



EAA Chapter 827  
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## Presidents Column

John Greany was one of the charter members of Chapter 827. He maintained a very active interest in Chapter activities all his life. He didn't always make it to the meetings because of his irregular schedule driving trains back and forth across Maine. But if he wasn't working, he would be at our meeting. I talked with him on the phone in March and he wanted to make sure he had paid his dues for 2010, even though he knew he wouldn't make it to the end of the year and would never be able to come to another meeting. That's the kind of man he was. I drove up to see him a couple of weeks before he died. I wanted to make sure he had possession of the certificate and pin he earned for serving as our vice-president in 2009. It's a long drive from his house to Miller's Field and back and some of those drives last fall, when he was really beginning to feel the effects of the cancer, must have taken a great deal of his energy. But when he was here his stories were entertaining and his comments about issues facing the Chapter were always sensible. He asked me to say hello for him to all the Chapter members and to wish you all well.

Dennis and Doreen Bradley joined me one day at the hangar and we put the second coat of paint on the walls and the ceiling and another coat of preservative on the knotty pine wall. The only thing left to paint is the floor and I'll try to get to that this week. No promises. But we're almost finished, thanks to Dennis and Doreen.

Our neighbors in Belfast are moving ahead with their plans for Young Eagles on June 12. They have created a nice poster and they are getting them out around town. At your request I offered our help and they accepted (with enthusiasm). Saturday morning I would like to get a count on how many aircraft and ground crew we can offer them. I hope we can provide one ground crew for each aircraft to take care of the paperwork the way we did in Patten. If you can't be at the meeting Saturday but can help on June 12, please let me know ASAP. They would like everyone there by nine and will fly for four hours ending at two. Rain date is the following day, June 13.

Last week I informed my partners that I am putting my share of 8218L up for sale. Off hand I can't think of any decision I have made in my life that has caused so much pain. But the prospect of scaling the medical mountain that the FAA has created, and doing it each and every year at significant expense, and without knowing if I can reach the top each time is just too intimidating. So if you know someone who might be interested, let me know.

Jim

### Monthly Chapter Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

**Chapter Meeting -** This month's meeting will be at Millers Field on Saturday the 15th at the usual 9:00am starting time.

**Wagabond Builder's Group -** Most Wednesdays nights from 6:00 to approximately 9:30. Call Don Hansen for more info.

## **Aircraft Project for Sale:**

Homebuilt aircraft project, "Poher Pixie" for sale. Fuselage, tail feathers, and landing gear with struts and shock cords welded up. Control stick and rudder pedals installed. New Scott stainless steel wheels, McCreary 5.00-5 6ply tires, Cleveland brakes with parking brake cylinder. Project has more than enough high quality spruce for wing spar and rib construction. All steel parts will require sand blasting. Over \$1,800 invested, will sell for \$650.

Contact: Don Cole at 989-2153 or email [Keecole@adelphia.net](mailto:Keecole@adelphia.net)

## **Owls Head Transportation Summer Schedule:**

May 29-30	Out of the Barn: Truck, Auto & Antique Aeroplane Show
June 19-20	Custom Vehicles & Antique Aeroplane Show
July 3-4	Fabulous '50s, Sensational '60s & Antique Aeroplane Show
July 17-18	Trucks, Tractors, Commercial Vehicles & Antique Aeroplane Show
July 24-25	Wings & Wheels Spectacular & Aerobatic Airshow
August 21	33rd Annual New England Auto Auction
September 4-5	Vintage Motorcycle Meet & Antique Aeroplane Show
September 18-19	Earth Movers & Shakers & Antique Aeroplane Show
October 9-10	Foreign Auto Festival & Antique Aeroplane Show
October 30-31	The Great Fall Auction & Flea Market



## **In Memoriam:**

*The following is an excerpt from the obituary that appeared in locals newspapers:*

John H. Greaney, Jr., 66, beloved husband of Carla (Bryant) Greaney, passed away April 27, 2010, at his residence. He was born September 15, 1943, in Williamsburg, the son of John Henry and Isabel (Lancaster) Greaney, Sr.

John served his country proudly with the U.S. Army, both in Vietnam and in the war against terrorism, retiring as a Master Sergeant. He earned a degree in Business Administration from Beal Business College, graduating valedictorian of his class. He worked at Dexter Shoe as an Administrative Controller, and then for many years for the Canadian Pacific Railroad as an engineer. He held offices with the Sub 5 Running Club, the Experimental Aircraft Association, and the J.P. Chaisson American Legion Post No 41 in Milo. He enjoyed maintaining the family farm of which he was so proud. John appreciated his family, friends, and caregivers, and the companionship and care he received while he battled colorectal cancer.

## **In the News ...**

### **Lake and River Protection Stickers Now Required on Seaplanes**

(From Maine IFW website)

In an effort to help bring attention to the threat and prevention of invasive plants in Maine's nearly 6,000 lakes and ponds, the Maine Legislature last year passed a law requiring seaplanes - owned by residents or non-residents landing in Maine - to carry a "Lake and River Protection Sticker".

