



The Experimental Flyer

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Monthly Meetings And Upcoming Events

Meetings are held on the First Tuesday of every month at the Quonset Air Museum, Quonset State Airport, North Kingstown, RI.

Meetings start at 7:00 PM

**Our monthly meeting is just around the corner.
Stop in and learn a thing or two.**

- April 3- FSS Staff from Bridgeport **Phasing Out of New England FSS**
- May 1- All Myette & Frank Nowak **Hands-on Polyfiber demonstration**
- June 5 - Keith Salisbury **Bearhawk construction**
- June 9 - Young Eagles Day **Quonset Air Museum at (OQU)**
- June 23,24- Quonset Airport **R.I. Air National Guard Air Show**
- July 3- John Sannizzaro **Van's Aircraft Informational Seminar**
- August 7—Joel Hern **Powered Parachute Flying**

Max Gross Load

Al Schmid

"Hey! What are the chances of putting my bag on board the airplane?" said the passenger.

"Sure that will work", answered the pilot. "But tell me what have you got in the bag?"

"I've got my Saws-All, an electric drill, a set of pipe wrenches and my lunch".

"What's in the lunch?" asked the pilot. "A tuna-fish sandwich, I'm watching my weight" replied the passenger.

Weight and balance is a serious matter in the aviation business. We learn very quickly what the limitations are for Gross Weight, and what the Envelope is for loading fore and aft on the airplane. What we sometimes overlook are the results of not following the rules of weight and balance.

The following story, although not aviation related, gives a new meaning to weight and balance. The picture is real. It was taken by a supervisor who saw the car in the parking lot next to a Home Depot store.

The motor is still running, as can be witnessed by the exhaust smoke. An occupant is either asleep or otherwise passed out in the front seat, passenger side. The driver was seen jogging up and down the street in the background.

The police were called and the driver was found crouching behind the car attempting to cut the twine around the

load. Luckily the police stopped him and had the load removed.

The materials were loaded at Home Depot, where the store manager said that they made the customer sign a waiver before they would allow him to leave.

While the plywood and 2x4s are fairly obvious, what can't be seen is the back seat, which contained **10 bags of concrete mix at 80 lbs. each**. The load was estimated to weight more than **3000 pounds**.



Result: The rear shocks were driven up through the floorboards; both back tires exploded; and the wheels were badly bent. Meet the dumbest guy on earth.

Moral: Know your limitations and be compliant. There are **Rules** and there are **Laws**.

The **Rules** are made by men who think they know all about the operation.

The **Laws** (of Physics) were made by God. You can sometimes deviate from the **Rules** but you can never suspend the **Laws**.

Al Schmid

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Heads in the Clouds

Belated congratulations to Janna Greenhalgh for achieving the high goal of Instrument Pilot!! Also joining this esteemed club recently is Noah Forden!

We have quite a few cloud flyers in the chapter now! Congratulations to you both.



Photo Credit : Keith Salisbury

**THE ONLY THING
THAT
SCARES
ME ABOUT FLYING
IS THE
DRIVE
TO THE
AIRPORT.**



Where Am I?

If you can guess this one I'll be impressed. I'm on final approach to which US Strip?

Email your answer to : 1363vp@bearhawk949.com

There might be a prize. There will definitely be bragging rights. . .

The answer to last months picture was: Sanford,

Other Items of Interest & Communications

- The Westerly Airport Association (WAA) fund-raising theatre event of the year is May 4th (a Friday evening) and will be held at the Granite Street Theatre, Westerly, RI. May 4th is the opening night for a rollicking comedy titled: "**The Nerds**". Ticket price is \$35 per ticket and includes appetizers. There is a cash bar. The show starts at 8:PM and appetizers will be served from 6:30PM. Look for more information in the next WAA (WAAves) newsletter. We have reserved 60 seats so, if you want to go, call/e-mail Dick Morrone at 802-238-5038 / <dick@wstaa.net> or Rob Wilkins 860-514-7711 / robert@wstaa.net> and reserve your tickets now.
- EAA Chapter 1310 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning April 14th from 8:30 - 11:00 at Skylark Airpark, East Windsor, CT. We'll be serving hot pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs along with coffee and orange juice.

Visit www.eaa1310.org for more information, or contact Eric Dixon at info@eaa1310.org

Want to see your event listed here? It's simple

Email: 1363vp@bearhawk949.com with details of your event

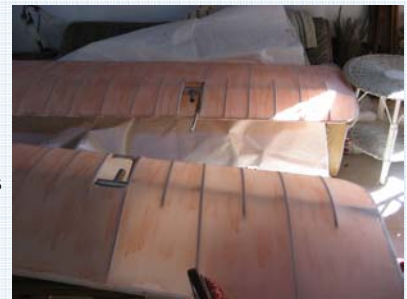
Builder Reports. . .

This is a new addition to the newsletter. If you are building a project and want the chapter to share in your progress, just send in your information and it will be included in the next month's issue.

Our President Frank Nowak sent me this update on his project :

Frank's **Seimens Schukert SSD1** has now been covered through pink Poly-brush using the Poly Fiber process. A

soon to be constructed outdoor paint booth using 2x3's and white tarps will be used to spray on the subsequent coatings as soon as the WX warms up.



