

# Fitchburg Pilots Association EAA Chapter 1454 Newsletter



## President's Corner

February 2020

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**Tuesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM/6:00PM food**

### Key Organization Links

[www.fitchburgpilots.org](http://www.fitchburgpilots.org)  
[www.meetup.com/fitchburgpilots](http://www.meetup.com/fitchburgpilots)  
[www.facebook.com/fitchburgpilots/](http://www.facebook.com/fitchburgpilots/)  
[www.fitchburgairport.com](http://www.fitchburgairport.com)  
[www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)  
[www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)  
[www.massdot.state.ma.us/Aeronautics](http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Aeronautics)

### Key Weather Links

[www.windy.com](http://www.windy.com)  
[www.aviationweather.gov](http://www.aviationweather.gov)  
[www.usairnet.com](http://www.usairnet.com)

### Key Reference Links

[www.fltplan.com](http://www.fltplan.com)  
[www.airnav.com](http://www.airnav.com)  
[www.flightaware.com](http://www.flightaware.com)  
[www.pilotgeek.com](http://www.pilotgeek.com)  
[www.skyvector.com](http://www.skyvector.com)  
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*Let's go fly and have some fun!*

Glen Reinhardt - President, Fitchburg Pilots Association EAA Chapter 1454

Fly Safe – Fly Often

Glen Reinhardt, President Fitchburg Pilot's Association, EAA 1454

AirVenture, that gathering of little (and big) airplanes that happens every July. I had this on my bucket list ever since I started my lessons in 1995. All I knew was it was big and lots of little airplanes flew in en-mass. By myself, I never knew how I was ever going to attend. But after about 10 years of renting and then owning my own plane, I joined the Fitchburg Pilot's Association. It was there that I met a woman named Louise. She was passionate about AirVenture, and she knew how to infect her listeners with that same passion.

It was through the FPA that I was able to resolve two major issues: how I was going to get there, and where was I going to stay. On my first trip I was sitting right seat in a Mooney. My job was to make sure we followed the FAA guidelines on how to enter the line of inbound traffic and approach the assigned runway correctly. It was a wonderfully exciting flight. The second issue was resolved by the FPA rental house. It is first-come-first-served and somehow there was space for me. Louise was right, this was THE place to be.

Since that first trip, I have flown to KOSH in a Mooney and in a Piper Cherokee. I have driven there, and I have flown commercially. The reason I bring this up is that if you have ever thought about going to AirVenture and have never been, talk to your fellow FPA members. Louise is no longer with us, but there



are plenty of us who have caught her passion. You may find a spare seat on a flight or advice on where to fly to and where to stay. Your only problem is, once you've been, you'll want to come back. And if you do go, visit the patio in front of the Brown Arch. There you will find a brick with Louise's name, right in the center of all the action. (She wouldn't have it any other way.)

Fly safe, Fly often,  
Glen Reinhardt – President Fitchburg Pilot's Association, EAA 1454.

## OVER DUES

The dues of \$50 is used to pay our land rent, our city real estate taxes, our utilities and our mortgage on the hangar. Our aircraft hangar rent goes toward the same expenses. Even so, we still need to fund raise a bit more to cover all of our expenses. That is why we ask, if you can, to donate an additional \$40 along with your dues. Our biggest fund raising activity, providing food for the Early Ford V8 car show, pretty much completes the fundraising effort and gets us to a break even for the year. If you have already paid your dues – THANK YOU! If not, please take the time to write a check or go to [Fitchburgpilots.org](http://Fitchburgpilots.org) and pay by Paypal. Checks can be mailed to:

Fitchburg Pilot's Association, 563 Crawford Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420

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## FPA Scholarship News

Over \$16,000 has been raised by the FPA to support scholarship assistance in aviation-related fields over the past dozen years. Our website will soon feature the 2020 FPA Scholarship announcement and application materials. If members know of a high achieving student with a strong interest in aviation, please direct them to our web announcement.

