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### 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)

### 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.skyvector.com](http://www.skyvector.com)

## President’s Corner



*Let’s go fly and have some fun!*

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

### President’s Corner - June 2020

Good news! KFIT is open! The runway project is complete except for some minor items. After an opening ceremony, I believe it was Paul H. in his TBM850 who became the first to land on the new runway. I haven’t had the pleasure yet to make use of the new surface but hope to this week. Construction is continuing on the self-serve fuel farm just across the taxiway from the FPA hangar. Speaking of fuel, the 100LL price at Fitchburg has been lowered to \$4.80/gal using a credit card and \$4.60/gal using a Shell card or paying by check.

Since the terminal building is still closed to the public, the airport has placed two port-a-potties on either side of Gate 7. That should help those who attend Coffee & Donuts on Saturday mornings and those who are flying in or out.

Tuesday’s monthly meeting will feature **Major General Brian Bishop, former Commander and Leader of the Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration team**. This will be a Zoom meeting, so check Meetup for the link. General Bishop will present for 30-40 minutes and then take questions. Those questions will be via private chat to me as host. I will mute everyone, so we don’t get a ton of simultaneous requests via voice.

During Coffee, Donuts, Laughs, and Lies this past Saturday, I was discussing my checkout for flying a Cirrus SR20 and complaining about a tired left wrist when practicing landings. My conversation partner reminded me that proper, frequent use of the top hat-trim switch relieved the achy wrist problem. DUH! When flying my Dakota, which had an electric trim on the yoke, I was often adjusting trim. And for finer adjusting I would use the trim wheel between the seats. (I get checked out in a new airplane and forget all my good habits but keep the bad.) It was explained to me that proper trim on the SR20, especially on final, made for much better landings. I’m sure that goes for any airplane. Next we talked about use of the rudder.....

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

## !! 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. 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. Our biggest fund raising activity, the V8 car show looks to be cancelled this year so we will be looking for other sources of revenue for 2020. 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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## 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 (June 18) – Zoom**

**VMC Club (June 24) – Zoom**

See Meetup to sign up

## 2020 FPA Scholarship Chosen

The Fitchburg Pilots Association is pleased to announce that Akul Chennakesavan, a senior at Groton-Dunstable Regional High School, is the 2020 FPA Scholarship award recipient.

As with all scholarship candidates this year, Akul finished his high school career with a superb academic grade point average, in fact achieving no less than an “A” in all his coursework since grade nine. He was also chosen as Captain of the school math team and was awarded a position of Junior Research Assistant at the MIT Haystack Observatory and earned the rank of Eagle Scout with the BSA. Additionally, Akul is the 2020 class valedictorian at his high school.

Akul’s career goal is to become an aerospace engineer and as exemplified through his successful pursuit of numerous Advance Placement courses, Space Exploration and Aviation badges and participation in rocket and drone flights; where he realized his passion for the mechanics of flight as his focus in college. At this time he remains undecided as to whether he will attend Georgia Tech, RPi or the University of Maryland.

The FPA Scholarship Committee members, including Jim Bisson, Mark Estabrook and Dick Maki, unanimously chose Akul for the \$1,000 annual award. The scholarship award ceremony will occur early in 2021. Any members who are interested in becoming an active part of the Scholarship Committee are invited to contact the FPA president or Dick Maki for more details.

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## New Members

John Dunning - Private pilot based at KFIT and flying a Piper Comanche.

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