



**Fitchburg Pilots Assoc.
EAA Chapter 1454**

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From the Presidents Cockpit



WOW, we have some lineup for April's meeting—**Bob Adelizzi**, from Boston ATC will be speaking with us. There have been several operational changes being enforced. Bob will provide a Class B, pilot/ATC Communications refresher and talk about the new changes. He's also looking for some real life radio transmissions to use. Bob is

another dynamic speaker and can answer any questions we have about ATC's operations.

In addition, **Jim Adams** of the FAA FAAST TEAM will also be here. He has endorsed this meeting as another WINGS program. FAA will also be advertising our AirVenture raffle.

We expect this to be fully packed with over 100 attendees estimated. This meeting has come together with the additional help of **Jim Bisson** and the FAA. What a great group we have!

We'll also be discuss-

ing our possible involvement with the Wings and Wheels mentioned at last months meeting.

We're also working on having worldwide renown aerobatic performer Mike Goulian speak at one of our meetings before the summer. Possibly May or Junes meeting...

Where else can you have this much excitement for \$25 bucks a year?

See you all soon.
Charley

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On Sale

Never been to Oshkosh?!

AirVenture raffle tickets for the big weekend are also on sale now.



AirVenture Entrance!

UPCOMING EVENTS



No, no—I think this is Rte 2.



Matt calling the Tower to ask if they can find his plane.



Murph looking for a raffle

Apr 14 - FPA Meeting – Bob Adelizzi, from Boston ATC will speak!

Oshkosh Drawing!!!!

Dinner @ 6:00PM

Meeting @ 7:00PM

Apr 15 - FIT Airport Commission

Meeting @ 6:00PM

May 12 - FPA Meeting

Dinner @ 6:00PM,

Meeting @ 7:00PM

May 13 - FIT Airport Commission

Meeting @ 6:00PM

Jun 09 - FPA Meeting

Dinner @ 6:00PM,

Meeting @ 7:00PM

Jun 10 - FIT Airport Commission

Meeting @ 6:00PM

FPA Member Profile—Jim Bisson



Occupation: Owner, Bisson Tool and Die

Types of Aircraft Flown:

Extra 200, Extra 300, Yak 52 Tailwheel, Diamond DA-40 XL, Skyhawk 172, Cessna 152, Piper Warrior, Piper Arrow, Pitts S2B, Super Decathlon, Citabria, AT-6, L39 Jet (2 seat fighter jet).

Planes Owned: Extra 200, Yak 52 Tailwheel, Diamond DA-40 XL.

Ratings: SEL Land, Tailwheel, high performance, complex.

How long flying: Since 1990

Where did you get your training?

FCA Flight Center, Ex-

ecutive Flyers for Advanced Spin Training and Tailwheel sign off, Mike Goulian for aerobatics. (Approx. 40 hrs of flight training with Mike Goulian).

What sparked your interest in aviation:

Started flying model airplanes at 10 years old. Then flew remote control planes. Always had a fascination for aircraft. Huey crew chief (1970-1974). Started the real thing in 1990

Times at OSH: 12 consecutive years. Purchased his 13th already.

Sun N' Fun. 3 times

Memorable story about flying, either training or otherwise, that comes to mind:

Flying his first trip to AirVenture OSH over Lake Michigan at 1500 ft. with Ed Murphy.

Ed decided it would be a good idea to adjust the mixture midway. Jim

told him if he touched the mixture again he would @#\$%^& him.

Flying the L-39 Albatross, a 2 seat fighter in Fitchburg. He was able to do 360 turns, rolls, and a low pass over 32-14!

Jim experienced a partial engine failure during a high performance checkride and had to declare an emergency! What a way to get a sign off!

Famous Flights with famous people or places:

Flying Aerobatics with Mike Goulian. Whew!

Additional Comments about this person:

Jim is the co-founder of the Fitchburg Pilots Assoc. During his 5 years as Vice President, he brought a great feeling of camaraderie to the organization along with then President Ed

Murphy.

Jim continues provide a steady flow of help and ideas that keeps us going! He has many contacts who help us with fly outs, fly ins, speakers, FAA and so much more. Jim is an accomplished and talented pilot and is also a great co pilot.

Jim can be found greasing his DA-40 at KFIT almost every weekend.

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Current FPA members!
Don't forget to sign up on Meetup.com for the latest Flyout info. We've had some last minute flights and the notifications are issued from this website. Don't miss out!

Also please note that DUES for 2009 are due. The websites, flyouts, meetings, etc. are part of the FPA and its members. \$25.00 payable to FPA and can either be paid at a meeting or sent to:

Fitchburg Pilots Assoc.
Fitchburg Municipal Airport
577 Crawford St.
Fitchburg, Mass. 01420

FCA Flight Center is offering a new Elite Flying Club for pilots. A membership fee gives discounts off plane rentals, instruction, items purchased at their pilot shop and comes with the use of a David Clark headset, updated charts and AFD's. No reason not to fly or join us on our fly outs. Ask Charley or Dick at FCA for details.

The FPA can now provide Advertising space on our Meetup Website. If anyone is interested in running an ad for their business, please contact Charlie for rates and availability.

Great Websites:

www.liveatc.net/

www.fitchburgpilots.org/

www.aopa.org/letsstoflying/

www.pilotworkshops.com/

www.eaa.org

www.nts.gov/nts/month.asp

Fun Video

Southwest has the coolest Flight Attendants—check it out!

www.wimp.com/coolestflight



Russ explains how to calculate a tip.

Treasurers Report

Opening Balances Mar 01 , 2009

Operating Fund :	2,408.22
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,552.09
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	4,757.00
Total	\$10,717.31

Income:

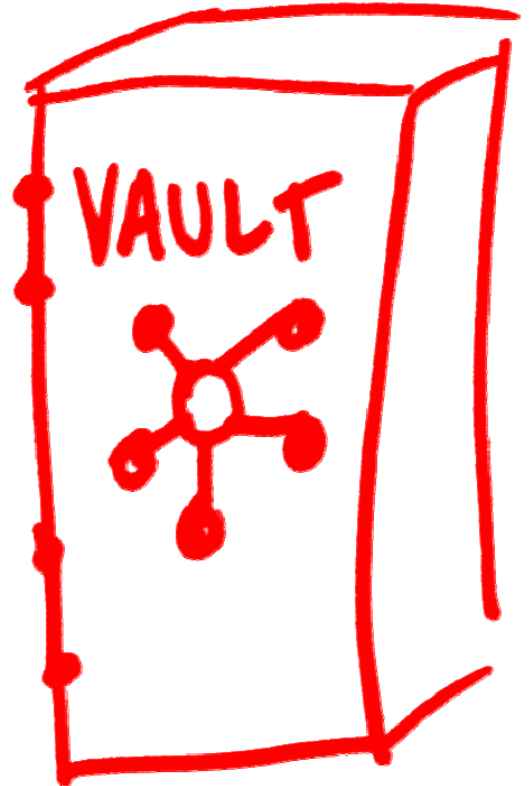
Food	130.00
Raffle	25.00
Memberships	225.00
Interest	1.81
Scholarship Donations	0.00
Total	\$ 381.81

Expenses:

Food	\$167.00
Web Site	72.00
Scholarship Flight	\$0.00
Flowers	\$ 0.00
Total	\$239.00

Ending Balances: Feb 28, 2009

Operating Fund:	\$ 2,526.03
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,577.03
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	4,757.00
Total	\$10,860.12



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Good! And you?



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Web!
FitchburgPilots.org**

Following please find your current leadership for 2009.
Please feel free to contact any of us with any ideas, sugges-
tions or if you want to volunteer;

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