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- www.meetup.com/fitchburgpilots
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- www.fitchburgairport.com
- www.eaa.org
- www.aopa.org

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- www.fltplan.com
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- www.flightaware.com
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President’s Corner

Let’s go fly and have some fun!

Glen Reinhardt - President, Fitchburg Pilots Assoc. EAA Chapter 1454



Happy New Year to everyone! 2020 is behind us, but 2021 is still an issue with COVID. Our meetings continue to be via Zoom, but we try to provide interesting speakers for you to enjoy and learn from. This month we have **Bill Barry** who is retired as Chief Historian of NASA! He will be speaking about

the Race to the Moon. Barry assures me that there was a race, and it was closer than we think. A good time to learn a little bit about history from a gentleman who has all the REAL data.

Next month we are trying to get **Capt Bill Purple**, a former B29 pilot in WWII. Bill is 96, and we won’t have many more opportunities to hear from these amazing people “live”. If you want to get a feeling for WWII, read the June 2020 issue of National Geographic. They chronicle survivors from the US, Japan, Germany, Britain, and the former Soviet Union. After reading that article, I am very anxious to hear from Mr. Purple.

Thanks to all who have submitted dues payment for 2021! We have approximately 35 members thus far submitting dues. We could use the remaining 62 doing the same as you are able. Many also contributed the extra \$40 beyond the \$50 dues, and we thank you! Our budget going into this year is about \$3,800 below 2019. If COVID declines enough and the Early Ford V8 club meets, we can make that up with our food service to them. If not, we will be needing to ask for more donations. Please consider a donation and/or shopping via AmazonSmile.

Look for some items in this newsletter that are for sale. TVs, handheld radios, and more. These have been donated to the FPA as a way to help raise funds during this pandemic. Please look at the list and consider purchasing an item. FPA get the funds, and you get to have a nice product!

Finally, please look for the article on Peter Regis. Peter has been a longtime member of the FPA and recently passed away. We will miss him - especially during AirVenture. I’ve flown with Peter; and he was a careful pilot, caring person, and friend..

Fly Safe, Fly Often,

Glen Reinhardt

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	Key Contributors	Names
President	Glen Reinhardt	Program/Wings Coordinator	Jim Bisson
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Aero Fair Coordinator	Dave Dion	IMC/VMC Club Coordinator	Dave Dion
Facilities	Dave Dion	Simulator Coordinator	Mark Estabrook
Nominations	Ed Littlejohn	Airport Commission Rep	Richard Gersh
Safety	Dave Dion		
Scholarship	John Arsenault		
Young Eagles & Santa Fest Coordinator	Patrick Daykin		

!! 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. We need to fund raise more to cover all of our expenses. **That is why we ask, if you can, to donate an additional \$40 along with your dues.** Please take the time to write a check or go to Fitchburgpilots.org and pay by Paypal. Checks can be mailed to:

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



The [Cares Act](#) allows anyone to make a charitable contribution of up to \$300 in cash (check or CC, not stocks or securities), and it is deductible even if the taxpayer does not itemize deductions.

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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 you shop at Amazon, shop at smile.amazon.com and help support FPA!

Free Stuff

Computer and Stand

- Microsoft Office Suite / Web Browser / Microsoft Flight Sim 98 / Joystick
- If interested - contact one of the FPA Officers for pick up at the hangar



➤ Safety Corner

(By Dave Dion - FPA Safety Committee Chair)

ILS Critical Area - When Should You Hold Short ?

(2021 Boldmethod Article)

- When do you need to hold short of the yellow ILS critical area markings on a taxiway?
- **ILS Critical Area Markings**
- Hold position markings for ILS critical areas consist of two yellow solid lines spaced two feet apart, connected by pairs of solid lines spaced ten feet apart extending across the width of a taxiway. While the markings look similar to runway hold-short markings, they signify completely different requirements.
- A sign with the inscription "ILS" in white on a red background is located adjacent to these hold position markings.



When Do You Need To Hold Short?

- Air Traffic Control protects the **ILS critical areas** when arriving aircraft are inside the outer marker/final approach fix (FAF) on an ILS approach (about 5 miles from the runway), and the reported **ceiling is less than 800 feet or visibility is less than 2 miles**.
- When instructed by ATC to hold short of the ILS critical area, pilots **MUST STOP** so that no part of the aircraft extends beyond the holding position marking.
- Once the landing aircraft is on the ground, you'll get clearance to cross the ILS critical area and continue your taxi to the runway.
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- While all of this works well for towered airports, what about non-towered airports?
- If you're at a non-towered airport, there's an aircraft on an approach inside the FAF, and the ceiling is less than 800 feet or visibility is less than 2 miles, you should follow the same guidelines. Hold short of the ILS critical area until the landing aircraft is on the ground, then continue your taxi to the runway.



