

Fitchburg Pilots Association EAA Chapter 1454 Newsletter



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Tuesday June 13th at 7:00PM (6:00PM food)

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www.airnav.com
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President's Corner

Let's go fly and have some fun!



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Aero Fair Success!

What a great day we had at Aero Fair. Weather was perfect for the event on the ground and acceptable for the Young Eagles. A little choppy in air and a little twitchy on runway 14, but over all very manageable. Although we didn't do a count of people



coming in, it had to be 500 or more. The parking lot was constantly full. In between Young Eagles flights I saw a lot of happy faces and busy kids checking out airplanes, getting flight sim lessons on the glider, going to the smoke house etc. A big thanks to all our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you! A special thanks to Dave



Dion who coordinated the event for use – what a great job. Everything was well organized and

executed. Dave Babineau and his team did a great job of managing 10 pilots and 110 kids! Steve Brousseau managed 20 kids the Bell 47 with a great ground team supporting hot-swaps. The kids LOVE that helicopter. The pilots did a great job, with many working from 9AM to 3:30PM. A long day for a pilot, but well worth it with lots of smiling kids and even parents! Thank you to all the pilots for your time and contribution in the form of fuel and Hobbs time in your aircraft. We had the Boston Soaring club again this year, but with the sail plane right in the hangar



along with a table a flight simulator that never saw down time. Thanks to Richard Gammon for organizing this again. The Civil Air Patrol came out big for us again this year helping with parking and managing visitors away from no-walk areas and occasionally escorting Y/E parents to/from the aircraft and the new and popular Life Flight Helicopter. What a great group of young men and women. We hope to schedule some flights for them later as a thank you as we simply ran out of time and energy on Sunday. And we got to see Harry hook a banner off of Rwy 32 – very cool! If you didn't make it out to the Aero Fest this year, you missed a really fun day. Plan to attend and volunteer next year!

The STEM program flight into Boston's Logan airport organized by Jeff Scorse was really well attended this year. A great opportunity for the kids and our pilots who flew with 'the big boys' for a day. And it turns out, parked with the big boys! A bunch of pictures got sent around so I won't copy them here, but check them out.



Our meeting this month will feature a session on how to detail your aircraft inside and out with live demonstration on an aircraft by a local professional aircraft detailer. Feel free to come with your questions, or just hang out and learn some tip and techniques.

EAA Airventure in OshKosh is coming up soon. I have heard already of a number of you planning to fly out. What a lot of fun that will be. I will not have the opportunity this year to fly out in my aircraft with those adventurous folks, but for the first time my family will join me out there for a few days. I'm looking forward

to sharing the experience with them and with you. This year we will be dedicating the brick to Louise Anderson and I look forward to joining with my fellow FPAers for this memorialization. Dave Babineau will post meetup for a couple of times during the week where we can pause by the brick and think about Louise.

We have a lot of new members this year, and if anyone is interested in attending Airventure but isn't sure the best way to do it, and how to meet up with other FPAers out there, bring it up at Tuesday's meeting this month, or reach out to me or one of your officers to help you out. It's a great event, we often wander the show together in small groups – you won't be alone!

Mark , President FPA /EAA 1454

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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 June:

Richard Arnold:

Richard joined Meetup the beginning of June. He is a private pilot but hasn't indicated if he owns or rents.

Eddy Troxler:

Eddy lives locally and has not flown in a while. He soloed in 1976 and received his certificate in 1977 and has 500 hours in his logbook. Eddy is looking to get current again and get back in the air.



Aviation Safety Corner

By Dave Dion, FPA Safety Committee Chair

June Topic — Maneuvering Rules to Live By

From - AOPA Safety Institute



Remember that the majority of fatal stall/spin accidents occur at low altitudes, from which recovery is unlikely. Prevention is essential.

- Practice stalls at a safe altitude. If it's been a while, take an experienced CFI with you.
- Practice spins only with a qualified instructor who is proficient in spins in the specific aircraft make and model. Use a properly maintained and spin-approved aircraft. In some cases a parachute may be required.
- Fly at a safe altitude above the ground so that you won't be surprised by terrain, wires, or towers that might require a quick pull-up leading to a probable stall.
- Remember that turns, vertical (pull-ups) or horizontal, load the wings and will increase the stall speed, sometimes dramatically.
- Fly formation or individual photo missions only after you have received appropriate training, have briefed the operation, and are confident of the other pilot's abilities.
- Don't explore the corners of the flight envelope close to the ground.
- Don't exceed 30 degrees of bank in the traffic pattern. Use coordinated controls.
- Don't follow another aircraft in the pattern too closely. If you cannot maintain a safe distance, *go around*.
- Don't buzz or otherwise show off with any aircraft

Learn to Maneuver Safely

Take upset prevention and recovery training (UPRT) or unusual attitude training (UAT). These programs have highly qualified instructors who will teach you how to recognize and recover from extreme flight situations. Using well-maintained aircraft and adhering to a safety oriented curriculum, you'll learn to avoid hazardous situations and how to overcome them should something unexpected happen. Having had the experience could someday be a lifesaver.

Learn More

- [Visit the Aerodynamics Safety Spotlight](#)
- [Access the Air Safety Institute Accident Database](#)
- [Access the Air Safety Institute Stall/Spin Accident Map](#)

Young Eagles - June

By Dave Babineau, *Past* Young Eagles Coordinator

Hi FPA Members,

I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked to make the Aero Fair and Young Eagles events a huge success! We had the following pilots giving rides;

Steve Brousseau

Glen Reinhardt

Jeff Scorse

Mark Hubelbank

Bill Gruber

Brian Gaudet

Peter Hoffman

Jim Ellis

Andy Goldstein

Also helping were Steve Brousseau's friend Jay, Dick Maki, Ben Lillie and Dakota Scorse.

We were slammed all day, but everyone was in good humor, and the pilots went above and beyond to make sure everyone who wanted a ride received a ride, despite wait times over 60 minutes.

We had a safe day, despite a "squirrelly" crosswind and one emergency landing (not a YE plane).

As I've said before, we are all paid in smiles, and we received more than our share. Please think about joining us next time and sharing your passion for aviation!

Thanks,

Dave Babineau

Hangar Happenings

By Dave Dion, FPA Hangar Manager

The banners said where to find Aero Fair:



John Arsenault & Dick Gersh greeting the public and rendering the Aero Fair overview to them upon entering the FPA Aviation Center.

Static display aircraft everywhere in front of the hangar.

Some BIG - like the TBM-850:



Some medium - like our members' aircraft below:



And some small - yes small but very popular pedal car airplanes:

See you next year at Aero Fair 2019



1975 Starduster Too

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- 1140 TTAF; 895 TTE; will be flown until sold
 - KT 76A Transponder
- Garmin GTR 200 COMM with Intercom
- New Hooker Harness in Rear Cockpit
- O-320 , 150HP, Runs Great; flown regularly
- Currently in Annual, Ready May 1, 2018 +/-
 - All compressions 72+
- Sweet flyer; "Gentleman's Acro" encouraged!

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