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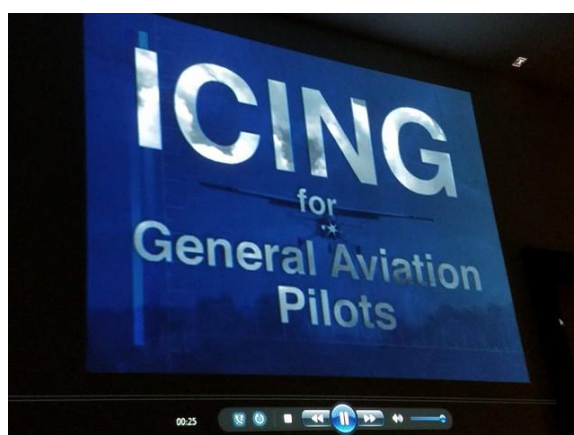
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## **April Program**

We showed an informative video on icing. For VFR-only pilots, worries about icing are not too great. For the IFR types who fly in the full range of IFR conditions, this is a major concern and well worth knowing about. I personally thought the video was well done and covered the obvious and less obvious points and considerations. Would be interesting to hear comments from meeting attendees who have encountered icing conditions. Dick

## **A Message from the President**

May is here and the new FAA Medical guidelines and requirements are in place. We'll devote part of our meeting to a discussion and clarification of the new regulations.

As a reminder, we're getting close to formalizing our tool loan program which will be available to paid-up members of the Chapter. Doug Sykes will be coordinating the program which essentially, will allow members to list tools or items they would be willing to loan on a short-time basis to other Chapter members. This would also include Chapter-owned items. Members will deal directly with each other, and the general guidelines are, "Return the tool on time in equal or better shape than when it was loaned out." Current paid-up chapter members can expect an email regarding the program in the next couple of weeks.

*Dick Socash  
President, Chapter 648*

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## NEWSLETTER QUIZ

Each month, we will ask a "question" in the newsletter. Answers are given at the meeting referenced in the newsletter. At the end of the year, there will be a prize to the person who has the most correct answers. Some will be easy and others not so much.

**April Question:** Suppliers will often offer several different brake fluids in their catalogs. What is the primary difference between these different types?

**April Answer:** Newer brakes on automobiles and larger airplanes run hotter than their older counterparts. Newer brake fluids are formulated to withstand the higher temperatures without degrading. In most small planes (experimentals and commercially built), there's no advantage gained by using the newer and usually more expensive types. One is advised, however, to not mix the two. If switching from one type to another, it's best to drain the system before adding a different type.

**May Question:** Is the Class 3 Medical Option most of us lived with these past years still in effect?

## **May Program**

We have a video on Women Ferry Pilots who flew military planes from the point of manufacture to military bases during WW2. In addition, we'll cover and discuss the May 1 official FAA medical regulations to be certain Chapter member are aware of options and future requirements.

## **New Idea for our Meetings**

Phil Brown came up with an excellent idea for a regular item in our usual meeting agenda. His suggestion: add a spot in the evening agenda for members to voice a question or thought. Two minutes max, even one minute, would suffice. But open the meeting to the floor, formally, at some point. Thanks for listening!

## **Program Request**

Every time I ask someone or go to the internet to get clarification on carrying a firearm in an airplane, I get a different or slightly modified opinion. Anyone willing to research and present to the Chapter information on this topic, or who knows a trustworthy individual willing to give

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us a program, please contact a Chapter officer and we'll set up a program. Also, any other ideas on programs are most welcome.

## 2017 Dues Due!

Don't forget. If you have not yet paid your 2107 dues, please see Haiko at the meeting or contact him at [Heritmail@AOL.Com](mailto:Heritmail@AOL.Com). To all members, thank you for your support.

## Other Items of Interest

### **AIRPLANE PICTURE(S) OF THE MONTH (#35)**

*NOTE: Even if your airplane was included in an earlier newsletter, don't hesitate sending in another/different picture. We'll keep showing these classics, but I don't want to squeeze out member photos. Dick*

Here's another of Bill and Mary's Pictures of Classic Airplanes. The notes say it is a Zenith. Perhaps someone at the meeting can add clarification and information. The editor's guess is a Waco.



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*ANYONE WHO HAS A PLANE AND HAS NOT SUBMITTED A WRITE-UP AND PICTURE(S), PLEASE DO SO. THESE ITEMS FORM AN INTERESTING ADDITION TO OUR NEWSLETTER*

## 2017 Dues Due!

With the start of the New Year, our annual membership dues are once again being collected for the Chapter's ongoing fund. Also, related to dues, around mid-May the Chapter's Tool Loaner List will be made available to all paid members. To all members, thank you for your support.

## Young Eagles

No action has been taken regarding restarting our Young Eagles Program. The intention is to talk to Chapter 43 in the coming months to learn what their experiences are with regards to the new regulations.

**Also, if you get time, send a note to Bill Truax. His address is:**

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**To members, friends and aspiring authors.** Get published! Send in Your Newsletter Items: **DON'T FORGET!!!** We need to get submissions from the members to include in future newsletters. I'm starting to run out of ideas and lies!! Let's hear from you!! Need "Plane of the Month", trip reports, technical tips, hangar tales, "beautiful planes", and aviation slanted "fish stories." NOTE: To all who have sent in articles. **THANK YOU!!**

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