that big people in the back seat impact how the airplane reacts to pitch input (cg shift) or that there is no runway in Arizona long enough for at takeoff when you have more than two people in a Warrior 160 during the summer.

Other factors that might play into when a decision is made is the fear of being wrong, second guessed, embarrassed or ridiculed. What if I am wrong? What if I do not have all the facts? Do I understand the facts? Could I be missing something that I should know? What will ____ think? I'll look stupid if I ask a question about this! It is a mental game that could lead to indecision or worse, an actual wrong decision. We are all trained to make what we call the "right decision", but in reality we sometimes make decisions based on what we think other people may think we should make. I believe these factors are over come with experience.

So, how long have you waited to make a decision? One place you do not want to be when you make a decision not to go is when you have already gone. Now, I am not talking about the times when unexpected things happen while flying. I am talking about the decision that should have been made on the ground. If you are on a VFR flight and are 2 miles from the airport and can not see the airport, it might have been wise to decide before takeoff not to go. Especially if the reported and forecast weather indicated that it was not going to be VFR. However, this should not stop you from taking off and flying in VFR as long as you are ready to make that airborne decision not to continue before your encounter non-VFR weather. The airborne decision is easier to make if you have preplanned an alternate plan, which might include returning to your takeoff airport or diverting to an alternate that is known to be VFR.

Your decisions should be based on your personal minimums and in a timely manner. Do not wait to make that decision you know needs to be made.

Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be held at 7PM on Monday, March 13th at the FNG Hangar at Plattsmouth Airport. It is the large hangar to the north of the FBO office. Plattsmouth airport (PMV) is located south of Plattsmouth on Hwy 75. Stay on Hwy 75 until south of Plattsmouth. Take a right on Church Road, which is the first right after the highway goes back to two lanes. Another option is to just fly in.

March Program.

Kevin Faris and his RV-7 will be our program. His main topic will be about wiring, but I am sure he will answer any questions you may have on RVs. See his pictures on the last page.

We are still looking for that person willing to purchase cookies, show up 30 minutes early and make the coffee for the meetings. TW can't do the audio setup and make coffee each meeting. The cookies etc will be paid for by the chapter. Please contact a chapter officer.

EVENTS:

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 breakfast	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 breakfast	Crete, NE
Mar 18	Fajitas Madness 12:00 to 13:00	Wahoo Hangar
Apr 08	Fly-In (B) Pancakes	Beaumont, KS
Apr 08	K-State Fly-In (B)	Salina, KS

(Come tour K-State at Salina's aviation program and check out the campus-wide open house! The fly-in starts at 8 with a pancake breakfast. An FAA Wings seminar will be held at 10 a.m. Flower Aviation will offer a 50 cent per gallon discount on avgas that day for fly-in participants!)

Apr 4-10	Sun-N-Fun*	Lakeland, FL
May 13	Fly-In (B) Pancakes	Beaumont, KS
May 20	Spring Fly-In	Newton, KS
May 20-21	Iowa Big Kids Toy Show	Iowa City, IA
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.)

Jun 24&25	EAA Regional Fly-in	Watkins, CO
July 24-30	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI

Young Eagles

Well, it isn't a day in May, but that feeling is getting closer. Here are the dates on the calendar so far...will take other requests. Start with that volunteer spirit and sign up early! All times are 0900 at Millard.

April 29th, May 13th, June 17th with the 18th as backup date for SAC Museum Campers, June 24th, and July 8th. No dates set for Sep/Oct/Nov...will worry about them later. Jim Ratte

March Fajitas Madness (MFM). TW and his gang of merry cooks are at it again. This time they are preparing to tempt our taste buds with steak and chicken fajitas at

the now famous Wahoo Hangar. Tom has asked me to pick a date. So, I pick Saturday March 18th at 1200. Why? Well, I don't have anything else planned that day. TW did say they will need a head count for this one. So, call TW or see him at the meeting on the 13th if you want to be there for fun and food or if you are willing to help out.

Have you seen the new button on our website? Scott has added a button for events. Right now it only has the proposed dates for Young Eagle flights. But, it could have more info if there are people out there willing to submit event dates to Scott. This button will help you find the date, time and location of any listed event.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR - Bob Cartwright
CAUTION CAUTION Any 2006 dues not paid are now delinquent. If you have not paid your 2006 dues, this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue to be a member of EAA Chapter 80, then please make your \$20 dues check payable to EAA Chapter 80 and mail to:

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AVI8ORS TO PERFORM BENEFIT CONCERT FOR NATIONAL GUARD FAMILIES - by Bob Moser

The AVI8ORS Ensemble will perform a benefit concert for the families of the Nebraska National Guard troops currently deployed. Funds raised will help cover the high shipping costs of sending packages to loved ones "in harm's way" around the world. In addition to the AVI8ORS music, NE Governor Dave Heineman and Major General Roger Lempke of the Nebraska National Guard will be speakers for the event. The event, dubbed "Remember Our Heroes - Past and Present" will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday March 28th, 2006 at Westside Church in Omaha. This modern 1600 seat facility is located at 15050 W Dodge Road and has full handicap access.