The President's Corner

Frank Nowak

I have received several inquiries regarding where a chapter member (or anyone) could begin training for a Sport Pilot license. The EAA website only mentioned one CFI in the Worcester area who was listed as an SP instructor. After checking with numerous FOB's, CFI's, and with some general networking in our area, it became apparent that, a problem exists for these fledgling aviators; namely, the lack of availability of Light Sport Aircraft for training. Most of the CFI's I spoke to were happy to take on students for SP but they had no LSA's to use! So, the availability of rent-able LSA's will likely continue to be a problem for some time to come.

One way to solve this dilemma is to acquire a low-end, flying, certificated LSA aircraft, or an experimental LSA aircraft and use it for training. Based on condition, these can sometimes be purchased for a modest sum.

Another way would be to restore an older LSA approved aircraft. When Al Myette & I began our Aeronca restoration, we did not have a tail wheel endorsement. But after completing the project, we were able to use it to build the hours of training needed and received the subsequent endorsement. We did not fly much during the rebuild because it is difficult to both build & fly due to time constraints and finances. The same scenario might work if the prospective Sport Pilot has some time and the skill level to accomplish a restoration. If this is your situation, start looking in those old barns, Trade-A-Plane, and on www.Barnstormers.com for your ticket to the skies!

Frank

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MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6TH, 2007

The march 2007 Chapter meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Chapter President Frank Nowak.

Frank leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance:

Ray Andraka ,Andrew Andraka, Paul Blanding, James Brennan, Barbara Fahey Larry Farmer, Noah Forden, Steve Goldin, Bill Kelly, Francis Kelly, Al Myette Frank Nowak, Bill O'Neel, Keith Salisbury, Bob Schact, Al Schmid, Bill Sheridan Art Votolato, Joel Hern, Ray Cloutier, Vinny Fobert

Frank Nowak and Al Myette give a riveting presentation on how to fly cheap. Many sources of kits, plans built and restorable aircraft are made available to the group. The group also politely endures a power point presentation of Frank and Al's Aeronca restoration.

Business Meeting:

Frank reads treasurers report

V.P. Keith Salisbury reads letter from National EAA Hdqts apologizing for not being able to include Chapter 1363 in the 2007 B-17 tour. Keith will follow up to determine reason National turned us down and will ask that we be considered for 2008 tour.

Keith reports on FAAs N.E. Expo planned to be held in Nashua on March 31st, 2007.

Al Myette, Chairman of the R.I.A.N.G. Air Show, relates his frustration in being unable to communicate with Air Show honcho, Lt. Col. Art Floru. Vinny Fobert, who works in the same building as the Colonel, volunteers to approach Floru to establish whether we have a space in the 2007 Show. More to follow.

Al Schmid, our new Chairman of the Young Eagles campaign, reports he is compiling names and strategy for our upcoming Y.E. Event. He is soon to get together with Noah to hammer out the details.

Bill O'Neel, Chairman of our "Strawberry Fly In" has started planning for our premier event. Bill asked the group if last years tractor display was something we would like to repeat. Frank has volunteered to handle the grocery list and Keith asked to be added to the volunteer list. Anybody interested in volunteering their time may contact Bill at

AIMBILL@aol.com or Frank At msquick@msn.com

Bill O'Neel is awarded the first EAA baseball hat for bringing in a new member under our MOP membership program.

Keith Salisbury has compiled an astonishingly professional and interesting newsletter for our Chapter. He is acknowledged by the group for his efforts. Keith asks that anyone, everyone, forward him articles, ideas, notes, anecdotes, personal experiences or any interesting tidbits that he may insert in the upcoming monthly newsletters. He warns us if he doesn't get enough copy,...he will ramble on with his own creations.

Bill O'Neel suggests we contact other Aviation groups in our general area for the purpose of adding e-mail address' to our listings. On this note, Frank suggests we share our newsletter with other EAA Chapters.

Barbara Fahey asks that we provide current e-mail address' of all members to the group. Frank will check with Richard Picard for a current paid up list.

Frank mentions that there is Congressional pressure, buoyed by heavy airline lobbying, to increase fuel tax, registration fees, airport use fees, etc.. Frank Kelly is well versed on Congress' attempt to handcuff G.A. and will forward these assorted attempts to each member. It is suggested we all make a strong effort to write our Congressman voicing our objections to this ridiculous attack on an already declining G.A.

Meeting adjourned at 08:52pm

Meeting notes prepared by Secretary Al Myette



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OSA Hangar Sale

	<p>Cessna 140 Wings and Parts</p>	<p>Bill O'Neel Richmond, RI</p>	<p>(401) 783-4388 aimbill@aol.com</p>
<p>ASA's Instrument Pilot Trainer (Unopened Copy) I upgraded from 6.0 to 7.0 and they sent me a complete manual (still in the wrapper). This is an interactive Instrument training package that can be later upgraded to ASA's On Top instrument proficiency trainer. Here is what is included with its actual cost. ASA Instrument Pilot Soft ware and manual (6.0 updated to 7.0) \$170.00 LogiTech Wingman stick with throttle \$70.00 CH Products rudder pedals \$122.00 JC Designs PCMCIA to Game Port card (to connect to laptops) \$65.00</p>		<p>Rick Dyer West Kingston, RI</p>	<p>(401) 782-9139 rickdyer1@netzero.net</p>