

Fitchburg Pilots Association EAA Chapter 1454 Newsletter



President's Corner

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Tuesday Sept 10th, 7:00PM/6:00PM food

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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

If you didn't attend last month's meeting, Dave Strassburg did a presentation on the WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program. I just had my Biennial Flight Review so didn't think I was going to be that interested. After all, isn't WINGS supposed to let you avoid a biennial? And I had just had mine. But Dave mentioned one thing I hadn't considered. As we train for new ratings and even prep for our biennials, our abilities tend to peak. But then, unless we train regularly, our skills deteriorate. So we wind up with peaks and valleys in our flying skill level. WINGS allows us to minimize those valleys by engaging in continuing education. You can spread out the ground portion of the biennial as well as the air work portion. By doing so, you can help yourself stay sharper throughout the year.

As it happens, my biennial was entered into WINGS by my instructor and counted towards the air work portion of my WINGS certification. I already had 1 credit of ground education with my attendance at Dave's presentation. I selected another on-line course to acquire my 2nd portion of ground. Another on-line course or WINGS presentation and I will have met my BASIC level certification. If you're not currently participating in WINGS, try it. A little continuing education can help reduce those valleys in skill level and who knows, you may not need to take that biennial next time as well!

Fly safe and fly often.

Glen

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
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			Gary Daugherty
			Dick Maki
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Joining Meetup this month:

Lynn Lewis – Lynn is a Private Pilot SEL with Float plane and tailwheel endorsements and has started her instrument training. She volunteers at the Collings Foundation and has spent time in their B24 and B25.

A note from Glen:

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 and pay by Paypal. Checks can be mailed to:

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

When: **IMC Club** (3rd Thursday @ 6pm) and **VMC Club** (3rd Saturday @ 9:30am); both scheduled via FPA Meetups

IMC Club - Thursday, September 19, 6PM

VMC Club - Saturday, September 21, 9AM



Your Sim Committee:

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

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

Tip of the Month...

Aircraft settings and damage and weather can carry over from one flight to the next even when you load a new scenario or aircraft. If something doesn't seem right, shut down X-Plane and start it again. Load the scenario you want and all settings should be accurate now.

Have you noticed that with runway 32/14 closed, the common runway is 02? It makes sense when you think about it... the prevailing winds favor 32, so normally you'll have a headwind that favors 02 not 20. When is the last time you landed or took off on 02? Try it on the simulator!

Build your muscle memory on gusty x-wind approaches. We have 4 or 5 different aircraft to choose from (Cessna, Cirrus, Mooney and Warrior/Cherokee). After you land keep that aileron correction in or you'll pay the price! The scenarios are set up for 20 (~ 1 mile final). Land, then taxi to the end of 20, turn around and take off, then fall into the pattern for 02 to practice that approach and landing.

ILS landing challenge & competition!

We've added a new feature that you instrument pilots will want to try, and maybe some VFR pilots who want to show off their skills! The scenario is a flying a C172 on final into KEENE in the clouds with a 8-10 kt xwind from the left. The hook is that we have a flying school program running in the background that is going to score your approach and landing AND provide you specific feedback both positive and negative. I tried it last night and scored a 25.... ahhh.... Out of 100. Yeah, pretty bad and I'm pretty sure anyone can beat that! Try it with a friend and see who can get the best score. Warning, it's not just nailing the approach, it's the whole flight through touchdown to aircraft stopping. The way to load the challenge is...



- a) Start the simulator normally
- b) Load the flight that says 5 min ILS challenge xwind (near the bottom of the list). As soon as it loads hit "P" for pause.
- c) Press the Windows button to pull up the windows menu with programs listed.
- d) Scroll down until you see "flyingschool 2019" folder, open that folder and select the flyingschool program (first line). A new window will open up for the flight school program.
- e) Select "Connect"
- f) Mouse click anywhere outside this box to make it disappear but left running in the background
- g) Press "P" to unpause the program and fly the approach and landing
- h) After landing press "alt-tab" and select the flying school program. Read your score and evaluation!



Send me your scores and I'll publish the leader in the next newsletter.

Open sim time every Saturday morning

Don't forget, you are welcome come learn to use the simulator on Saturday mornings from 8 to 9:30AM or so. There is someone there who can show you how to get things started and set up your scenario of choice if it's not obvious to you. 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.

Keep calm and fly on...*Mark*

What scenario and aircraft would you like to see?

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

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