



Meeting Notice Oct 14, 2008

FPA Member Profile this Month

RUSS "TOBY" HUME



At the controls!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 14 – FPA Meeting

Special guest: Ron Godin CFI II will be in discussing his favorite training tips and stories. Bring your questions!

2nd EAA Young Eagles planning session

Dinner @ 6:00PM

Meeting @ 7:00PM

Oct 18 – Young Eagles Program

Nov 11 - FPA Meeting – Elections!
Speaker TBD

Dinner @ 6:00PM,

Meeting @ 7:00PM

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

Dec – Christmas Party!

Jan 13 - FPA Meeting –Speaker Bob Martens is back!!

Dinner @ 6:00PM,

Meeting @ 7:00PM



From the Presidents Cockpit:

We have our second Young Eagles flights coming up Saturday October 18. Our first one was a great success with over 80 flights. We'll once again try to recruit the local media to promote the event. (WEIM radio and the Fitchburg Sentinel). The faces on the passengers made it all worth the time and effort. I believe we touched many new prospective pilots by showing them the freedom of flight and exposing them to General Aviation.

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At The Airshow



FPA Member Profile: Russ "Toby" Hume

Occupation: Independent Financial / Systems Consultant, Banner Tow Pilot

Types of Aircraft Flown: Champ, J-3, Tri-pacer, Warrior, Archer, Skyhawk, Cardinal, Citabria, AT-6, Yak-52

Total Hrs: ~1100

Ratings: Commercial / Instrument

How long flying: Started in 1964

Where did you get your training?

Initial training – J-3 – Zahn's Airport, Amityville, NY

Private

– Bob Worzel - Bayport, Long Island - 1966

Instrument – Jay Diamond - FCA - 2000

Commercial – Chris Loprinze - Air Direct
– Nashua, NH - 2006

Funny how
you remember all your instructors

What sparked your interest in aviation:

My father was a flight instructor during WWII, taught in AT-6's, also flew P51's but did not get overseas.

My step-father decided to learn to fly and offered the opportunity to all of us kids. I was the only one to take him up on it.

Times at OSH: 5

Sun N' Fun. 0

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

- When I was a student pilot I planned to fly solo from Bayport, L.I. to Providence and then take a commercial flight on to Boston for some doctor's appointments. When I got to Providence I couldn't raise the tower on the radio (maybe I had an old chart, or didn't get the NOTAMs...) so I decided to fly in to Boston. Called in about 8 miles south and was cleared for a straight-in to 4 Left. Landed next to a DC-6 on 4 Right... man did I feel small!!! The weather deteriorated and I was stuck in Boston for 3 days. Finally was able to depart

between rain showers with \$2 left in my pocket... ran into rain just south of Providence and landed in Newport for the night. The tie-down for the evening was \$2, so I left the next morning with empty pockets but enough fuel to make it back to Bayport.... Interesting week for a 17 year old...

- Flying between layers on a gray day can be such a peaceful experience
- The thrill of each banner pickup is only exceeded by the freedom you feel after dropping the banner at the end of the flight

Famous Flights with famous people or places:

Two years ago got to fly with Mike Mancuso in his Extra300 and do formation aerobatics out of Oshkosh... now that was an experience! (see photo's in our Meetup website)

Additional Comments about this person:

Toby has been one of the driving forces behind the FPA in every way and he's much more than just our Treasurer. Although he's called "Toby", Devils Advocate could also apply. Always asking the "What ifs"? He's one of the behind the scene members who explains what CRM is all about. Toby is always ready to fly, and not just the Cardinal he co owns, but an Archer or Citabria he has the privilege of flying also. Toby has a hard time saying "No"

to flying, right seat or left. He'd make a great instructor. Ask him about some of his trips. Night flying the NYC VFR Corridor, 10 trips over Lake Michigan in all kinds of weather, banner towing all over New England, His many flying stories could take up pages, I wonder how many are true?

Thanks Russ for all you do!!

FOR SALE !!!!

Attention members!

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.



OTHER NEWS

Checkout the new FPA Website at:
www.FitchburgPilots.org

Matt Scales did an **AWSOME** job on this site.

A great pre-flight website can be found at:
www.navmonster.com

From the Presidents Cockpit (cont. from Pg 1)

Our Fly Outs have been great. We've been to Marshfield again, reliable Jaffrey had a flight of 7. Wx has hampered us a few times but now we'll focus on Saturday mornings as well as some Wednesday night dinners. Weekends opens us up to many more locations.

We also had some members fly out to the Simsbury and North Adams Fly outs. We should hear from those members too in case we decide to take on another "fly in" type of project for KFIT.

For the latest Flyout info
Sign up NOW at!!

<http://aviation.meetup.com/94>

We have some new members who have joined. Oscar Kaelin (no relation to Kato) is looking forward to flying his Mooney with us.

Lorraine Swartz also linked up with us. The Charles Swartz Scholarship is named in memory of her husband.

Nelson Goguen, has been in the process of building a Kitfox series 5 Vixen tri-gear 100 HP rotax engine-- 99% done. Whew.

And, Peter Farmer, an A&P is now a member. Maybe we could all use Pete's services as a group from time to time.

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!**

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,
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Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balances Aug 31,2008

Operating Fund :	2,264.52
FPA Scholarship Fund:	3,789.09
Charles Schwartz Scholarship	3,757.00
Total	\$ 9,810.61

Income:

Food	144.00
Raffle	0.00
Memberships	0.00
Interest	1.68
Scholarship Donations	0.00
Total	\$ 145.68

Expenses:

Food	\$137.48
Web Site	\$0.00
Scholarship Flight	\$100.00
Flowers	\$0.00
Total	\$237.48

Ending Balances: Sep 30, 2008

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

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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