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EAA Chapter 827

April 2011

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It's been a tough year for national EAA events. First, Oshkosh last summer became OshSlosh with the heavy rains that precluded most from flying into the airfield and setting up their tents and motor homes. Then Sun 'N Fun this past week was visited by a fast moving tornado that literally turned things upside down. You have probably seen some of the pictures John Miller shared. I talked with John after the tornado went through and he and Jim McCurdy were safely headed back north – to our white Spring.

We have a number of events planned for the next few months. Because of wet and muddy conditions at Miller's Field the April and May meetings will be held at the Old Town Airport. The guest speaker at the April 16 meeting is Michael Willey, an EAA member and pilot

flying out of Norridgewock, who will provide an update on ethanol-free auto fuel availability for aircraft in Maine. That meeting will be held in the terminal building at Dewitt Field in Old Town.

Management at Brunswick Executive



Airport (BXM) will host our Chapter for a briefing and tour of the redeveloped Brunswick Naval Air Station complex on Saturday, April 30. Please let me know by email if you plan to attend so I may provide a head count.

On May 21, the Chapter meeting will be held in the Carter Aero Works hangar at Old Town Airport. Dave Pepple from the Portland FSDO will give a presentation on amateur

built and light sport aircraft accident trends and prevention. May 21 is also the first EAA International Learn to Fly Day (similar to Young Eagles but for adults) and I hope, with help from members, to sponsor a Chapter event at Old Town following our meeting on that day. Let me know if you can help organize and staff this event.

Jeff Russell and Curt Carter are representing Chapter 827 on the

planning committee for the six Maine-based EAA Chapters to participate in a major fly-in hosted by Brunswick Executive Airport on June 4. Curt will be part of a team judging homebuilt airplanes flying to the event. I would like to see a good turnout from our Chapter.

See "**President**" on page 2.

Event Calendar

Chapter Meeting:	Saturday, April 16, 2011, 9:00 A.M., Old Town Airport (KOLD)
Tour of Brunswick Executive Airport:	Saturday, April 30, 2011, 10:00 A.M.
Chapter Meeting/Learn to Fly Day:	Saturday, May 21, 2011, 9:00 A.M., Carter Aero Works (KOLD)
Fly-in at Brunswick Executive Airport:	Saturday, June 4, 2011 (Details to follow)

“President”

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An idea for the July-August-September Chapter meetings is to host a fly-in breakfast (8-10 am), do some local flying as a Chapter providing rides to other members or guests, then return for lunch (11-12:30). This will be in lieu of planning a one or two day fly-in in August as in the past few years. We should have a higher probability of hitting good weather on at least two out of three Saturdays. What do you think?

Visit the Chapter website at www.eaa827.org for calendar of Chapter events. Let me know your ideas for educational programs, and if you could help plan a future program. And please bring a guest to share in our upcoming educational programs, tour, and flying events.

Fly safe this Spring.

Dan



EAA Webinars & Videos

Did you know that EAA is now offering a regular series of webinars as a new service to members? These live multimedia presentations are informative and interactive, allowing the presenter to use slides and audio, while audience members can ask questions, chat, or be polled for their opinion.

Upcoming LIVE Webinars:

<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Title</u>
4/13/11 8:00PM EDT	Reduce Stress! Tips for Planning a Successful Young Eagles Event
4/14/11 8:00PM EDT	AirVenture 2011 Update
5/11/11 8:00PM EDT	EAA's Flight Plan - Converting Young Eagles to Pilots
6/21/11 8:00PM EDT	AeroVee Turbo
6/30/11 8:00PM EDT	Flying into AirVenture - A First Timer's Guide
7/13/11 8:00PM EDT	Sonex E-flight Update

NOTE: Registration is required, and space is limited.

Examples of Archived Webinars:

<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Title</u>
3/30/11	EAA's Amateur Built Certification Kit
3/24/11	Media Relations 101
3/23/11	Prepare for Your Checkride and Pass
12/03/10	Owning and Flying a Homebuilt - What You Need to Know
07/02/10	Non-Towered Operations

These are just a few of the hundreds of videos and webinars available from EAA. The website includes sections dedicated to AirVenture, Homebuilding, Learning to Fly, General Aviation, Vintage Aircraft, Warbirds, Aerobatics, Ultralights, Light Sport Aircraft, and Aviation History.

Visit <http://www.eaa.org/webinars> to register for an upcoming webinar or to browse through the treasure trove of videos available in the archive.



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Safety Tip for Airport Surface Operations

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With spring just around the corner, it is time to knock the dust and cobwebs off our favorite aircraft and get ready for the flying season. Just as important to our flying safety as prepping our bird for flight after winter storage is the prepping of our mind for safe flight operations. It is time to clear the mind and brush up on the proper techniques and skills required to operate the aircraft safely and proficiently.

Remember to review operating procedures for airport surface operations at your local airport and the airports that you frequent. Review the runway signage and what they mean. Brush up on proper radio phraseology and practice clear and concise radio communication skills. All of these skill sets can assist you in avoiding becoming a runway incursion statistic.

FAASafety.gov can help you with this task through the on-line learning library and on-line courses. Be knowledgeable, be safe, be responsible, be a professional – Be a Pilot.

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New AC: How to Stay Safe in Unfamiliar Aircraft

Notice Number: NOTC2890

New AC Advises Pilots on How to Stay Safe in Unfamiliar Aircraft

Experimental airplane flights represent only a small component of total general aviation (GA) flights in the United States. However, a significant number of GA fatal accidents occur in them. Many of those accidents take place when experienced pilots first fly an unfamiliar aircraft, especially when they are the second owner or pilot of an experimental amateur built aircraft. Data also shows that fatal accidents often occur when pilots with little experience in a particular type of aircraft fly in challenging conditions, such as poor weather.

A new Advisory Circular (AC 90-109, Airmen Transition to Experimental or Unfamiliar Airplanes) advises that all pilots should consider the first flight in any particular experimental airplane a test flight. It also urges pilots to review the hazards and risks outlined in the AC and complete the recommended training.

AC 90-109 provides information and guidance to owners and pilots of experimental airplanes and to flight instructors who teach in them. The Federal Aviation Administration worked with the GA community, including the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), to develop the recommendations in the AC. It complements AC 90-89A, Amateur-Built Aircraft and Ultralight Flight Testing Handbook, which addresses the testing of newly-built experimental airplanes.

This AC is part of the FAA's focus on reducing general aviation accidents by using a non-regulatory, proactive strategy to get results. The agency's goal is to reduce the GA fatal accident rate per 100,000 flight hours by 10 percent by 2018.

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