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LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM PAUL POBEREZNY

By Paul Poberezny

TO: STEVE JONES, EAA Chapter 35

Dear Steve,

I enjoyed reading EAA Chapter 35's newsletter "Runway 35." In particular, the article by Don Staats "Thoughts on Sport Pilot" - he certainly shares my feelings and opinions relative to what EAA should be doing. Unfortunately, it seems that EAA has drifted away from the hands-on work, designing and building one's own airplane and in favor, it appears, supporting the kit industry and the \$100,000 airplanes. It seems we've lost the initiative to design and build, and work toward making aviation more affordable, especially in the field of having a reasonable-priced light plane. Maybe your organization should consider a design contest. But in reading Chapter newsletters and I've read thousands of them, I note that there are less and less of hands-on work like we used to have - building airplanes out of wood, tubing and even sheet metal, doing all your own forming (true it takes longer but it's an educational process). It is a wonderful feeling of self education to create something that one did himself maybe with the help of some friends who also enjoy working on airplanes, but for education and

recreation. That is what the 51% rule is all about that we worked so hard for so many years with CAA and FAA to obtain. Don is right when he says maybe a few more letters from the members to HQ might help motivate those many newcomers (employees) to look into our past and what our future could still be.

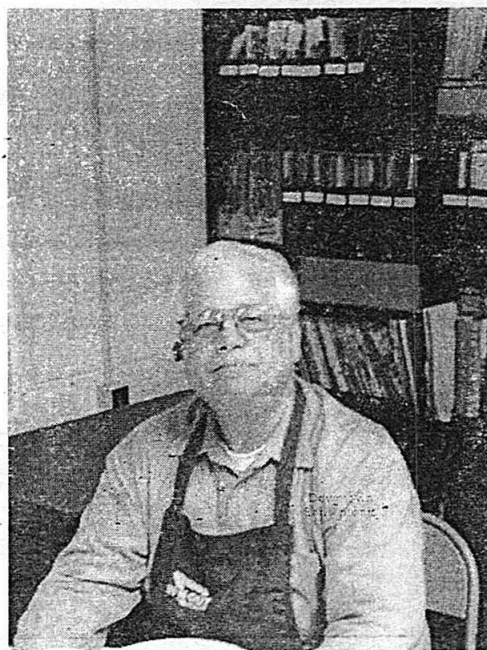
Our best to you.

Sincerely,

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(Editor's reply follows on Page 9)



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