



Meeting Notice July 8, 2008

PLEASE NOTE

Our August meeting will be held Thursday August 7th!

PS:

Our new grill can be rented out to members for a cost of \$50.00 per day. This commercial grade portable gas grill is perfect for large, high traffic events.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 8 – FPA Meeting

Watch a slide show of our First Ever EAA Young Eagles rally.... We'll be featured on Fitchburg Access Television soon, too.. AKA FATV... Ed Murphy will update us on the success of our flights..

Dinner @ 6:00PM 2nd Grill Tryout
Meeting@ 7:00PM

Jul 9 - FIT Airport Commission Meeting @ 6:00PM

Aug 7 - FPA Meeting – VFR CHART SMARTS

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

Aug 13 – FIT Airport Commission Meeting @ 6:00PM

Sept 9 - FPA Meeting - TBD

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

Sept 10 - FIT Airport Commission Meeting @ 6:00PM



From the Presidents Cockpit:

We've decided to skip work on Friday July 11th and all go play!

How's Block Island sound for breakfast, rent some scooters and drive around the island for a few hours. Bike week has nothing over us!

Have lunch, enjoy the island, then fly back home.

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

Sign up NOW!!

FPA Members are now flying out for dinner on a regular basis during the week and we're using the above website for ALL notifications.

Some aviation humor for those of you who haven't flown with Charley

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a 'Gripe Sheet' which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the Gripe Sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour.

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

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P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.
S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute Descent.
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.....
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.
S: Cat installed.

And the best one for last.....
P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
S: Took hammer away from midget.

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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,
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Leominster, MA 01453

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balances Apr 30,2008

Operating Fund :	1,945.95
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,496.09
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	3,757.00
Total	\$ 9,199.04

Income:

Food	102.00
50/50	37.00
Memberships	25.00
Hats/Mugs	95.00
Scholarship Donations	0.00
Total	\$ 259.00

Expenses:

Food	\$143.00
Web Site	\$51.08
Flowers	\$0
Total	\$194.08

Ending Balances: May 31, 2008

Operating Fund:	\$ 1,973.87
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,533.09
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	3,757.00
Total	\$ 9,263.96

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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