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Short Stuff

No, this article is not going to be about stuff that is short, but short comments on two topics, hence the short stuff.

Topic one. The FAA decided to pull my medical in August because it "discovered" that I had been taking a banned medicine. Now, by "discovered" I mean that the FAA looked at my application and noticed the medicine I have been taking, and listing on my applications for 15 years, was banned in 2002. Their answer to my question as to why they failed to catch this years ago, "Feel lucky that it took us this long". Well, I do not feel lucky!

Well, I do because my AME is our own Jim Steier. He called me and we discussed the FAA decision and my options. Then he called the FAA and had some heartfelt talks with them as to what they and he could do to help get my medical back. To my surprise he managed to get the timeline reduced for getting my medical back after going off this medicine.

Status - I am currently working with my doctors at the VA to get off this medicine or to at least replace it with something the FAA will accept.

Topic two. Like most of you I have received the governments official notification that "Satellite Coverage of 121.5 MHz ELTs ends February 1, 2009". They recommend that we buy 406 MHz ELTs. However, I still have not received my check from the government to buy one of these \$945 to \$1500 devices. I think I will just keep my old 121.5 MHz ELT and hope someone is listening when I get into trouble.

I guess I could buy a \$650 406 MHz GPS Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). I could pay less, around \$400, to get one with a GPS Interface. But, in an emergency I don't think I would have time to download my position from my GPS to this PLB. Another option is to get a SPOT - a Satellite Personal Tracker. So, when they offered a free SPOT at Oshkosh when you purchased a one year subscription to their service, I got one.

After using the SPOT and reviewing internet discussions on the differences between it and the 406 PLB I have some basic info. They both basically fulfill the same function, which is to alert someone to come and get you when you find yourself in a jam. Both require you to activate any request for help. Cost - SPOT is ~ \$170 with a \$100/year fee (+another \$50 for tracking option). 406 PLB - see cost above - has no annual fee. Monitoring Agency - Both provide 24x7 monitoring. PLB's by NOAA a government agency. SPOT is by a private company. Monitoring Satellites - PLB's use high orbit government satellites. SPOT uses privately owned low orbit satellites. SPOT has some problems when it does not have clear sky access. Emergency Response - Both systems have claims of "Saves". SPOT uses a private emergency response center (GEOS) to monitor the SPOT system which will contact the appropriate emergency responders based on your location and personal information. The 406



Steve Bennett at the September meeting.
Photos by Dick Austin

PLBs use the national COSPAS-SARSAT satellite notification system.

Additional Features - PLB none. SPOT has two additional buttons to allow you to send one of two prewritten text messages to 10 cell phones and/or email accounts. One is to summon non-emergency help, the other is to check in. There is also a tracking function which logs your position every 10 minutes and stores it to your SPOT account. I will have my SPOT at the next meeting if you have questions.

Will Kroeger

October Meeting Time & Location.

This month's meeting is on Monday **October 13th at 6:30 PM** at the Iowa Western Hangar at Council Bluffs Airport. It is located at. There will be pizza, so please RSVP to a Chapter officer so we can get a good idea of the number of pizzas to order.

Also, we are starting to take orders for the December program. See comments below.

Chapter Logo Apparel: Jim Ratte will have sample hats, t-shirts and polo shirts with the Chapter 80 Logo. He will be taking orders which allows you to place special orders to include size, color and texture (cotton or 50/50 blend). In addition, he will be stocking up on hats and t-shirts for future sales. He will also be taking orders for coffee mugs. You can place your order by email if you can't make the meeting or if you can't wait.

October Program.

Gene Jedlicki, an instructor at Iowa Western community college. Topic: Iowa Western Aircraft Maintenance Program. The program will be at Iowa Western community college next to the **Council Bluffs airport at 6:30 pm** with Pizza. \$6/ person to cover cost.

Nov 10: Scott E. Tarry, PhD Professor & Director, Aviation Institute Director, NASA Nebraska Space Grant and EPSCoR, Topic: UNO Aviation Program introduction. The program will be at the new UNO aviation facility at 6001 Dodge Street Allwine Hall 422 Omaha, NE.

Mark your calendars for our Chapter Christmas Party on 8 Dec, in place of our regular monthly meeting. The event will be held at Anthony's Steak House on 72nd beginning with a cash bar at 6:30pm, dinner 7-8, dessert and program 8-9 (or so). Cost for tickets will be \$30 per ticket; the intent is not to draw funds from the Chapter account for this event. Menu will be his or hers Top Sirloins, Fish (Walleye), or Chicken. I could use volunteers to help with:

- Ticket sales and name tags
- Raffle prizes...entry free with ticket price
- Desert Honcho (multiple birthday cakes for the group vice buying desert)
- Table/Hall decorations and flowers for the ladies (basics already provided by Anthony's)

Need a Dec program...did I mention that I need a Dec program?

I volunteer TW for the music (he will play live, we will



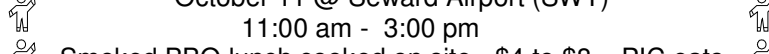
have a couple of sing-alongs led by TW, and the gaps will be covered by professionals on CD). He of course will MC the event and say all sorts of good end-of-year things and hand out really expensive awards. (AV/PA stuff provided by Anthony's)

Jim will start taking reservations and cash at the October meeting.

