



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 66 Ft. Myers, Fl. Page Field



66 SQUAWK SHEET

PI C Briefing

WWW.EAA66.ORG

When was the last time you checked our web site

July 2007

This month I want to focus on two issues. First safety, then, up coming year end elections.

In all my years with the chapter I have not heard of any incidents or accidents. But we have had times when they have been avoided or luck was on our side. Safety is something we all should be aware of and take part in. Some people have said we need a SAFETY MARSHAL to watch the ramp. But the problem comes when that marshal doesn't show up. Others have said we should post signs. But people don't always see, read, or obey signs. Therefore I have always advocated that we are all SAFETY MARSHALS. With all of the general public we have visiting us it takes many eyes to keep a watch on them. They don't seem to grasp were to go and not to go and what kind of damage an airplane can do to a human body. If you are sitting or standing on the patio and see an unsafe condition, don't just sit there and point it out to someone else or look in amazement or bring it up that we need to do something. Get up and do something about yourself. It is the fastest and best way to resolve the problem.

SAFETY IS EVEYONES RESPONSABILITY.

We're into the second half of the year, which means we will be facing election time again shortly. In the past we have waited till October to beg or coerce members to be an officer or board member. This year we are going to try what our by-laws say and what EAA recommends. Starting this month we are establishing a nomination committee. This committee will consist of two present board members who will be continuing on into the next year, and two general members. Their job will be to select and solicit members for nomination as officer or board member. With the changes that have taken place on the board and the new term length of two years, we will be needing all positions but one or two filled. At July's meeting we will be asking for two volunteers to be on the nomination committee. Now is the time to do something if you haven't liked how things have been or you want to help keep us moving forward. Members of the committee are open to nominate themselves. The committee is free to operate as they choose but must have nominations by October. Elections to be held November and transition in December. All officer or board member terms are two years.

So please, consider if you would like to be an important part of the chapter, and either make yourself known to the nomination committee or seriously consider it when ask by a committee member.

Our secretary, Paul Thomas, will have to step down from that position because his school schedule conflicts with our meeting times. Therefore we need a replacement for the remainder of the year. Please come forward to fill this position.

Plans for our 40 year celebration are coming along nicely. But I need something from you. I need names and address's of members or surviving spouses who have been a significant part out the chapter, to send invitations to and to list on a plaque. Please contact me soon. Watch for complete information on the celebration later.

I may be late for the general meeting. So Paul Preston will be running it. Be kind to him.

That is all,
Paul Yocum



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**Chapter 66, 40 year
Celebration
October 27, 2007**

**Page Field Aviation Day
November 17, 2007**

Next Meeting July 10
Next Breakfast August 5
Next Board Mtg. August 7

Operation
"LAMB"
Leave **A** Magazine **B**ehind

PGD Breakfast 2nd Saturday
APF Breakfast closed summer

EAA is about participation: Be a member! Be a volunteer!

Links

Chapter 66 mtg.
2nd. Tues. of each Month
7:30 PM

Ch 66 Board Mtg.
1st. Tues. of mth.
7:15 PM

Pancake Breakfast
1st Sunday of each Month

Airplane Builders
Thurs' 7:00 PM

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Fuel Stop 100LL

www.airnav.com/fuel/
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Web Sites to Check

<http://www.acpi.org/>
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Touch and Go

This offer from Don Black 239-690-0366 italmotion1@comcast.net

I have ticket for two for the "elite gathering and dinner for EAA Lifetime members " to be held in the museum, Sean Tucker speaker. Tuesday July 24, 2007 at 6:15 pm, reception at 5:30. Certainly someone can use them, it would be such a waste not to attend. I cannot go.

Flight Plan

Bob Haas will tell us about his Air Museum tour in the Pacific Northwest.

Prop Wash

The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you.

(Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot)

A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum.

(Jon McBride, astronaut)

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.

(Bob Hoover - renowned aerobatic and test pilot)

If an airplane is still in one piece, don't cheat on it; ride the bastard down.

(Ernest K. Gann, author & aviator)

Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death I Shall Fear No Evil For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing.

