



The Leader In Recreational Aviation

Chapter 736 Newsletter for September 2006

New EAA Chapter

EAA Chapter 1434 is a new chapter located in Belfast, ME. Their meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Belfast Library. Contact Jay Foster at JNF@tidewater.net for more information.

TSA to Pilots: Be on the alert. We need your help

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued an advisory titled "Security Information for Flight Schools and Flight Training Providers. The advisory asks all members of the general aviation community to be alert for — *and report any* — suspicious activity.

TSA reminds general aviation aircraft and airport owners and operators to review the security measures contained in the TSA Information Publication, Security Guidelines for General Aviation Airports and the Aircraft OPA's Airport Watch Program materials (available at www.aopa.org/airportwatch). In addition, general aviation aircraft and airport owners and operators are encouraged to consider the following:

- Secure unattended aircraft to prevent unauthorized use.
- Verify the identification of crew and passengers prior to departure.
- Verify that baggage and cargo are known to the persons on board.
- Where identification systems are in place, encourage employees to wear proper identification and challenge persons not wearing proper identification.
- Direct increased vigilance to unknown pilots and/or clients for aircraft rental or charters – as well as unknown service/delivery personnel.
- Be alert/aware of and report persons masquerading as pilots, security personnel, emergency medical technicians, or other personnel using uniforms and/or vehicles as methods to gain access to aviation facilities or aircraft.
- Be alert/aware of and report aircraft with unusual or unauthorized modifications.
- Be alert/aware of and report persons loitering in the vicinity of aircraft or air operations areas – as well as persons loading unusual or unauthorized payload onto aircraft.
- Be alert/aware of and report persons who appear to be under stress or the control of other persons.
- Be alert/aware of and report persons whose identification appears altered or inconsistent.

The theft of any General Aviation aircraft should be reported immediately to the appropriate authorities and the TSA General Aviation Hotline at 866-GASECUR (866-427-3287). In addition, persons should report any suspicious activity immediately to local law enforcement and the TSA General Aviation Hotline.

Wind Damage at OWK

A microburst hit OWK shortly after our Fly-In. Maurice Bean's hangar was demolished and his plane damaged. Ray Maheu's hangar was shoved off its moorings by about two feet and our ice cream trailer was moved about 10 – 15 feet from where it was originally parked. Luckily the trailer wasn't knocked over and our clubhouse was unscathed.

Young Eagles at Knox County

On Saturday, Aug. 26, our chapter sponsored a Young Eagles event in cooperation with the Knox County Flying Club at the Knox County Regional Airport. This event was originally postponed in June due to bad weather. This time the weather cooperated and nearly 70 youngsters were given plane rides. Six planes, including one helicopter, were kept busy for most of the day.

Fly-In Photos

Photos taken at the Fly-In have been posted and are available for viewing on our web site www.EAA736.org

Next Meeting

Our next meeting **will begin at 6:30 p.m.** on Tuesday, Sept 19, 2006 at OWK with a **hamburger and hot dog cookout** .

Once everyone attending has had their appetite satisfied there will be a presentation by Jonathan Plengey. Jonathan recently made a trip in his RV-7A from Augusta to Anchorage, Alaska to pick up his wife. They then flew back to Maine. He will be sharing stories about his adventure with all of us.

Once again, please note the 6:30 p.m. start time if you care to partake in the cookout.

