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This and That

Hello, everyone! I don't know that I have anything in particular to talk about this month, so, I'll just start in. (Sorry, Mrs. Yager-I dangled my preposition!)

If you have gotten your membership questionnaire response back to Jim Beyer -thank you! Development of a method to better keep individuals informed based on the e-mailing lists you have check-marked is being developed. It may be multiple e-mail groups. Don't worry-you shouldn't have to actively do anything, unless you want to un-subscribe. The categories at the moment are General, Young Eagles, Fly-Outs, and Builder's Meetings. If you have not responded to Jim with your preferences, you will only receive the General e-mails. If you have questions or have not responded or don't believe you received the questionnaire, please contact Jim Beyer, fehdxl at gmail dot com. More details to follow.

A big Thank You to Rick Bernardi for his presentation on the Stratux system. I knew it was pretty simple, but didn't realize how simple they are. It's "simply" amazing! If you want ADS-B "in" on a budget, it would be hard to beat. If there are multiple people interested in building their own Statux, a small Stratux builder's meeting could be put together and several could be batch-built in a short period of time. Contact Rick Bernadi, clouddogger at gmail dot com if you are interested. The information regarding what it takes to construct one is on the chapter website.

If you happened to be at the last general membership meeting, you might have put your derriere in a new chair. Tim Hewett did the research and pickup for 25 new chapter chairs. Thanks, Tim!

Last, but far from least, I'm looking for a Young Eagles coordinator. Kathy has been the Young Eagles person for many years, but it is time to pass the torch. She is willing to help transition and explain what needs to happen for the events. If you are interested, send me a note or give me a call. If I hear nothing, I will be actively recruiting. :-)

See you next month!
Your Prez,
Chris Halfman

March Meeting Minutes

The March membership meeting was held in March 14, 2016 at oracle aviation in Millard. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Chris Halfman.

Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting as published in the most recent newsletter were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Cartwright reported total assets of \$10,457.94 between the checking and money market accounts and the CD. The CD is due to expire on 3/17, and the interest is not substantially more than a money market account. In order to simplify our funds situation, and since nothing is really paying much in the way of interest, some discussion was had about combining all of the funds into one account. An amended motion was passed to approve cashing in the CD and putting all Chapter funds in a single account.

Membership: Jim Beyer reported that we have 97 paid members out of 120 or so total from last year. Jim also has about 2/3 of the responses for the updated membership roster. The directory will be published in PDF and/or printed form.

Tech Counselor: Mike Howard offered to do two programs, one on aviation gasoline and one on spark plugs. Sufficient interest was expressed from the membership to go with both of them.

Young Eagles: We need a new YE coordinator. Kathy Callahan has stepped down and we need a replacement, so we are looking for one or more volunteers to take over the YE program.

Jim Beyer also said that he was working with two groups to potentially set up a special YE rally for specific groups, such as one from a possible Burke High aviation program or a group put together by the Tuskegee Airmen.

Tool Report: Jerry is still gone; Bob Cartwright has keys to get to the tools if they are needed. Mike Howard used the brake bleeder and reports that it works great.

Builders Reports: John Fitzsimmons has an RV4 panel upgrade/rebuild in progress after an alternator failure.

Mark Miller reports 10 hours of Phase 1 testing done. He says the landing gear stress testing was completed that afternoon. Whether that was intentional or not was unclear.

The Builders Meeting was announced for March 26th; Chris Beran will have his RV6 taken apart for the condition inspection. *[Sorry the newsletter was not out*

before then—ed.]

Flyout Report: There was an informal flyout to York on the 5th for the [EAA 1055 fly-in breakfast](#). No exact count, but there were a lot of planes there.

Social Coordinator: Chris Beran was not present, but Chris H. said there is something coming up.

Old Business: Mike Howard reports that the Tri-Motor date is still unknown, but we should have a date some time in early April. We're expecting late August or early September.

New Business: Leftover build parts—we're looking for ideas about how to enable chapter members to know who has what parts and/or tools available for sale, swap or free. We had some discussion about various options. If you have something available or that you want you can contact the newsletter editor to get it in the newsletter, or post it on the web site (very easy to do, and any chapter member can do it). We also have a Facebook page that Jim Beyer manages.

IMC Club has been merged into EAA. If you are interested in IMC Club, contact Chris Halfman. IMC Club is oriented toward IMC/IFR flying.

Announcements: Bob Cartwright has a bunch of name tags. If you don't have one, contact Bob. He either has it or can make it for you.

We have sets of [plans available](#) for several planes—Wag-A-Bond and others. Contact Chris H. if you're interested. Chris showed off a small [photo book](#) of pictures from his RV-7A build that he was able to have made for free or cheap from Shutterfly as part of a promotion.

After a break and raffle, Rick Bernardi presented a program about building a Stratus-clone ADS-B "in" box known as Stratux. For well under \$150 you can have a dual band ADS-B receiver and GPS box with wifi connectivity. Check the [EAA 80 web site](#) for more information.