Before the law's passage, only motorized watercraft owners - both resident and non-resident - were required to display the sticker.

The "Lake and River Protection Sticker" is two parts - one to be attached to the outside edge of each pontoon - and costs \$20. It can be purchased through the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's website, <http://www.mefishwildlife.com> or at most of the Department's license agents statewide.

### **FAA Nixes 'Taxi to' Policy**

(from Flying Magazine enewsletter)

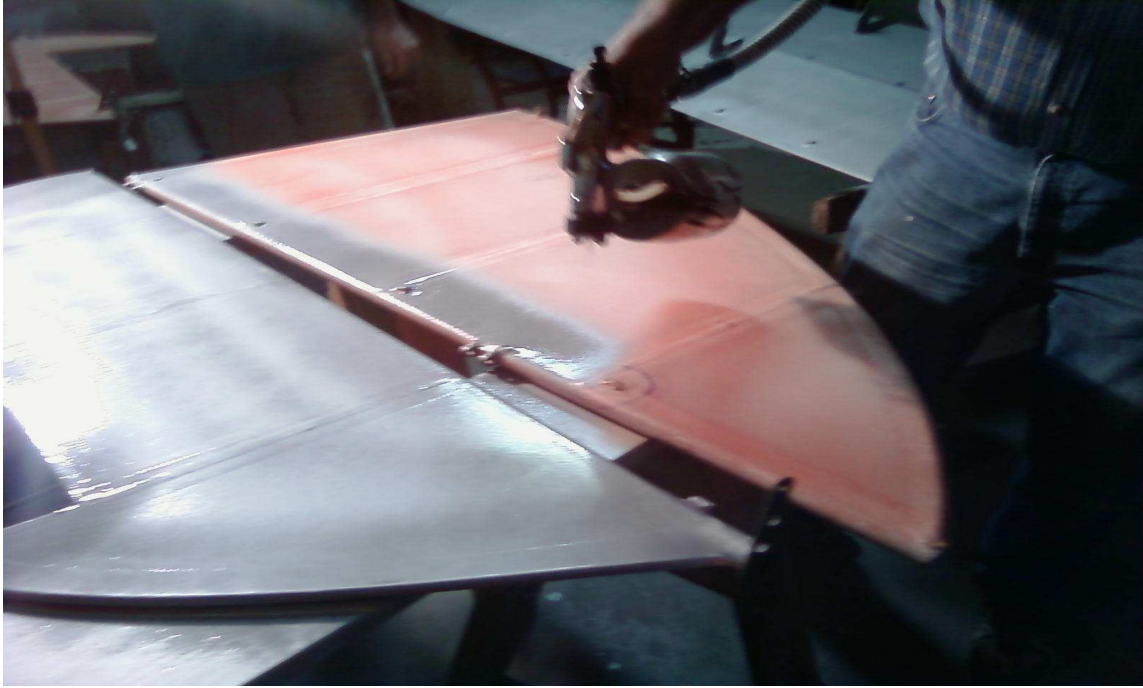
In a regulatory move designed to curb runway incursions, after the end of next month, ground controllers will no longer be able to clear you to taxi directly to the takeoff runway if the route involves crossing another runway. Currently, a clearance to the departure runway enabled the pilot to cross any intervening runways without specific clearance for that runway. After June 30, all clearances to cross a runway — active or not — must be specific to that runway. And controllers may not clear an aircraft to cross a second runway until the pilot has successfully crossed the first one. An exception would be when two runways' centerlines are less than 1,000 feet apart (as in many parallel runway arrangements) and the FAA's Terminal Services Director of Operations has issued an approval.

### **Sun 'n Fun Lives Up to Its Name**

"This year, it looks like we really lucked out with the weather," said John Burton, chairman of the 36th annual Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In & Expo. True enough, the isobars for the entire week are looking extremely VFR friendly, not just for the Lakeland Linder (Florida) Regional Airport area, but also at least 1,000 miles north and west. "Last year, there was a stubborn system stuck to the north of Florida," said Burton, "so people had a tough time getting in. This year, it looks great all the way around for the whole week." Early attendance estimates appeared to bear out expectations of decent crowds; at least with respect to the economic storm that hit 18 months ago. That crisis also seems to show signs of clearing, and some exhibitors began their presentations with the tongue-in-cheek good news that they had "survived 2009." No one is jumping in and declaring the hard times over, but there seems to be at least a little bit of fun returning along with the sun. Checkout [flyingmag.com](http://flyingmag.com) daily for breaking news, blogs, photo galleries and more from the Flying crew.

## Wagabond Builder's Group

Now that the surfaces are covered, the coatings can be applied. The first is several coats of what is commonly referred to as 'silver'. This main purpose of this paint is to prevent the sun's ultraviolet rays from penetrating the fabric and breaking it down over time. Once this coating is applied then the colors can be applied. Tim did an excellent job with his HVLP spray gun. The only issues were the moths and other bugs that couldn't resist trying to do a touch and go on the freshly painted surface. The 'touch' would go well but the 'go' would not.



Tim Letourneau demonstrates his prowess with the spray gun.

