



From the Presidents Cockpit



We'll also be electing our 2009 slate of officers. The polls are showing the status quo. VP Gregg Hathaway, Treasurer Toby Hume, Secretary Dave Reinhart and Charley Valera as President

But, Dave will not be able to fulfill that position all year and we'll need a replacement. I'm also looking for a President Elect. Someone to learn and undertake some of my responsibilities for 2009 and take the full presidency the following year. A change in

leadership promotes new ideas!

November's meeting will be our last business meeting of the year. Tickets will go on sale for our Christmas Party. \$25. per person. Slattery's restaurant, 106 Lunenburg St. Fitchburg. We have a private room out back. Same as last year.

For Sale

Wanna fly cheap? A share in the luxurious and one of a kind, Cessna 152, 6350Q is now available. Cost to fly is approximately \$45.00 per hr wet! If interested in this 2 seat stable trainer, talk with Marcel Trembley or Dick Fahlbeck at the FCA Flight Center.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Flying the "Corridor" NYC



Gary Archer's Clean Machine!

Nov 11 - FPA Meeting – Elections!
Dinner @ 6:00PM,
Meeting @ 7:00PM

Nov 12 - FIT Airport Commission
Meeting @ 6:00PM

Dec 6, 2008 8:30 AM Flight to Nantucket (see pg 4)

Dec 20th – Christmas Party! Slattery's Backroom

Jan 13 - FPA Meeting –Speaker Bob Martens is back!!
Dinner @ 6:00PM,
Meeting @ 7:00PM

Jan 14 - FIT Airport Commission
Meeting @ 6:00PM

FPA Member Profile—Dave Reinhart



Dave at the controls with Paul Wolf

Occupation: Software QA Engineer

Past Flying Positions: .

Types of Aircraft Flown Total Hrs: Champ (7AC & 7DC), Cessna 150 & 152, Cessna 172, Cessna 120, Citabria, Cessna Cardinal, Ercoupe, Grumman Tiger and Cheeta. Never flown in a Cub and would really like to.

Ratings: PPSEL-I

How long flying: 35 years.

Where did you get your training? Barstow-Daggett Airport (DAG) in California, Riverside (aka Jones) Airport (RVS) in Tulsa, OK. IFR at Islip, Long Island (ISP) and Sterling (3B3).

What sparked your interest in aviation Don't know. Always an airplane nut from my earliest memories.

Times at OSH: Zero. Scheduled for 2009. Chris and I are going to camp under the wing.

Sun N' Fun. Zero

Memorable story about flying, either training or otherwise, that comes to mind: Let's see, my first spin was solo in a 150 while I was prepping for my PP check ride. I almost got shot down wandering into the Restricted area around China Lake Naval Weapons Testing Station after taking off from Mojave on the return flight of student XC solo. I went there to visit Burt Rutan. In 1979 I got to ferry a Cessna 120 from Tulsa to Hanscom for a friend of mine who lived in the Boston area. He wanted to learn to fly and I convinced him to buy an airplane to train in and later sell. I found the airplane, he bought it, and I flew it out. The trip took five days dodging the backside of a slow moving cold front. The com radio died and I had to get a NORDO clearance into Hanscom. I bet I couldn't do that today! I reprised that trip in 1999 in the Cardinal, out and back. This past summer Chris and I flew from FIT to Frederick for the AOPA Fly-in, then on to St. Louis, MO. We then went to Arkansas to visit friends and

Knoxville, TN to visit family. We ended up not making it the last 50 miles or so and landed short at Barnes because FIT was below minimums. I shot the ILS into Barnes, the only approach on the entire trip, but I did pick up about 2.5 hours of actual instrument time out of about 25 hours of flying.

Famous Flights with famous people or places: Never flew with them, but I've met Burt Rutan and Hal Sheavers of Sporty's. Sporty's shipped me the wrong approach book just before our trip this summer and I got the correct one from Hal at the AOPA Fly-in. He pulled it out of the rack behind the pilots in his Citation. I've also met Phil Boyer numerous times at AOPA events.

Dave has been a steady source of flowing information to us. He's our AOPA ASN, Airport Support Network member. Whether political or safety issues, user fees or 4102 A and B, Dave has the answers and updates. Attending and communicating at all our meetings as our Treasurer and at all commission meetings. Dave is also one of those voices

that helps keep our organization on track behind the scenes. One of the guys who can call it as he see's it. A highly regarded instrument pilot, to those of us that know him. His yearly flights logging 20+ hours in a week or two during a fly vacation makes all of us envious. You can always count on Dave for his input and knowledge and passion for KFIT and aviation.

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The Annual Christmas Stroll Weekend is a community holiday celebration attracting visitors from around the world.

Nantucket is particularly enchanting during the holiday season, when New England's finest traditions come alive for the Annual Christmas Stroll Weekend, which is part of Nantucket Noel a month-long celebration organized by the Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce.

The Annual Christmas Stroll Weekend is a community holiday celebration attracting visitors from around the world. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive to the island via a Coast Guard vessel and ride up Main Street in a horse-drawn carriage accompanied by the Town Crier.

Carolers in Victorian cos-

tumes, bell ringers, student choirs and other musicians perform on the Main Street stage as well as stroll through town performing, all the while visitors can enjoy Nantucket's unique shops and restaurants.

Anyone interested in a position on the executive committee for 2009 or 2010, please contact either Jim Bisson, Larry McGee or Ed Murphy with questions. Future leadership is essential for continuation of growth and excitement.

Please volunteer!

Great Websites:

www.liveatc.net/

www.fitchburgpilots.org/

www.aopa.org/letsstoflying/

www.pilotworkshops.com/

Treasurers Report

Opening Balances Sep 01, 2008

Operating Fund :	2,272.72
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,689.09
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	3,757.00
Total	\$ 9,718.81

Income:

Food	116.00
Raffle	45.00
Memberships	50.00
Interest	0.00
Scholarship Donations	0.00
Total	\$ 211.00

Expenses:

Food	\$65.00
Web Site	\$10.50
Scholarship Flight	\$500.00
Flowers	\$0.00
Total	\$575.50

Ending Balances: Sep 30, 2008

Operating Fund:	\$ 2,363.22
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,234.09
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	3,757.00
Total	\$ 9,354.31

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Good! And you?.



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

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