



## Meeting Notice *April 8, 2008*

### PILOT PROFILE – Ed “Murph” Murphy



“Murph” over Boston

### Other Items

We will be selling the remaining tickets to The AirVenture Oshkosh Weekend. The drawing will occur at this meeting!!

**May 7th, 2008, from 8:30 to 11:30 am  
Fitchburg High Career Fair – we will  
have a Young Eagles Booth.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Apr 8 – FPA Meeting

This month we have a Wings Program. The FAA Safety Team will be speaking to us regarding actual incidents and accidents. This Wings program can be credited towards your BFR. Bring your questions!

Dinner @ 6:00PM,  
Meeting @ 7:00PM

### Apr 9 - FIT Airport Commission Meeting @ 6:00PM

**May 13 - FPA Meeting** - May's meeting we'll have a world renowned guest speaker, Rod Machado! Well, sort of. Rod can't make it, but we do have a DVD of his Aviation Humor. If you have not seen or heard any of his material, then you are in for a great night of laughter and learning. Join us for some camaraderie and a fun meeting in May!

Dinner @ 6:00PM,  
Meeting @ 7:00PM

### May 14 - FIT Airport Commission Meeting @ 6:00PM

### Jun 10 - FPA Meeting - TBD

Dinner @ 6:00PM,  
Meeting @ 7:00PM



### From the Presidents Cockpit:

The Trip to Boston Logan Tower will have to be re scheduled. I guess we lost our Bravo clearance for now.. Stand by, we are still working on it...

Mark your calendar for June 14th. We'll be discussing this date as our first ever EAA Young Eagles Rally. Chairman (and this month's member profile) Ed Murphy has all kinds of exciting information for us regarding this popular event

FPA can now be found at  
<http://aviation.meetup.com/94>

# Help YOUR Association

## A. Renew Your Membership or Donate to a Scholarship Fund!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_

## B. Decide how to receive Your newsletter.

MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Email distribution saves quite a bit of money, and is our preferred method of delivery. Notices will be provided in PDF format.

## C. Donate to one of Our Scholarship Funds

FPA Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charles Schwartz Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Russ Hume,  
151 Wilder Rd.  
Leominster, MA 01453

## Treasurer's Report:

### Opening Balances Feb 01,2008

Operating Fund :	\$ 2,782.21
Raffle Funds	\$0.00
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,132.09
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	3,757.00
Total	\$ 9,671.30

### Income:

Food	90.00
50/50	39.00
Memberships	225.00
Oshkosh Raffle	250.00
Scholarship Donations	0.00
Total	\$ 604.00

### Expenses:

Food	\$ 160.00
IRS Filing Fee	\$300.00
EAA Annual Dues	\$227.00
Meetup Exp & DVD	\$101.99
Flowers	\$57.50
Total	\$846.45

### Ending Balances: Dec 31, 2007

Operating Fund:	\$ 2,250.76
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,421.09
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	3,757.00

Total \$ 9,428.85

Following please find your current leadership for 2008. Please feel free to contact any of us with any ideas, suggestions or if you want to volunteer;

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President, EAA liaison and Young Eagles

## ED MURPHY



### Ed “Murph” Murphy

Original founding member and immediate Past President, Fitchburg Pilots Assoc..

**What do you currently fly?** Murph owns a red 1966 Cessna 172 Skyhawk he purchased in 1990.

**Occupation:** Owner, Murphy Dental Arts, 1010 Main Street Holden, MA

**Types of aircraft flown:** Cessna 172, DA-40, Extra 200, Cessna 150, Cessna 206, Yak, Decathlon, Piper Cub, Skylane, Starduster 2, Citabria.

**Approximate total hours:** 1400+/-

**Ratings:** SEL, Tail wheel endorsement and aerobatics.

**How long flying:** 31 years.

**Where did you get your training?** Westboro Airport. Grass strip 1700' in a C-150. (Airport is now closed.)

**What sparked your interest in flying?** Always loved airplanes and as a child he had a “Cabled Airplane”, the predecessor to the Remote Controlled airplanes now available. When he was on a vacation with his family in Provincetown, he bought a ride in a Stinson for \$5.00. Two weeks later, he was a passenger in an Arrow flying to the beach. His lessons began the following week and he hasn't been below maneuver speed since.

**Visits to AirVenture, Oshkosh?** Including 2008 (He has purchased his ticket already) this will make 18 consecutive visits to Oshkosh! 6 times flying there, 5 in his own plane as PIC! (WOW)

Sun n Fun? Twice.

**Memorable stories about flying:** Returning from Oshkosh over Lake Michigan at 1200 feet. Murph decided to lean his mixture for better fuel economy. Was it a good idea? His flying partner Jim Bisson had a different opinion! Just ask him...

Another time returning from Oshkosh, they were stuck in Alma, Michigan for 2 days. They received an escort to see the famous Alma Elm tree! (sounds like fun). Ed is waiting to return the favor by showing them the Rollstone Boulder!

Another return trip had them surrounded by a lightning storm and after landing at Niagara Int. Airport with minutes to spare, they had to run off the tarmac into the FBO for shelter.

A partial engine failure at take off makes for interesting conversation. Ed was climbing out at KFIT, when he lost partial power and his maximum climb was less than 900 feet in the pattern. Ed executed a perfect emergency landing. Ask him about this one!

**Additional Comments:** Throughout Ed's years as a pilot, he's been very actively involved in the community. He flew many Angel Flights, landing at Logan over a dozen times and flying whenever needed throughout New England & New York.

As an EAA Young Eagles Pilot, Ed has logged over 91 Young Eagles Flights. He currently serves as our newly formed EAA Young Eagles Coordinator. Please volunteer to help us when he asks. He has some great ideas for our newly formed EAA Chapter.

Ed knows airplanes inside out. He's an excellent pilot with the experiences we all dream about (7 landings at OSH). He formed our association with Jim Bisson over 7 years ago. Thanks to Ed for having the insight to this awesome organization.

BTW, if Murph buys a ticket to a 50/50 or a raffle, it's a good bet he will win!