



September 2024 Newsletter

From the President

Autumn

The trees are beginning to change, and it is getting a bit cooler in the evening. Yet amazing, essentially clear weather has remained for an extended period, making for good flying weather. Hope that many of you have been able to take advantage of it.

Our September schedule of events is now over, excepting our board meeting.



Last Thursday at our monthly meeting we watched the classic Jimmy Stewart film "The Flight of the Phoenix," where a crash in the desert eventually turns all the crew into necessary assistants for building a working aircraft out of the remains of the crashed one. Although much of the film was more about the various reactions of individual characters to what could be slow dehydration and death, it nevertheless was also about building an airplane, and its maiden flight!

Wednesday night was the first IMC/VMC on-line meeting structured and run by Beth Rehm, a well-known CFII and member of two EAA chapters. I'm certain it was well-done.

Sam

Many of us are still recovering from the shock of losing Sam Battaglia. Yet significant effort has and is in process to establish memorials to keep his name and spirit alive.

The agreement with Rock Valley College, Sam's A&P alma mater, is now in the school's hands for finishing the actual document. At this time we have over 20 pledges, along with a challenge to match up to a total of \$5,000. That amount has been succeeded by the pledges. Once the agreement is done and returned, each pledge will receive a detailed notice of how and where to send your donation for the Sam Battaglia Memorial Scholarship for Aviation Technology.

As before, contact me directly with any questions. Finally, there is the vacancy caused by Sam's passing on our Board of Directors. He was elected late last year for a two-year term as Chapter Vice-President.

In our current bylaws, the following give guidance in this case. (Interestingly, it appears twice.)

"Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office, however occurring, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term."

"Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors (shall be) filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors."

The primary purpose of this position as described in the Chapter Handbook is to "perform the duties of the President when President is unavailable."

Yet it is also a position of authority and energy, in which one can learn much and possibly organize and run a specific committee, as well as possibly stepping up to be chapter president at some later time. I have talked to a couple of individuals about stepping in to this, but as yet the position remains open. Anyone interested should give me a call.

Future

Chapter Board Meeting – Thursday, 9/26 @ 7:30 on Zoom - Need volunteer note-taker due to absence.

Tentative October regular meeting 10/10. Date & location may vary based on presenter. (If you are a proud builder, in process, and want to lead/host this meeting, call me at the number below.)

As always, comments or suggestions on anything are always welcome.

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EAA 414 VMC/IMC CLUB



Chapter 414 VMC/IMC clubs are monthly meetings where real scenarios are presented followed by group discussion, with the goal of promoting safety by sharing knowledge and experience.

Meetings held **third Wednesday of the month**. All skill levels welcome. For information, visit chapters.eaa.org/ea414/vmc-club or email Beth Rehm bethrehm27@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

See chapters.eaa.org/aaa414/event-calendar for event details. All are welcome at our chapter meeting and IMC/VMC Club events regardless of skill level. New or prospective chapter members are especially encouraged to attend!

Chapter meeting

Thu 10/10, 7pm

Board of directors meeting

Thu 09/26, 7:30pm

From the Web

[This is why we fly.](#) *"Cockpit view of the RNP approach into Queenstown, New Zealand"*





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