## AMAZON SMILES AT FPA!



When shopping at Amazon (actually, AmazonSmile), you can raise money for FPA! FPA is a registered charity with AmazonSmile, so a percentage of the purchase price of eligible products is donated to FPA when you designate FPA as your charity of choice! FPA is listed as

“Fitchburg Pilots Association, EAA Chapter 1454”, so that’s the name you should look for. When asked to search for your charity, use “Fitchburg Pilots Association” and it should find our charity.

So, if you shop at Amazon, shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and help support FPA!

# FPA / EAA 1454 Officers, Committee Members, and Key Contributors

Please note: Any member can be emailed through the Members Section of our FPA Meetup Site

| Officers       | Names          | Committee Chair and Members | Names          |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| President      | Glen Reinhardt | Fund Raising                | Chris Lund     |
| Vice President | Dave Babineau  |                             |                |
| Treasurer      | Gary Daugherty | Food                        | Glen Reinhardt |
| Secretary      | Chris Lund     |                             | Dave Dion      |
|                |                |                             | Dave Babineau  |
|                |                |                             | Chris Lund     |
|                |                |                             | Gary Daugherty |
|                |                |                             | Dick Maki      |
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|                |                | Scholarship                 | Dick Maki      |
|                |                |                             | Jim Bisson     |
|                |                |                             | Mark Estabrook |
|                |                |                             | Ed Murphy      |
|                |                |                             |                |
|                |                | Safety                      | Dave Dion      |
|                |                |                             | Gary Daugherty |
|                |                |                             | Dick Maki      |
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|                |                | Airport Commission Rep      | Richard Gersh  |

## Fitchburg VMC & IMC Clubs

By Dave Dion



What we do: watch EAA provided video scenarios and participate in group discussion to create “Hangar Talk” - that’s valuable, practical knowledge gained from the group’s discussion of the flying scenario issues and problems encountered



- Videos: actual in-flight scenarios (problems, equipment failures, weather, etc) - **what would you do ??**
- IMC Club includes IMC / IFR situations
- VMC Club is under visual flight rules
- Pilot Workshops materials: for additional / supporting “refresher” training reinforcement

Your Takeaway: attending pilots are able to share knowledge and experiences, network, promote safety, and build proficiency in instrument flying (IMC Club) or when under visual flight rules (VMC Club)

When: **IMC Club (Thursday, February 20 @ 6pm in the FPA hangar)**

**VMC Club (Saturday, February 22 @ 9am in the FPA hangar)**

## Flight Simulator Corner



### Your Sim Committee:

Chair: Mark E.(mestabr@gmail.com)

Members: Antonio Aleman, Dave Bellew, Dave Dion, Ed Littlejohn, Bill Gruber, Andy Goldstein

### Open simulator time every Saturday morning

Don't forget, you are welcome come learn to use the simulator on Saturday mornings from 8 to 9:30 or so. There is someone there who can show you how to get things started and set up your scenario if it's not obvious. Or just hang out, drink some coffee and fly that low approach through the rain and fog with gusty x-winds with no stress! ☺ Hope to see you there.

### Fly the NY Corridor in HIGH RESOLUTION

Your Sim team has installed a high resolution with awesome realistic scenery for the NY corridor area. You've never flown it? Do it now, and it was cost you a gallon of AV fuel! If you've already flown the corridor for real (or vitrually) why not try it again and enjoy a flight down central park! Or, maybe fly the Extra upside down under the Brooklyn bridge!



**What scenario would you like to see?**

**Send me a note and someone on the Sim committee will make sure it gets posted.**

Keep calm and fly on...

Mark



**Selling 1/5 share asking \$7,500** - Cessna Cardinal 177B (1977) Aircraft has about 6,950 hours Total Time. Flight plan at 120 knots & 9.5 gph. Wide cabin, big doors, great visibility. This is an excellent opportunity to buy into a well equipped and fun to fly IFR certified airplane. Well maintained / Heated hangar at KFIT. ADS-B in/out (Lynx 9000). Pictures and additional info upon request. Avionics.. -Garmin GNS-430W, TKM-MX300 Navcom, -Garmin 396 in panel dock, STEC 20 autopilot, JPI 730 engine monitor, King KMA-24 audio panel.

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