
APPLE'S OPERATING SYSTEM COULD CAUSE PILOTS' iPads TO LOSE DATA iPad Pilot Safety Alert

The release by Apple of a new operating system for the iPad, iOS 5, has raised concerns among aviation app providers that pilots' iPads might lose charts or even entire applications without the user's knowledge.



The issue has to do with Apple's decision to let the new operating system delete files at its discretion if it were to run low on space. In a worst-case scenario, a pilot might add a video or download a new app only to have the new operating system delete charts from the application database. When the pilot tried to pull up the chart to fly an approach, it would simply not be there.

This is only a concern for pilots if their iPad is running low on storage space. According to an iPad expert from Apple, who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to speak on the subject, there is no way at this time for users to safeguard certain apps. The issue affects all apps, not just aviation ones.

Hilton Goldstein, president of Hilton Software, developer of the popular app WingX Pro, recommends not upgrading to the new OS on your iPad or iPhone. If you already have made the change, however, or if you have a new iPhone 4S, on which the new OS is native, unfortunately you can't downgrade. In that case Goldstein suggests keeping "several gigabytes" of storage free as a safety measure.

Numerous application developers, including Hilton Software and ForeFlight, have petitioned Apple to change the way the new OS handles storage, but so far Apple has not responded with any changes or proposed changes to what seems an ill-considered storage management scheme.

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Keith Brock Memorial Fly-in

November 12, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

EAA 172 Annual Christmas Party

December 3, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

EAA 172 Meeting

January 14, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

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A pilot took advantage of a beautiful October day to fly to Blairstown, New Jersey and catch the fall foliage. Sipping a Coke and watching the arrivals and departures, he saw a bright orange Grumman Tiger taxi in. From it emerged a man and a woman; the woman seemed to be carrying a big fur hat in her arms. As they approached, the pilot realized it was a cat!

Pilot: "You take your cat flying?"

The Woman from the Tiger: "Yes, and she loves it."

The pilot shook his head in amazement.

The Woman from the Tiger: "And she's not just a cat -- she's a Grumman cat!"

Birthdays

Bruce W.	CAMERON, Jr.	11-03	Cathy	MULHERIN	11-04
Everett	PARKS	11-04	Joyce	JAMES	11-05
James R.	REEVES	11-04	Ruth	JATHO	11-05
Michael	HENDRICK	11-28	Cindy	BRITT	11-06

Valerie	BELL	11-08
Luanne	BROOKER	11-08
Lucy	KEEFER	11-16
Yvonne	SLIGAR	11-17
Donna	HENDRICK	11-24
Shirley	McBURNEY	11-29

Anniversaries

Richard	Valerie	BELL	11-01
Alfred	Joyce Ann	NEWMAN	11-03
Joseph	& Pearl P.	MILES	11-09
Edwin	& Diana	BROCK	11-10
Gene	& Janeen	MOHR	11-14
Roger	LuVin	McCOIG	11-22
Frank	Jackie	CHRISTIAN	11-23
Richard	Cindy	ZGOL	11-26

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, November 24: EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. Because of all the holiday happenings this month and next month, there will be no EAA 172 social "get together" this month. The next one will be January 26, 2012.

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AVweb October 3, 2011

While flying southbound IFR in good VMC conditions to Sun 'n Fun two years ago, a pilot overheard the following conversation:

Cessna 1234 (sounding like a student pilot): "Approach, request flight following."

Approach: "Cessna 1234, what is your location -- altitude and destination?"

Cessna 1234: "We just departed Salisbury. 1,500 feet."

Approach: "What is your destination?"

Cessna 1234: [A few unintelligible words mumbled, with no definitive answer.]

[Long pause.]

Approach (laughter in his voice): "Would you like me to select your destination?"

Cessna 1234: "Where do you recommend?"