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EAA Chapter 1454**

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From the Presidents Cockpit



On your mark, get set, CLEAR! It's that time again for our weekly fly outs... Gary, Marcel, Louise and I have been up nights trying to come up with some of our old favorites and some new ones... Our first Fly Out was to Marshfield. What a great night and great turn out. We were a flight of 8 with almost 20 pilots and passengers attending. Once again, the service to us from the staff at LGHG was outstanding. We'll need to go back again for ocean front breakfast

soon too.

WHEW! Some meeting we had last month! Over 130 attended. Good going with plenty of help from everyone. Thanks to our great group!

ANOTHER great night is in store for us this May..

Captain Keith McKinley. Learned to fly at Sterling airport while in college. BS in

Chemistry
Flew 8 years in the USMC, was a flight instructor, Weapons school graduate, LSO. flew the t-28, t-2c, ta-4, av8a, av8b. Has about a 100 shipboard landings...

Flew a couple years in the MA ANG in Westfield A-

10's

He has 20 years with Delta . Currently a 767er International Capt. Flown the 727, 757, 757er, 767, 767er, L-1011

Typed in the 75/767 have an ATP and around 13,000 hours. 2000 hours in fighters

Currently fly with the Northeast Raiders Demo team in a Nanchang CJ-6a

I tried to find someone with more qualifications, but Buzz Aldrin was busy that night

See you all soon.
Charley

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Full House for April's Meeting!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Shipwreck showing the proper way to mount an airplane.



Judging from Murph's smile, Peter paid for breakfast in Chatham!



Nelson trying to figure out how much a taxi ride home will cost after flying with Charley.

May 12 - FPA Meeting – Capt Keith McKinley
Dinner @ 6:00PM
Meeting @ 7:00PM

May 13 - FIT Airport Commission
Meeting @ 6:00PM

May 16 - Young Eagles Program

June 9- FPA Meeting
Dinner @ 6:00PM,
Meeting @ 7:00PM

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

Jul 14 - FPA Meeting
Dinner @ 6:00PM,
Meeting @ 7:00PM

Jul 15 - FIT Airport Commission
Meeting @ 6:00PM

FPA Member Profile—Gary Archer



Occupation: Business owner; Two Mobil Stations, Auto Repair and Convenience Stores

Types of Aircraft Flown: Cessna 152, 172 and Piper Warrior PA-28-161

Total Hours: 350

Planes Owned: Piper Warrior PA-28.

Ratings: Private Pilot, SEL

How long flying: Since 2001

Where did you get your training?

FCA Flight Center

What sparked your interest in aviation:

I've always been very interested in airplanes, always found myself looking up, still do. I once read an article in the Boston Globe of a pilot that commuted back and fourth from MA-NH on weekends to his summer home. He told the story of how wonderful relaxing and exciting his flying was looking down at the traffic down below and wondering why more people didn't fly. One day I went to the Fitchburg Airport and asked about it, took a lesson and was hooked.

Times at OSH: None, would love to go someday.

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

As a student, I had to do a required cross country flight to Lebanon (LEB), Laconia (LCI) and back to Fitchburg. Everything was going well until I left Lebanon. Flying to Laconia I felt very confi-

dent in the fact my family has a house on the lake and I have spent summer weekends there most of my life and know the area well. Going east, the wind blew me a bit off course and I ended up over a small airport in the mountains with a faded name that I couldn't read and nothing looked familiar to me. I tried contacting Flight following with no response apparently due to a low altitude.

Even though I had just fueled up I was getting a bit panicked. I then decided to try to contact Laconia and to my relief I got someone. I told them that I was a student and I was lost. They put a flight instructor on with me and told me I was probably over Wolfeboro. I told him I knew that airport and the lake and I wasn't there. Then he thought that I was over Moultonborough and if I flew directly south I would fly over the water directly to Laconia. As soon as I

turned things became familiar, large Islands, Wolfeboro, Weirs and of course Laconia Airport. I was very happy that things turned out well and I was safely on the ground. I soon realized not to take for granted an area you think you may know. I learned things sure are different from the air than they are on the ground!

Additional Comments about this person:

Gary is a great help to the group, always willing to lend a hand. He is also very active in planning the weekly fly outs that have been enjoyed by many of us.

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We'll also be discussing the possible Wings and Wheels show for the fall. Young Eagles is set for May 16th. Also, our website has the ability to advertise. I'd like us to start using it. We need to discuss fees. It's not a big site, but we should finalise this. Please look at our Meet up site as I put my company on it for a trial. We should discuss food payments at our meetings, future fly out locations.

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 Charley 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/ntsb/month.asp



Another one of Charley's passengers



"If you just wear this bag over your head my flying won't bother you"

Treasurers Report

Opening Balances Apr 01 , 2009

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Operating Fund : | 2,526.03 |
| FPA Scholarship Fund: | 3,577.09 |
| Charles Schwartz Scholarship | 4,757.00 |
| Total | \$10,860.12 |

Income:

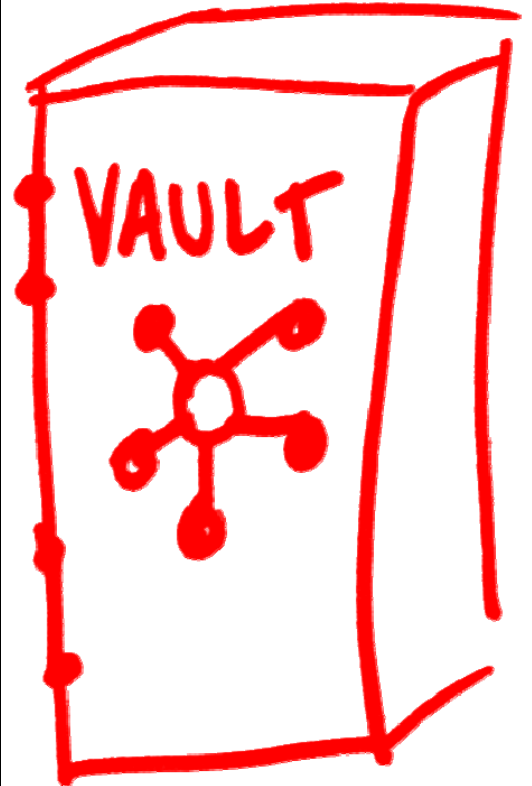
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|-----------------|-------------|
| Food | 392.00 |
| Raffle | 350.00 |
| Memberships | 200.00 |
| Interest | .83 |
| 50/50 Net | 108.00 |
| FPA Scholarship | 75.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,145.83 |

Expenses:

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|--------------------|----------|
| Food | \$379.00 |
| Web Site | 0.00 |
| Scholarship Flight | \$0.00 |
| Flowers | \$ 0.00 |
| Total | \$379.00 |

Ending Balances: Apr 30, 2009

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Operating Fund: | \$ 2,559.86 |
| FPA Scholarship Fund: | 4,110.09 |
| Charles Schwartz Scholarship | 4,757.00 |
| Total | \$11,626.95 |



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Good! And you?



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Following please find your current leadership for 2009.
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tions or if you want to volunteer;

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