Young Eagles. Thanks to the high winds and overcast skies at Plattsmouth on the 14th we decided it was better to eat breakfast, then go home and do chores. **Our next event is at 0900 on October 11th at Millard and we expect ~ 50 kids. Please call Jim Ratte if you can help.**

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

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| 1st Sat | Chapter 1055 (B) (0800-1000) | York, NE |
| 3rd Sat | Chapter 569 (B) (0800-1000) | Crete, NE |

 **FLY-IN AND MOTORCYCLE RALLY** 
October 11 @ Seward Airport (SWT)
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Smoked BBQ lunch cooked on site - \$4 to \$8 PIC eats 1/2 off. More info: Seward Airport 402-643-2125. 

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| 18 Oct | Fly-in (B) | Lee's Summit, MO |
| 18 Oct | Fly-in (B) | Newton, KS |
| 18 Oct | Fly-in (B) pancakes | Hutchinson, KS |
| 28-31 Jan | NE Aviation Symposium & Maintenance Seminar | Kearney, NE |

<http://avmechseminar.org>

Poker Run and Chili Feed at the Wahoo Hangar. There were 20 card players flying in 11 airplanes. Ken Bahr & Dick Austin where the first plane out of Wahoo in a Cessna 172 in order to place the cards in Fremont, Scribner, Columbus and David City. The winner's were:

First place - Dorothy Brandt \$90.00
Second place - Jim Ratte \$45.00
Third place - Ron Wood \$20.00

The other contestants were:

Dale McClure & Carolyn Mason in a Glstar
Scott Laughlin & his daughter in Zenith 601XL
Don Meyer & guest co-pilot in a Decathlon
Rick Nordgarden in a Citabria
Pat & Dorothy Brandt in a RV-10
Bill & Susan Stromenger in a Arrow PA28-200
Jim Ratte & guests in a Archer II
Jim Rush & Jerry Mason in a Cherokee PA -28 180
Steve Ousley in a Glstar
Ronye Mckay Jane and Ron Wood in a Cardinal 180

About 49 members and guests attended. TW says he feels that everyone who attended was a winner and all enjoyed the great weather, Chili and desserts. He passes along a special thanks to all of the members who brought food and those who helped setup and take down.

EAA Comments on the FAA 51% Rule. For those of you who get this newsletter by email I have attached the 14 page EAA response to the FAA on their proposed rule on the "Percentage of Fabrication and Assembly That Must be Completed by an Amateur Builder ...". The document can be found at http://www.eaa.org/news/2008/080930_final_comments.pdf

EAA Chapter 80
September 8, 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
- Guest: Scott French, Rob O'Neil, Lawrence Stewart

Treasurers Report:

- Expenses \$52.13, Income \$2,099.36, Checking balance \$2,562.81, Money Market Account balance \$4,609.12. CD balance \$2,906.48. Total Cash Assets as of \$10,078.41.
- 2009 EEA calendars are available for ordering.

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 chapter event is Sept. 14 at Plattsmouth
- Fremont Sept.13, Civil Air Patrol YE event.
- October 11 at MLE
- Jim provided numerous samples of apparel that are available for ordering by members.
- Christmas Party will be December 8, 2008 at Anthony's Steak House, \$30.00 per person.

Builder's Reports:

- Doug Humble reported on progress on his Thatcher CX.
- Tom Mann received his private pilot license.
- TW purchased prefab fuel lines and wiring for his RV6.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- None

Fly-Out Report:

- AHQ breakfast held on August 31. 24 in attendance.
- Poker run scheduled for September 21 departing from AHQ

Old Business

- **None**

New Business:

- October meeting will be at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, IA. Program will be on engine maintenance and will start at 6:30 with pizza provided. Please let TW know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate count for pizza.
- Accepting nominations for chapter officers and Ed Haffke accepted position of treasurer. Thank you to Jan Daniels for her taking over the duties last year.
- John Breese discussed new 51% rule the FAA is proposing. It will have a negative impact on builders and will require 20% fabrication and it will be more difficult to get aircraft approved. Does Not Improve Safety!
- Raffle won by guest Scott French and he donated winnings back to chapter. Thank You!
- Discussed raising chapter dues to \$25.00 per year. Dues have not been raised for many years.

Librarian Report:

- None

Tool Report:

- Trailer: AHQ
- Scales: Ron Wood
- Jacks: TW
- Brake Bleeding Set: Ron Wood
- Grills: AHQ

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Program:

- VW Engines for Sport Aircraft as used in Experimental and Light Sport Aircraft. Presented by Steve Bennett, President of Great Plains Aircraft Supply Co., Inc.

Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer

Secretary

Time to order your **EAA 2009 Calendar**. Contact Jan Daniels at the Oct meeting or call or email her. If emailing put "EAA Calendars" in the subject line.

Welcome to our new Treasurer - Ed Haffke. Please contact Ed for any Chapter money matters, like hangar rent.



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Nice turn out for the Chapter Chili Feed and Poker Run on Sept 21st. (Photo by Dick Austin)



Looks like we had a lot of Chili. Thanks to those who brought food. (Photo by Dick Austin)