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CHAPTER 157

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Join Us

*Third Tuesday of
each month:*

6:30 PM

Dinner Meeting

in the

Quonset Hut

on the west side of

Benton Airpark

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November 2015 BRIEFINGS

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The Prez Sez-Beware of False Assumptions

I recently sent out an email based on a false assumption. Without going into the details, I'd assumed that someone had done something they shouldn't have. This false assumption led me to complain about some other things that I probably wouldn't have done otherwise. If I'd bothered to make a phone call and get the facts first, none of this would have happened.

This led me to thinking about how pilots get into trouble making false assumptions. Probably the scariest false assumption is that the part of the airplane that turns the propeller will never quit. Many pilots fly for decades without an engine failure, while others seem to have more than their share. The bottom line is that none of us knows when we might experience a total loss of power. All we can do is be prepared in case it happens. But how many of us actually do so at all times?

If you read accident reports, you can probably see how false assumptions can lead to serious problems. For example, there's the airliner landing at SFO on a beautiful day in VFR conditions. Apparently, both guys sitting in the front of the plane assumed that the auto-throttles would kick in and save the landing. False assumption. I think a lot of "pilot error" accidents can be traced back to a false assumption.

Many accidents can be attributed to the false assumption that the weather will improve if the pilot just keeps on going. Then there's the assumption in mountain flying that we'll always have enough power to climb out of any situation. We can assume that when we're taking off or landing, the runway is all ours, right? It doesn't happen often, but animals, fuel trucks and even pedestrians sometimes end up in our path. That's why we should always look at the full runway before deciding it's OK to use.

There've been a few incidents by local pilots that illustrate this point. Two experienced pilots returning to Redding from a fly-in in Washington in a Cessna 180 assumed they had enough fuel to make it home. They almost did. They made an engine out landing a mile from Benton. There were no injuries, but the plane was totaled. Another pilot of a 180 coming in to Benton moved the fuel selector to what he assumed was the proper position, but actually turned the selector to off. Another totaled plane, this time with serious injuries to the pilot (but not his dog). Many years ago, a well-known pilot took off in fog in a Luscombe. He assumed the conditions would be the same as the previous day; ground fog that he quickly cleared after takeoff. Not this day. He was OK, but not the plane.

So be careful what you assume.

Jim Bremer

November 3, 2015
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; Secretary, Herb Zuidema; Directors present: Phyllis Kirkman, Dick Wilkinson, Steve Wallace and Wayne Pero. Guest: Dave Kirkman,

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

Treasurer's report: Paul G. presented the Financial Report as of this date. It was moved by Steve W. and Second by Irwin F. that the Financial Report be accepted. Motion passed. A full financial report is available upon request.

Old Business: There was no old business

New Business: A discussion held re: how well last month's SSSEM presentation went using a wide screen TV in a mobile frame. Comments: ability present Internet topics (with a hot spot); sharper images; does everything power point does etc. Affordability for our Chapter budget etc. Pres. Jim B. will investigate.

Also discussed approach to the upcoming Oshkosh candidate funding. Consider offering another Scholarship for those working toward completion of their Private license.

Chapter Dinner Meeting November 17, 2015 This month's Dinner Menu will be our Annual Thanksgiving Turkey/Ham (Phyllis K., Pres. Jim B., Dick W.) dinner plus all the appropriate supporting items including salad, pumpkin pie, ice cream for dessert. With this fine group of **Outstanding Chefs** we will have a wonderful annual feast.

If anyone has a special dessert (like pies) they wish bring it would be greatly appreciated.

Remember! Veterans will be honored with a free dinner. Ya all come and bring a friend of like feathers!

November Dinner Meeting Program

It's time to renew your Third Class Medical. Now what! There have been some changes in the way we apply for the medical and some new things the FAA is doing with regard to special issuance. Our guest at the November meeting will be local AME Dr. Andrew Solkovitz. He will walk us through the process and answer all our questions about a routine that most pilots dread going through.

Motion by Steve W. and Second by Dick W. that the Meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

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Announcements

California Pilots Association: *welcomes (our own) Paul Osterman as volunteer representative for our area.*

Dues Reminder: *We are nearing the end of the calendar year. Chapter Dues are "due" in January 2016.*

Officers/Directors Election: *Elections will be held at this month's Dinner Meeting. Anyone interested in running for Office can still be nominated from the floor.*

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, email address or other names, please send an email to Herb Zuidema herb@eaa157.org or call him at 275-5103.**

FAA Safety Seminar, Second Saturday, each month 10 AM until Noon, at the EAA Quonset Hut, Benton Airpark Sponsored by EAA Chapter 157, Redding, Ca.

113th Consecutive Monthly Safety Seminar

Topic for November 14, 2015

Search and Rescue Update

Civil Air Patrol

Description:

A member of the CAP Squadron (an auxiliary of the US Air Force) will explain the how, what, why, where and response times of a rescue mission.

Coming SECOND SATURDAY SEMINARS

in the next six months at Benton airport:

Dec: Crash Fire Rescue at the RDD airport

Jan: Noted Aviation Attorney will speak

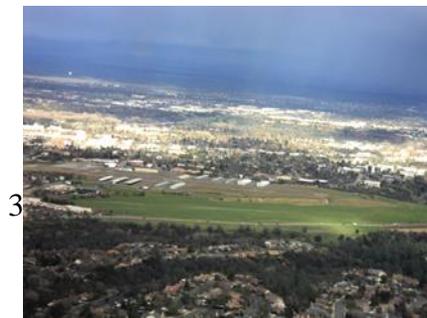
Feb: DPE Henry Roberson - Airspace

Mar: Adam Houtman, aviation engineer

April: Terry Lankford - Weather Expert

May: DPE Ashley Synder (From Lincoln)

If you fly in: Taxi to the west side of Benton. There hangars. You can temporarily park in any of these on



are 2 rows of shade the south side, as

they're not rented. You can also park in the area just to the south of the sun shades, but there are no tie down chains and H13 & H15 are rented. If you want to park your plane on the lawn, email: jim@eaa157.org and we'll make arrangements. The Quonset hut is to the northwest, across the big lawn. If you want to go to the Airpark Café for lunch, we'll hook you up with someone who can give you a ride.

If you drive in: From Placer, turn south on Mesa or Pleasant streets and look for the Quonset hut (2955 South Street). You can park along the front of the building on the north side or along the west side fence. (If you take the shortcut across the field, please do not drive on the lawn)

Questions? Call Pres. Jim B. 524-5744



Laws that are oh, so true

- 1 . Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
2. Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.
3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.
5. Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
6. Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.
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7. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
8. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WiLL!!!
9. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
- 10 . Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