The meeting was adjourned following the presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Botkin
Secretary

Late News

"Any landing you can walk away from is a good landing." It was reported that Chapter 80 member Eric Stadjuhar was injured in a bad landing in his Cassut. Eric was flown to Nebraska Med where he is

being treated. Best wishes to Eric from all of us for a speedy and complete recovery.

For Sale:

Dale Botkin has a few items for sale including a Poly-Fiber practice kit (Spruce Part # 09-06220), a micro-stop countersink cage, C-frame rivet/dimple tool, sheet metal edge rolling tool and a few other odds & ends. You can email Dale (see front page) or catch him at the April meeting.

Newsletter articles wanted!

All of us have something to share. Some kind of experience you've had building or flying or restoring. A tip or hint for other builders, pilots or aircraft restorers. A funny flying story. A not-funny but instructive I'll-never-make-that-mistake-again experience. Something you've done, somewhere you've been or that time you met Pappy Boyington and Elvis on the same day. Guys, I have to crank out a newsletter every month and I'd sure like some help filling it with the kind of stuff EAA members want to read. It doesn't have to be pretty and I can edit it for spelling, length and all that good stuff. Send me your stuff and see what it's like to see your name in lights. Or print. Or at least electrons on a screen.

Young Eagles Coordinator Needed

Kathy Callahan has had to step down as YE Coordinator, leaving that position vacant. We have two YE rallies scheduled for 2016, and really need a YE coordinator. If you can do this job, or even part of the job, please contact Chris Halfman and volunteer.

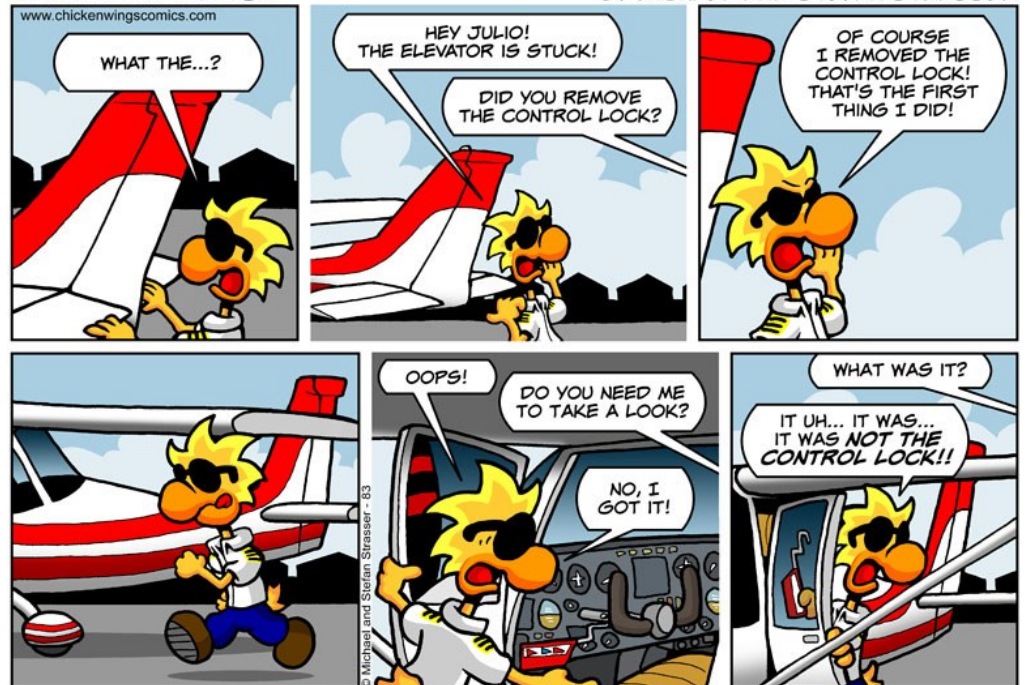
Aviation Legislation Update

EAA reports that the Senate Commerce Committee has passed a version of the FAA reauthorization bill. The bill does not include ATC privatization or GA user fees, as an earlier version did. It does include several items of interest to GA

pilots and aircraft owners, such as:

- Aeromedical reform language that was included in the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 passed by the Senate in December
- Direction to the FAA on completing its mandated revisions to FAR Part 23 rules on aircraft certification and airworthiness standards
- FAA authority to conduct fleet-wide authorization to implement the use of a future unleaded aviation fuel under the Piston Aviation Fuels Initiative (PAFI)
- An amendment that would guarantee that the active construction, restoration, or repair of a personal-use aircraft is a protected aeronautical

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activity in airport hangars under FAA grant assurances

- A requirement that FAA provide ATC and safety support to aviation events without fees, taxes or other charges
- An amendment that extends the registration period for noncommercial general aviation aircraft to five years

All of these are arguably good or very good news for us all.



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