

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, April 22: EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. This month's location is Sconyer's Bar-B-Que, 2250 Sconyers Way, Augusta, GA 30906-3400. Phone number: 706-790-5411. Contact Virginia Bush for more details 706-554-5618 e-mail: donr.bush@yahoo.com. For a map and directions go to the Web and put in this URL: nightout.jcmservices.net

CONGRESS AIMS TO CHANGE FAA AIRPORT ACCESS POLICY

Bills are now under consideration in both the House and Senate to amend a recent FAA policy that restricts airport access. The "Community Airport Access and Protection Act of 2010" addresses the FAA's decision to prohibit "through the fence" access at most public airports. Such access has long been enjoyed by owners of hangar homes and other neighbors who use airports on a regular basis. "Please contact your senators and representatives to support these bills," says Brent Blue who founded a group called *Through The Fence* to organize opposition to the policy. "No data, studies, or non-FAA-personnel's opinion went into the new order," which was issued last September without any input from the public or advocacy groups, says Blue. *Through The Fence* is encouraging all pilots and others interested in general aviation airports to contact their senators and representatives to support this legislation.



DUES ARE DUE!

That time of year has come! Please pay the annual dues of \$25 at the April meeting or send a check made out to *EAA 172* to:
EAA 172 Treasurer
4511 Boulineau Rd.
Blythe, GA 30805



PLEASE give or send your EAA Number, address changes, phone number, e-mail changes etc. to the Club Secretary.

Who's the Pilot in Command?

A photographer for a national magazine was assigned to take pictures of a great forest fire. He was advised that a small plane would be waiting to fly him over the fire.

The photographer arrived at the airport just an hour before sundown. Sure enough, a small Cessna airplane was waiting. He jumped in with his equipment and shouted, "Let's go!"

The tense man sitting in the pilot's seat swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air, though flying erratically.

Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make several low-level passes."

"Why?" asked the nervous pilot.

"Because I'm going to take pictures!" yelled the photographer. "I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures."

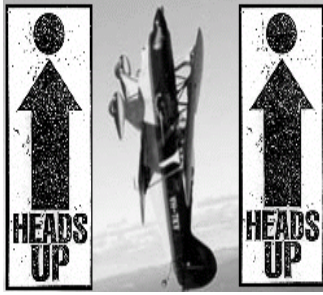
After a long pause, the "pilot" replied: "You mean you're not my instructor?"

**The three most common expressions
(or famous last words) in aviation are:**

Why is it doing that?

Where are we?

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EAA 172 Breakfast Fly-in
April 10, 2010, 9:00 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

Sun 'n Fun® 2010 Fly-In
April 13-18, 2010 - Tuesday-Sunday: Lakeland, FL.

O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in
May 21-22, 2010, at the Wrens Memorial Airport (65J), Wrens, GA
(for May 21 it is the meeting/meal at 6:00 PM.
The main fly-in date is May 22)

Clubhouse Cleanup - Fix-up Day

On Saturday, March 6, there was a clubhouse - fix-up day organized by Frances Weiss. This was a day that will take place every other month. During this time any members who want to come can do those special cleanups (like behind or in the refrigerator) or repairs (curtains, curtain rods, light bulbs, etc.) that haven't been done in some time. George Weiss said "The clean-up went well, we accomplished a lot inside." This included cleaning the restrooms and reorganizing the bookcases and shelving areas. Besides George and Frances Weiss, those fixing up and cleaning up were Ron and Heather Banning, Sheila Connell, Bill Farley, and Al Nodorft. Frances said that on the next clean-up day, May 1st, we can concentrate on outside projects and the EAA 172 workshop clean-up.



Ron & Heather Banning
came in their Cessna 150.

'Live, from Lakeland, it's Sun 'n Fun': AOPA to sponsor event

AOPA March 12, 2010: The annual "spring break for pilots," *Sun 'n Fun*, is just around the corner. AOPA is proud to announce its second year as the platinum sponsor of the event, in Lakeland, Florida, April 13 through 18. What does this mean for you? Expect more insights, more seminars, and more chances to see the association at the Big Yellow Tent. If you can't make it to Florida, make sure to watch coverage of *Sun 'n Fun 2010* on AOPA Live. Keep an eye out for further updates in ePilot and on AOPA Online!



NTSB FINDS NO SAFETY BENEFIT YET WITH GLASS-COCKPIT AIRCRAFT



AOPA March 12, 2010. A study recently released by the National Transportation Safety Board found no major safety benefit from glass-cockpit aircraft. According to the study, glass-cockpit aircraft were involved in fewer accidents during the study period than conventional airplanes, but those accidents were more likely to be fatal. The NTSB noted, however, that the safety record could improve from better training. The NTSB offered six recommendations to the FAA as a result of the study, five of which centered around pilot training. "That is consistent with what we found in both of our studies of technically advanced aircraft," said Bruce Landsberg, president of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation. "The key is the mission. As the NTSB staff noted, glass cockpit aircraft tend to be used for more demanding flights involving longer distances and, often, instrument meteorological conditions."