

Fitchburg Pilots Association EAA Chapter 1454 Newsletter



President's Corner

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Tuesday Oct 8th, 7:00PM/6:00PM food

Key Organization Links

www.fitchburgpilots.org
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www.fitchburgairport.com
www.eaa.org
www.aopa.org
www.massdot.state.ma.us/Aeronautics

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www.aviationweather.gov
www.usairnet.com

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www.fltplan.com
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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

I did a lot of flying this past month - all of it on commercial airlines. From visiting Roman aqueducts in Spain to climbing down inside pyramids in Egypt to being charged by angry elephants in South Africa, it was an exciting month. But no thrill of piloting myself in a small aircraft. I hope you were able to enjoy that thrill.

The end of September we had our last Young Eagles for this year. I want to thank Patrick and the other volunteers for a well-run event. Our challenge was having only one runway that also required a back-taxi to clear the runway. When you have a number of planes cycling through the pattern, care must be taken to prevent conflicts. Patrick and team worked the process and procedures which included having an ATC Tracon volunteer calling traffic. What a great membership we have with talented people anxious to introduce young people to flight in the safest way possible.

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
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
		Scholarship	Jim Bisson
			Dick Maki
			Mark Estabrook
			Ed Murphy
		Safety	Dave Dion
			Gary Daugherty
			Dick Maki
		Airport Commission Rep	Richard Gersh

Joining Meetup this month:



Max Knight is from Shrewsbury and is a student pilot flying a C-172.

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:

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

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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, October 17, 6PM

VMC Club - Saturday, October 19, 9AM

Hangar Happenings

By Dave Dion

The Bricks Are In !!!



The first set of FPA member bricks is in the hangar main entrance walkway. See pictures: FPA brick coordinator Dick Maki helps install the first set of bricks.

The bricks support FPA fundraising activities (i.e., profits realized go to fund hangar projects); plus the bricks are a way for FPA members to show their support to our association and hangar.

Order a brick for your very own Christmas present (note - the next order for bricks won't be submitted / delivered until next spring). To order your brick - fill out an order form (available at the hangar). A 4 x 8 inch brick, with 3 lines of text / 20 characters per line, is \$100.



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