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FAA To Charge Companies For Online Charts

The days of inexpensive navigation and chart apps for your mobile devices appear to be numbered with the FAA's announcement that it will begin charging for downloads that were previously free starting April 5, 2012. A story in the December issue of Aviation Consumer says the Aeronautical Navigational Products Directorate (Aeronav), which currently makes the latest charts and other navigational products available online for free. says it has to recover the costs associated with developing and hosting the products. That means charging fees to companies for those downloads and no longer



Picture of the helicopter Dale McClure, our very own Vice President and November program speaker, flew in Viet Nam. See more photos on last page.

Photo by Dick Austin.

allowing individuals access them at all. As of April 5, only those with distribution contracts with Aeronav will be able to download the data. The most notice-able impact will likely be on the small but increasingly popular industry segment (like ForeFlight and WingX) that develops flight-related apps for iPads and other consumer electronics. It will also have an impact on websites like RunwayFinder that use the data for their online products, some of which are currently available for free. How much impact isn't known because the FAA hasn't announced what it intends to charge for the data. Affected companies have been invited to a meeting Dec. 13 in Washington to hear details of the FAA's proposal and offer input to the final pricing structure and the distribution contract.

Industry officials told Aviation Consumer that the market will likely reject significant increases in cost for apps and online products. Smaller providers and free websites may simply go out of business. Larger companies may try to keep their subscribers but with higher subscription prices. The pervasive fear in the industry is that this could lead to only one or two entities controlling the market for the distribution of government-produced information that is essential for flight safety. Aeronav spokeswoman Abigail Smith told Aviation Consumer the agency is determined not to let that happen but the new fees, whatever they are, will have to be enough to cover costs. "Because we're legislated, we can't collect more money than our cost," she said. "We're committed to the most affordable product line for the end user. But if revenue diminishes, the product line diminishes." Under the new contract structure, the FAA will also set standards for those using FAA data to create their products. There have

been issues with data being made inaccessible in the production of some apps and the standards will ensure that all information on printed charts is available in any digital version.

(This article was written by Jeff Van West for AVweb, Avflash News, November 13, 2011)

\mathcal{D} ecember Meeting Time & Location

Our Chapter Christmas/Holiday party.

When: Monday December 12th; Social hour at 6 pm.

Eat at 7 pm

Where: Arbor Hall, 14040 Arbor street, Omaha

One block north of Oak View mall

Eats: Buffet style - Carved prime rib, honey baked ham, roasted breast of turkey, Herb potatoes,

Steamed vegetables, salad, desert bar.

Drinks: Iced tea, coffee and soft drinks included.

Cash Bar

Price: \$20.00 per person (members and guest)

What we know: The food is outstanding.

What we need: Head count. Please respond to the ping invite. Not on email, please contact a Chapter officer. *Please respond by Monday December 5th.*

$\mathcal{D}_{ ext{ecember Program.}}$

Our very own Harlon Hain will be talking about the SR-71.

ELECTION RESULTS -The following were elected at

the November meeting:

President - Bruce Callahan (I think)

Vice President - Dale McClure

Treasurer - Ed Haffke

Secretary - Kevin Faris

The following positions remained filled with these

volunteers:

Tech Counselor/Fly-out Coordinator: Mike Howard

Tools/Social: Tom Wieduwilt (TW) Young Eagles: Kathy Callahan Membership: Craig Vinopal Newsletter: Will Kroeger

We are also looking for a new webmaster.

Anyone interested in being the newsletter editor or website master? These two positions have been held by the same two people for a number of years. The web site position needs to be filled as soon as possible while there still is time on the newsletter. Talk to Ameet or myself if interested.

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

1st SatChapter 1055 (B) (0800-1000)York, NE3rd SatChapter 569 (B) (0800-1000)Crete, NEDec 3Candy Canes and Airplanes*Salina, KS

*KSLN - At Hangar 600 (2720 Arnold) Saturday at 2 p.m. Among the candy canes and Christmas folk will be civilian and military aircraft displays and tours. Pilots are encouraged to taxi their planes to the hangar for easy access. Cookies and cocoa will be provided free of charge while supplies last!

