



Medical Madness!!!

This year renewing my medical has presented some new challenges along with a mix of malfunctions added. In 2021 I set up my 2022 appointment to again renew my medical but unknown to me a scheduling software change at the doctors office resulting in my appointment being lost in the transition. I then tried to schedule a new appointment and the next opening was two weeks away!

Lesson learned, Check to see that your appointment is scheduled and still available at least 3-4 weeks prior to when you think you have an appointment! An ounce of prevention?

I then needed to set up the "Tread-Mill Stress Test" with my Cardiologist which was scheduled at Vanderbilt in Nashville. A new change has been the format of print-outs now are printed on plain paper and not the old "Fan-Fold" style which was lower resolution. These tracing reports are also stored digitally which helps on reprint quality

Advantage, if a print-out is lost a replacement print-out will look identical to the one issued on the date of the test. Also required is a "Halter Monitor 24Hr test" this report also has cardiac tracings and needs a report from your Cardiologist with comments to heart Rhythm and abnormalities, hopefully a lack thereof!

Remember the FAA wants "Originals, Not Copies"!!! Part of the requirement for my cardiac history is that a detailed bloodwork report needs to be reported HDL, LDL, Lipid Panels, etc. Somehow the report I sent in went astray at the FAA office in Oklahoma City and approximately 60 days later a letter appears from the FAA stating they cannot complete their analysis because they do not have these test results. To send this by email would have been the fastest BUT, the FAA doesn't email, YET! More on this in a bit. So I faxed it to their office with a cover letter with all the required numbers on the cover letter. This was a Friday morning and the incoming log to confirm that they had received the report would not be compiled until the following Monday. I called on Tuesday and verified that they did have the report and I was then back in line for a decision to be made. I waited two weeks, no response, called again two weeks later still no decision. To make a lengthy explanation shorter. When I called last Monday the good news is that the decision was made and my medical would be in the mail later in the week! AND next year since my condition after 6 years of reporting is considered stabilized my local AME will be able to inspect and directly renew my medical if my health is still stabilized and does not deteriorate! It all starts over again in January 2023, God willing I will again pass the test again.

Observations

As a multi-year special issuance participant I find myself wishing I had gone the basic med a few years back but if wishes were horses.....

Now don't get your hopes up but the FAA is taking some "Baby Steps" toward accepting some types information via email. I think since this is a change that is slowly progressing you will want to confirm what can and can't be done! Hopefully this process will increase in scope and size to make information sharing easier and faster.

I really thought this year might be the year I had to "Hang Up the Headset" but I like everyone live knowing we are all one medical away from being "Grounded Permanently" at least this year! Count your blessings!

I also thought there might be the risk of having your file go to the bottom of the pile if you call in I must say that due to the FAA backlog I was glad to hear it finally had a positive conclusion if you call them the "PI Number" it will help them locate their records.

If any of you are facing the "Special Issuance" with the FAA please give me a call there may some "Lessons Learned" that can help you.

Treasurers Report By Dan Perkey

Report will be available at the club meeting on July 14, 2022.

July Speaker

The speaker this month is Jerry Swick he will be discussing the KOSH NOTAMS for those of you flying into Airventure 2022.

Young Eagles

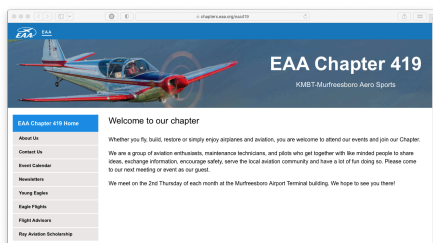
Our next Young Eagles flight will be on August 13, 2022!

President's Corner

We have a small, but growing, contingent of Chapter 419 members attending and flying in. We plan to depart MBT on Saturday July 22nd. If you are planning to attend and/or Fly in or would like to, get in touch with Jerry Swick or myself and we will share our flight plans and rendezvous point for arriving as a flight.

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New Chapter 419 Website

The new website for the chapter is almost ready to launch. Our thanks should go to Jerry Swick for his efforts to update our website. If you have some website skills and would be willing to help.

Have a look at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea419>

Young Eagles

The schedule for Young eagles is as follows for 2022 [Weather Permitting].

April-9 May-14 June-11 August-13 September-10 October-8

Second Saturday each month April through October excluding July due to Airventure 2022.
Time is 10:00 to 1:30.

2020 Meeting Calendar Month-Club Mtg / Board Mtg

January 13th / 27th

July 14th / 28th

February 10th / 24th

August 11th / 25th

March 10th / 24th

September 8th / 22nd

April 14th / 28th

October 13th / 27th

May 12th / 26th

November 10th / 24th

June 9th / 23rd

December 3rd Christmas Party