The AVI8ORS Ensemble is a popular Omaha based musical group which performs the music of the WWII era in USO show style, using the original melodies and harmonies of the 1940s. Since 1999, they have performed for audiences all over the US and were ultimately honored in 2004 by performing for the WWII Memorial dedication ceremonies in Washington DC. Called a "high quality act" by critics, the group blends subtle choreography and dialog with their music. Group members perform in authentic World War II uniforms, which add the proper sights to complement the vintage sounds.

"Ours is a very patriotic show with rich harmonies and war-era music. We're obviously excited to share our performance with people who've dedicated their lives to ensuring our freedom and security," said the group's director, Bob Moser. "The group's repertoire consists of about 85 songs from the 30s and 40s. These are joyful, moving, sentimental and sometimes silly tunes that characterize a love of life and country," Moser said. The group is currently seeking corporate or private sponsorship for this event so that 100% of the \$10 suggested gate donation will go to the NE Guard families.

Additional information is available by calling the AVI8ORS office at 402-216-4847 or on the AVI8ORS website - www.avi8ors.com.

EAA Chapter 80 February 2006 Minutes

February 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Dale McClure at the Millard American Legion Hall on February 13th. In attendance were 48 members and two guests.

A motion was made and passed to accept the January minutes.

Treasurers Report:

- Treasurer Rob Hansen reported expenses of \$328.01, income of \$535.99 and a balance of \$6,519.91 in the checking account. Total Cash assets were reported to be \$13,164.11. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report. A motion was made maintain a \$2,000 balance in the checking account and deposit the rest in a CD. The motion carried.

Young Eagles:

- Upcoming events have been posted on the website (www.eaa80.org)

Builder's Reports:

- Bob Condrey, Scott Laughlin, Tom Wieduwilt and Kevin Faris reported progress made on their aircraft projects.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor: Nothing to report

Fly-out Schedule: Tom Weiduwilt is planning a Fajita Feast on a Saturday at the Wahoo Hangar.

Librarian Report: A general call was made for books and tapes that were checked out to be returned.

Old Business: No old business was discussed

New Business:

- Pat Houlihan mentioned that he has the scales if anybody needs them.
- Leigh Hedrick announced there will be a dedication at the Blair airport on June 3rd and the Governor will be in attendance.
- Mariano Rosales announced that he is willing to organize a group photo shoot to keep costs at a minimum and is looking for interested parties with flying aircraft. His website is <http://www.12oclocklevel.com/> if anyone is interested in having their aircraft photographed in flight.
- Aircraft parts were displayed from various member's projects.

Monthly Raffle:

- Leigh Hedrick donated a shirt that was given away in the raffle along with a plastic model of a J-3 cub.
- Scott Laughlin won the cash and donated it back to the chapter.

Program:

- Mr. Dale McClure presented a portion of a video "In the Shadow of the Blade" about Vietnam helicopter pilots and the folks touched by them and the Huey helicopter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Have a good day,
Scott Laughlin

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.

This may be your last chance to get one or both of the 2 remaining cases of AeroShell 15-50 oil for \$35/case. Call 402-733-1740 or visit with Robert Veneck at the meeting to arrange your purchase.

Stits Sky coupe side-by-side with stick project. 90hp Franklin with 50hrs. Needs wing rebuilt, prop, windshield, interior and cowling. Stored 3-4 years. \$5800. Contact Dick Baber 712-322-8074 or 402-697-5160 or dickbaber@att.net

A share of a **1956 Cessna 172 for \$6,000**, 6200 total time. 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.

Cont 0200A out of C150, Overhaul 9-19-79, Tach time: 3780, 1244 Hrs. on eng. Complete engine...everything there. Call: Jan Daniels Home: 402-493-0789 (try 1st) or Cell: 402-670-2375.

FREE for the Taking - 42 inch high 4'x 8' work bench at the Wahoo Hangar. We need the space. Contact Ron Wood for more info.



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Picture For March 2006



The pictures may be small, but Kevin Faris' dreams are big.
Come to the meeting at PMV and get a closer look at his work.

Photos by Kevin Fairs