(sign over the entrance to the SR-71 operating location Kadana, Japan)

You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3.

(Paul F. Crickmore - test pilot)

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More News Below

Experimental Aircraft Maintenance

Joe Norris, EAA Staff

One item from the last issue of "The Safety Wire" that generated a good amount of feedback was the article comparing amateur-built to experimental light-sport aircraft certification. Several of you wrote in questioning the statement that anyone could perform maintenance and repairs. Many are under the impression that the only person who can perform these functions on an experimental aircraft is the holder of the repairman certificate. This is actually not the case. There is no restriction to who performs maintenance, repair, or modification on an experimental amateur-built aircraft or ELSA.

The path to enlightenment on this issue lies in the verbiage found in FAR 43.1(b), which states:

"(b) This part does not apply to any aircraft for which the FAA has issued an experimental certificate, unless the FAA has previously issued a different kind of airworthiness certificate for that aircraft."

Since both amateur-built and ELSA aircraft have never held a different type of airworthiness certificate, 43.1(b) applies. That means that the entirety of Part 43 does not apply to these aircraft. This being the case, there is no restriction on who performs maintenance or returns the aircraft to service. Maintenance, repair, and even modifications can be performed by anyone regardless of whether or not they hold an FAA certificate of any kind.

The only time a certificate is necessary is when performing the condition inspection each year. This requirement is found in the operating limitations of the aircraft rather than in the regulations themselves. The operating limitations will require that the person performing the condition inspection hold either the repairman certificate for that individual aircraft, or an A&P certificate. The A&P is not required to hold an inspection authorization (IA) in order to perform the condition inspection on an experimental aircraft.

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U.S. HOMEBUILT AIRCRAFT REACHES NEW MILESTONE

Now total more than 29,000

The number of airworthiness certificates issued to amateur-built (homebuilt) aircraft in the United States now exceeds 29,000, according to the latest report released this week by the FAA. The report shows 29,079 homebuilt aircraft airworthiness certificates issued, continuing the movement's steady growth that adds approximately 1,000 newly certificated aircraft every year to the general aviation fleet.

Wings Awards

For some time you've heard us speaking about introducing a 'new' *Pilot Proficiency – Wings Program*. If you have visited **FAASA-FETY.GOV** lately, you have no doubt noticed the link to this new area. If you haven't been on **FAASAFETY.GOV** lately, please take the time now to logon and begin learning about the new Wings Program. You really can't begin using it at this time but within the near future I expect it will be released to all airmen. Now is the time for all to start learning as much as you can about the new *Wings Program*. For the present time we will no longer be announcing *Wings Program* Phase recipients in the newsletter but the program still exists so please continue to monitor the www.faasafety.gov for a seminar in your area. In addition to maintaining a heightened Safety awareness, you may be eligible for an insurance discount from your insurance provider for participating in the *Wings Safety Program*.

The New 'Wings Program'

Soon the only way to register for Wings Program credits will be through the www.faasafety.gov website. Course credits will only be applied to you if you are registered on the website. It won't be enough to just attend a class. If you have not registered online first you will not get credit for that class. It's easy to register....just go to www.faasafety.gov. Click on the '*Wings Pilot Proficiency Program*' (6th item down the column on the left hand side of the page). From the new page on the right hand side click on 'Start My Wings'. If you have already registered, this page asks for your email address and password to give you entrance to the program. If you have not yet registered, click on '[click here to register now](#)'. Once you are registered in the system, it is designed to help each pilot construct an educational curriculum suitable for their unique flight requirements. Writing a profile of yourself using the *Pilot Proficiency Program Pilot Profile* will help tailor your educational needs to your skills and goals. With over 300 courses and syllabi to choose from and additional ones added monthly, your Pilot Profile will allow the system to help you choose appropriate courses. After registering online for each seminar and then attending the seminar (you must do both) points for each seminar attended will accrue until you have enough to attain one of the three new *Wings Program* Phases. Take a look at the *Wings Program* portion of the www.faasafety.gov website. **Get registered NOW**. A whole new world of educational information will be opened to you! ***Have You Registered Yet?***

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