



The Ramp Page



The Monthly Newsletter of the Sherman, TX EAA Chapter 323

January 2016

Monthly Meeting, January 21st, 7PM, Sherman Municipal Airport Terminal

The topic of the day will be about airport pattern safety. John Halterman will refresh the group on general terminology and recommended pattern procedures. Come on out and bring a friend!

Christmas Party 2015

A special thanks to the Richardsons for hosting the annual Christmas party, the Worstells for the ham, and everyone for the gifts, food, and fellowship. It was a very nice evening.

Wire gage sizing—follow up

In the December issue, we published a wire gage chart. Our chapter EAA technical advisor, Jim Smisek, submitted the following in response to that data:

Just a reminder and clarification, while the wire gauge chart provided in the Ramp Page newsletter is good and interesting information, please make sure your electrical systems are in compliance with either:

*AC43.13-1B Chapter 11 (available online at:
http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgAdvisoryCircular.nsf/0/99C827DB9BAAC81B86256B4500596C4E?OpenDocument)*

or

ASTM F2639 - Design, Alteration, and Certification of Airplane Electrical Systems (which I can provide on request).

Continued operational safety of aircraft electrical systems and equipment is also addressed in AC43.13-1B Chapter 11 and/or ASTM F2799 - Maintenance of Aircraft Electrical Wiring Systems.

Ensuring compliance with these documents ensures your safety in reducing the likelihood of an electrical system failure and/or fire.

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please don't hesitate to contact either myself, Mel Asberry, or any other of the available EAA Technical Counselors.

The Regulatory Minute

There will be changes to the Private Pilot practical test standard (PTS) going into effect around June 2016. There is a lot of discussion going on in the world of flight instructors. But, in short:

-The basic maneuvers that are currently in the test standards are not having any significant changes.

-The PTS (soon to be called ACS-airmen certification standards) will be enhanced, meaning, for every maneuver, regulatory requirement, etc., there will be very clearly defined references to handbooks, regulations, to name a few, for the student to study. The ambiguity of questioning and knowledge expectations at the checkride is being reduced.

-The knowledge test is being realigned to those requirements, and "old" material (such as NDBs) is being removed from the requirements. The general scope is the same.

The new requirements are not a drastic shift in the actual practical test standards (now called ACS); rather, it provides the student information that aligns knowledge and practice.

If you want more details, ask a CFI, or, https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/media/acs_briefing.pdf

Upcoming Chapter Events

- Thursday January 21 Monthly Meeting, Sherman Airport Terminal, 7:00PM
Subject: Airport Pattern Safety
- Saturday February 6 1st Saturday Activity—RV8 Project
We'll head over to Steve Riffe's place and visit his RV-8 project
- Thursday February 18 Monthly Meeting, Sherman Airport Terminal, 7:00PM
Subject: High Altitude Balloons
- Saturday March 5 1st Saturday Activity—Finney Field
Come fly with us and get some of those famous hot dogs!
- Thursday March 17 Monthly Meeting, Sherman Airport Terminal, 7:00PM
Subject: Experimental Aircraft Certification

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