



CHAPTER 157

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

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BRIEFINGS

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Meeting Time

**Third Tuesday of
the month**

6:30pm Dinner Meeting

Meeting Place

Quonset Hut

Westside Benton Airpark

The Prez Sez-“SkyCatcher Hype”

First, I have correction to last month’s editorial. I mentioned that a couple of us have been trying to get Eddie Andreini to attend a Young Eagles event. I confused Eddie with Sean Tucker. I apologize for the error.

Those of you who have an AOPA calendar hanging on the wall may have noticed that the picture for August is that of a Cessna 162 SkyCatcher, which is no longer available for sale. This reminds me of a Flying Magazine cover from October, 2007. The headline was “Cessna Cuts Pilot Training Cost in Half”. After looking around for the “Paid Advertisement” note, I planted my tongue in my check and thought: “Gee, isn’t that nice of Cessna?”.

The article heaped lots of praise on EAA’s efforts to bring about Light Sport Aircraft. The 162 was “the culmination of years of work by EAA”. The article made it sound like EAA designed and developed the plane. No mention was made of the fact that there were almost 100 other LSA’s available at the time. Cessna had apparently spearheaded the movement, even though it was almost 2 years late announcing their entry into the market. Production was still far down the road.

Many of us who had high hopes for new LSA aircraft were disappointed by reality. Apparently it’s not possible today to build and sell an airplane for the same price as a used 35 year old airplane. Some flight schools who considered tapping into the LSA market faced the same reality. If you’re comparing a \$30,000 172 sitting on the ramp that’s making money with a new \$125,000 LSA that will necessarily require a higher rent, what would you do?

Back to the SkyCatcher, I don’t think Cessna’s heart was in it. There may have been some factions in the company who saw the 162 as the replacement for the 150/152, but that wasn’t to be. There were many factors in the 162’s demise (including the fact that many of us wouldn’t like to have “Made in China” stamped on our airplanes). Also, financial reality again rears its ugly head. Assuming the profit margins are the same, which would you rather sell? A 20 million dollar jet or a little \$125,000 plane? It would take about 80 SkyCatcher sales to match one Citation X.

Fortunately for most us who aren’t embarrassed by flying older airplanes, we have many options available, including vintage planes that qualify under light sport rules.

Jim Bremer

August 5, 2014
EAA Chapter Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Pres. Jim Bremer, Vice Pres., Irwin Fust, Treasurer, Paul Gilman; Herb Zuidema, Secretary. Directors present; Chuck Werner, Dick Wilkinson, Keith Rose.

Minutes: Motion by Irwin F. and Second by Dick W. that the Minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Checking: \$5,760.67 Savings: \$2,051.38 (includes special Young Eagle Funds). A full financial report is available upon request.

Old Business:

Aviation Day 2014 Financial Recap: Treasurer, Paul G. reported that not all information was available at this time for an accurate report for Aviation Day but he did have an approximate recap. Gross receipts, \$3,671, expenses, \$1,355. Net payable to 99's, as agreed, approximately \$1,137.

RDD Air Show September 26-28, 2014: Irwin F. reported he will be attending the Exchange Club planning committee meeting to secure more details for Chapters role of providing transportation to and from RDD. Our Chapter will be providing two seven passenger vehicles with drivers.

Ray Schulte Scholarship Applicants: Pres. Jim B. announced the winner of the Ray Schulte Scholarship. He is Quinton Langfield and currently employed by Hillside Aviation and will be taking the written Private Pilot exam soon. He has about 30 hrs flight time in Hillside's Cessna 172's.

New Business:

Chapter Dinner Meeting for August 2014 will be on the 19th (third Tuesday). The Menu will be a hot dogs and hamburgers plus all the appropriate supporting items including water melon, salad. And, of course, lots of ice cream and cookies for desert. The orchestration for this event will be Pres. Jim B. on the grill, Dick W. in the brass section supporting the appropriate items (no drums.....no chicken). This will be a carefully tuned menu so.... **Ya all come and bring a friend of like feathers!**

Program for August 19, 2014 Dinner Meeting: : Redding EAA member Nath Kroeker will do a presentation on weather for pilots and non-pilots using mobile devices. Also, local pilot Matt Meyer will give a presentation on building and flying his Carbon Cub. Perhaps you've seen Matt flying out of Benton Airport where his Cub is hangared.

Being there was no further business; a motion was made by Dick W. and second by Keith R. that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 2010hrs. Motion passed.

Announcements

Benton Airport Café: The Café at Benton is still going strong. Try out the out door dining and the new menu.

Ground School, Private and LSA: Irwin Fust will again give a Ground School class this September for those seeking to prepare for written exams for Private licensing or Light Sport ratings. See attached Flyer.

Oshkosh Academy Candidate: Tanner Taft is back from Oshkosh Air Adventure and probably will give us a report at the EAA Chapter Dinner Meeting in October. Arrangements are still pending.

SECOND SATURDAY FLY-IN

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SSSem

FAA Safety Seminar, Second Saturday, each month 10 AM until Noon, September 13, 2014 *Hillside Aviation, Benton Airpark*

99st Consecutive Monthly Safety Seminar

Topic

In flight Emergencies

Minding your own business, cruising along and then?

Speakers: Irwin Fust, William Hill

Brief Description:

Irwin Fust, a long time CFI and FAA Safety Team representative for the greater Red Bluff area will discuss various situations regarding inflight emergencies. A combination of lecture, NTSB reports, Videos and slides, he will develop a thorough process that the GA pilot may want to utilize to insure that the outcome of the flight is never in doubt (PTS language).

Attention Aircraft Builders

AIRCRAFT UNDER CONSTRUCTION/RESTORATION

In recent discussions, the Board of Directors realized we don't know how many homebuilders there are in the area, or who they are. We set about creating a list of the builders we know of, to build a resource for helping one another and networking. For example, if someone has a problem with some aspect of building a particular model of RV, the list could help him find someone who has experience with that aircraft. Another purpose for the list could be to contact homebuilders who are not Chapter members to encourage them to attend meetings and join the Chapter. Another purpose for the list could be as a resource to invite homebuilders to occasionally participate as panel members for a program for a regular meeting of the whole membership, to discuss aspects of homebuilding that would be of general interest.

To make this resource successful, we need your help. *Attached is a start of a list* of homebuilders who fly out of either Benton Field or Redding Muni. **As you will see, we don't have a complete list of mail and/or phone numbers and there may be other homebuilders that should be on the list. If you know a phone number or email address or other names, please send an email to Herb Zuidema pgadoneh@myexcel.com; phone 275-5103**

PARAPROSDOKIANS

- 1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.**
- 2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.**
- 3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.**
- 4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.**
- 5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.**
- 6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.**
- 7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.**
- 8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't**
- 9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.**

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