We are open for scholarship support nominations for next year's 2011 EAA Summer Camps. For eligible persons (see the EAA Web Site), a letter to the Board is required from the nominee that tells us what his/her flight experience and interest are and why we should provide support. We would like to see these nominations sooner than as the senior camp fills up quick. We still do not know what discounts we will get from EAA for our young Eagle flights.

AirVenture 2011 DVD Nearly Ready for Release The always-anticipated AirVenture retail DVD, the annual review of the highlights each summer at Oshkosh, has been completely edited and is on its way for duplication. The DVD, produced from the hundreds of hours of footage shot at AirVenture, will then be available through the EAA AirVenture Museum gift shop, EAA catalog or online at http://www.shopeaa.com/

In fact, you may what to go to the EAA online store to find that perfect Christmas gift for yourself.

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Will be emailed later.

J3 CUB and Mustang for sale

An Oklahoma 1946 J 3 Cub. It was built on August 7, 1946 and was the 7th one off the line in Oklahoma city, Oklahoma. The rebuild project is 98% complete airplane with many spare parts. It comes with an A65 continental engine (minus the cylinders) and a lot of spare parts.

Asking \$15,000. Want the Cub to go to a good home - someone that loves cubs and doesn't intend to build it for resale. 1970 Mustang Convertible, 351 V 8 Windsor 2 barrel carb, 107,000 original miles, unrestored A/C and is an Automatic. Asking \$5000.

For more info contact Jan Daniels at: Home: 402-493-0789 Cell: 402-670-2375

Or her son Deny at: Pittsspecial1972@yahoo.com CELL: 386-847-4037 (leave a message)

Possible Cessna 195 Partnership Opportunity!

Have you always dreamed of owning a timeless radial engine, tail wheel, 5 seat aircraft? Me too! I am considering starting a 3 or 4 person partnership in a Cessna 195 that would be based in Plattsmouth, NE (KPMV). The candidate aircraft would be a well maintained and fully IFR capable 195B. The up front cost would be approximately \$25/k per member, \$150/mo/ea fixed cost and \$150/hr wet variable cost. Members would need airplane single engine land, high performance and tail wheel endorsement with 200+ hours total and 40+ hours of tail wheel time (pending insurance approval). If interested, contact Brian Peterson brian@epetersons.com 402-960-0011

For sale 1/4 ownership in a 1956 Cessna 172 four seat plane. Aircraft is hangared at Millard-(MLE). Aircraft has an STC for autogas. Share cost is \$7500.00, hourly rate is \$25.00 dry. Hangar rent (\$150.00 a mo.) and insurance (\$750.00 approx.yr.) are shared between 3 owners (for now). An ideal trainer/first aircraft or time builder. If interested, call Ken Bahr at 402-559-0133.

Wanted: Steve Farner is looking to join or create a partnership for a heavy single (6-place) or light twin. Blair airport (BTA) is preferred, but would consider other options also. He can be reached at steve.farner@bellevue.edu, or at 402-690-8751.

Aircraft for Sale new price!: 1975 Archer II, N70GK Blue-White-Maroon, 1975 Archer II N70GK Blue-White-Maroon. Good Paint (2000) and Interior (new upholstery 2005), Hangered at Millard (MLE), Fresh Annual 1 April 11 plus all 24 Month IFR Certs, Garmin Stack with a 430W plus KN64 DME and second nav/radio (KX155), AeroGuard Back up Vacuum and Century I AutoPilot, 2156 on engine, good pressures and clean oil.

Asking \$38,500 (Vref \$44, 500) Contact Jim Ratte at jrnuke@cox.net or 402-964-2645 Jim also has a pair of Bose Aviation Headsets X (original \$991) on sale for \$600 and an ICOM IC-A24 Nav/Com Handheld Transceiver for \$225.







Dale McClure with his "student" helicopter pilot Mike Howard. Photo by Dick Austin

This is either Dale's "instructor pray pose" after giving Mike a Lesson or his post Viet Nam "mission complete pose".

Photo by Dick Austin