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)

Meetings are being held via Zoom so please see the invite in Meetup for log in details.

When: **IMC Club (Jan 10) – Zoom at 7PM** **VMC Club (Jan 20) – Zoom at 7PM**

No So Free Stuff

The Fitchburg Pilot’s Association has received several items as donations so that we may sell them to augment our operating budget. Please consider making a purchase. You get to enjoy your purchase and aide the FPA at the same time. . If you wish to see the TV contact Glen Reinhardt @ gbrflies@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Sharp Aquos 70” LED TV model # LC-70LE732U

A review of this product can be found at <https://hometheaterreview.com/sharp-lc-70le732u-70-inch-led-hdtv-reviewed/>

This TV was donated by a training company and spent the majority of its time in a box.

In terms of connection options, the LC-70 features four HDMI inputs, one component input, a composite video input with matching RCA style audio input, a single RS-232 input, a 15-pin D-sub PC input, USB input and an Ethernet port. The LC-70 can connect to the Internet via its Ethernet port or via your home's wireless network.

This is not a new model year TV but was a top of the line unit several years ago. It listed in the \$3,200 range but can be found used for 1/3rd of that.

Asking price is \$600

Sharp Aquos 50” TV model # LC-50LE650U

A review of this product can be found at <https://www.cnet.com/products/sharp-lc-50le650u-aquos-6-series-50-class-49-5-viewable-led-tv-full-hd/>

Big, bold and brainy - the Sharp LC-50LE650U is an LED Smart TV that delivers legendary Aquos picture quality and unlimited content choices, seamless control and instant connectivity through SmartCentral. The Aquos 1080p LED Display dazzles with advanced pixel structure for the most breathtaking HD images, a 4 million: 1 dynamic contrast ratio and a 120Hz refresh rate for precision clarity during fast-motion scenes. A Smart TV with Dual-Core processor and built in Wi-Fi, the LC-50LE650U lets you quickly access apps streaming movies, music, games and websites.

Again, this is not a current year model but did sell for just over \$1,000. Asking price for the FPA is \$400.

Gone West – Peter Regis

By Mark Estabrook

We were saddened to learn that long time FPA member Pete Regis passed away in early November 2020. I wanted to take a moment and reflect on Peter and his involvement in the FPA. Much like another beloved member Louise Anderson, Pete was a huge fan and consistent attendee of EAA Airventure which I think is where I first met him. He was a bit of a loner and stayed at a hotel/or apartment I can't remember, but we talked him into joining the house we used to rent by the lake, and he became a regular renter with us.



He loved to take pictures and was a fixture during Airventure sitting on the flight line early in the day to lock up a spot for the best viewing and photography. He enjoyed hanging out on the flight line with his wide brim hat, liters of sparkling water and camera just enjoying all the activity until the show started in the afternoon. He



often held a number of places on the flight line for those of us who couldn't get ourselves out of bed in the morning, or were attending seminars or enjoying the many the displays and activities at Airventure. I owe a lot of my great pictures to Pete willing to hold a place for me! I recall in 2016 Glen Reinhardt and I flew my Mooney into Airventure and Pete got up early on a Saturday to take a few pictures of Glen and I departing. Did I mention he took a lot of pictures at Airventure? When it came time to share the pictures, he had taken of our departure from runway 32 he had to give them to me on CD-ROM there were so many – 100s! I can only imagine the number of terabytes Pete used to store his years of Airventure pictures.



Peter was a resident of KFIT owning a T-Hangar and was a VFR pilot who owned and flew Cessna-182 N84731, and flew it he did. Pete joined some of our fly outs over the years and local activities and was always great company. Soft spoken, smart, knowledgeable, generous and kind. So far as I recall Pete always flew alone out to Airventure except for the case of oil he insisted on buying out there and bringing home! Some company was selling cases at a discount and Pete loved a deal. He had to buy that case every year, whether needed it or not!

Pete was famous for flying 500 miles or more around weather systems to get to/from Airventure, though it seemed like the trouble was always on the way back. For those of us flying out and back we usually kept track of each other and would keep checking in until everyone had returned safely. Pete would often keep us on the edge of our seats because it could take so long for him to get home – which is understandable when you learn that that he's travelling from Michigan to Massachusetts via Texas!

Pete was a pilot through and through and a cherished member of the FPA. We will miss him always, but especially at EAA Airventure.

These quotes are sometimes over done, but I can't say better why people like Pete are so enthralled with flight and flying. ***"For once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been and there you will long to return"*** - John Hermes Secundari.



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