

# Fitchburg Pilots Association

## EAA Chapter 1454

### Newsletter



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Tuesday July 10th at 7:00PM (6:00PM food)

#### Key Organization Links

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[www.massdot.state.ma.us/Aeronautics](http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Aeronautics)

#### Key Weather Links

[www.windytv.com](http://www.windytv.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)  
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[www.skyvector.com](http://www.skyvector.com)  
[www.aopa.org/aopalive/](http://www.aopa.org/aopalive/)

#### President's Corner

July 2018

*Let's go fly and have some fun!*



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#### The Flag is Flying!

Thanks to efforts led by Dave Dion and supported by Dave Babineau, and several others, we have a windsock flying near the hangar now with "EAA1454" printed on it, printing graciously provided by Waas-Arthur signs in Fitchburg. Check it out!



**EAA Airventure 2018 at Oshkosh** is nearly here! There is so much to at Oshkosh it's hard to fit it all in a week, that's one reason many of us like to return year after year. If you haven't been do yourself a favor and check out all the activities that are available to you:

<https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure/features-and-attractions/aaa-airventure-air-show/daily-air-show-schedule>. Or just Google

"Airventure 2018 schedule". Take 15 minutes to peruse the schedule and see what's there. Then start making your plans to attend next year if it's too late for you this year! As always, we will have a house rented by the FPA all week. Dave Babineau is coordinating so check with him if you need any details. Back by popular demand I will be presenting at a forum in the Blue Barn "Chapter Home: Rent, Build or Buy". It's the story of what it took to build our hangar at KFIT. Please stop by to attend and add your insights to the presentation and Q&A. I look forward to seeing many of you there at Airventure!

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Summer weather is here. I've noted a lot of winds favoring Rwy 14 and 20. Lots of chance for x-wind practice and dealing with a slightly more challenging approach and landings. Don't forget to check the NOTAMs for noise abatement procedures of course. The forecast is calling for mid 90s much of next week (July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday week).

Remember it's about -3°C per 1,000 ft. or -5.4°F so climb high for your flight to keep things cool!



**IMC Club** - I just attended Dave Dion & Gary Daugherty's IMC Club meeting this month (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the FPA hangar). I hadn't been in a while and had a great time. I remember when our monthly meetings were often around 20 people. There was a lot of time for just goofing around and enjoying the each other's company our meetings. We have a much larger group today, and people seem to be enjoying all the featured presentations we provide. Dave and Gary's IMC Club harkens back to the good old days with just 6-8 people. We have a great time exploring and learning about IFR focused issues, but it also covers more general topics like communication, effective use of resources, weather planning, working with ATC and good judgement – all important aspects of VFR flying. So if you are looking for a more relaxed and social time with your fellow aviators, mark your calendar to attend the next IMC Club meeting (probably August due to Airventure) whether your interest is in IMC or VMC flying. Especially for the newbies to the FPA, we don't bite – come on by!

Speaking of presentations and events, here is a summary of what we've done and what's coming up for the rest of the year.

#### First half of 2018 FPA Meetings

	January	February	March	April	May	June
	9th	13th	13th	10th	8th	12th
Special Topic	Safety Video	Opps I bought a Lemon	ATC	Battle of Britain	Bell 47 Helo	Aircraft Detailing
Presenter	Mark		Brady Halligan		Brousseau	Mark Rubin
Meal	Pizza	Chili/Wings	BBQ	BBQ	BBQ	BBQ

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2018 FPA Meetings

	July	August	September	October	November	December
	10th	15th	11th	9th	13th	11th
Special Topic	Flight over Cuba	TBD	Wings Prgm TBD	RV12 Build	Wings Prgm (TBD)	
Presenter	Jeff Kauffman			Bob		
Meal	Special BBQ	BBQ	BBQ	BBQ	BBQ	

Note that we are having a GREAT July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our fellow member Jeff Kaufman is giving a multimedia presentation on a flight he's undertaking right now to the Cayman Islands and over Cuba. Glen R. is planning on a special BBQ – not the usual hamburgers and hotdogs but a real July BBQ special! Don't miss it. We are looking at options for August's meeting but nothing is planned yet. We have 2 FAA Wings programs scheduled later this year and are looking at options for specific topics. But you can plan on those two FAA Wings programs occurring – so mark your calendars if you are looking for Wings credits.



We are planning another Young Eagles rally in September. If you are interested in flying it let me know and I'll put you in touch with our new coordinator Patrick Daykin. Patrick has signed on as our new Y/E coordinator taking over for Dave Babineau and Steve and Patty Bortle. Please give him your full support as he plans out his first rally this fall.

Have fun, fly safe,  
Mark , President FPA /EAA 1454



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

Officers	Names	Committee Chair and Members	Names
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			Gary Daugherty
			Dick Maki

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

## New Members!

We'd like to welcome all new members who have signed up on Meetup in the last month.

New Members for July:

Alex Roman: Alex is a returning member and holds his CFII, MEII, and commercial licenses.



Nancy : Nancy is from New Hampshire and holds her instrument and commercial ratings.





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## Aviation Safety Corner

By Dave Dion, FPA Safety Committee Chair

### July Topic – Stall Accidents - [Important Lessons from Three Recent Cirrus Stall Accidents](#)

From – John Zimmerman from Sporty's "Fast 5" Art Facts

The following is an excerpt from an article by John Zimmerman:

Three fatal Cirrus accidents in late 2015 and early 2016 caught my attention, since all three involved low-level stalls. Two occurred with flight instructors on board and one with an experienced Cirrus pilot at the controls. Each one has lessons for us as we try to reduce loss of control accidents. The final reports are available now, so let's consider each scenario and think about how you would react.



One common thread is that each airplane appeared to stall during a turn. From the earliest days of flight training, we learn that an airplane stalls at a higher airspeed in a turn, but accelerated stalls are one of the least understood topics among GA pilots. Step one is to accept that turns are simply different than straight and level flight. Certainly, pilots should practice accelerated stalls during proficiency training, but even more important is a general awareness of the thinner margins during turns in the pattern. We must resist the urge to overbank or pull back in a turn. If 25 degrees of bank isn't doing the job, consider intentionally overshooting and correcting in a more deliberate way. Likewise, if the airplane isn't climbing well, wait until you've reached a safe altitude to turn, and then do it carefully.

One accident involved a simulated engine failure, one involved a pilot who thought he had an engine problem, and the other pilot might have at least had the suspicion of engine trouble. Regardless of the condition of the engine, the pilot must fly the airplane all the way to the ground. A simple training maneuver or minor abnormality need not turn into an accident if the pilot keeps the wing flying. When in doubt, push to unload the wing.

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## Hangar Happenings

By Dave Dion, FPA Hangar Manager

Have you seen what's now flying high at the hangar ??? We installed the FPA windsock - a great new landmark for the hangar !!!

Many thanks to Dave Babineau and John Arsenault for their expert windsock installation.



FPA member "Dr Sam" flew the Boston City Tour recently; congratulations Sam on achieving one of your flying goals. Way cool flight and pictures:





Hey Sam - nice pylon turn on the Boston Financial District ;-)



If that's the Prudential just under the right wing ... then Fenway is next in sight ??



YES - Fenway Park (former home of the Boston Patriots - hahaha).



Thanks Logan Tower for the Boston City Tour and nice job flying the tour Sam !!!



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## N22JB



- 1140 TTAF; 895 TTE; will be flown until sold
  - KT 76A Transponder
- Garmin GTR 200 COMM with Intercom
- New Hooker Harness in Rear Cockpit
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