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## Chapter 736 Newsletter for June 2007

### Gone West



### Frank Erskine 1935 – 2007

Sadly, we report the passing of Frank Erskine. A longtime member of the chapter, Frank was a friend to everyone and would gladly lend his aircraft building expertise and assistance whenever he could. Our Chief Cook and Bottle Washer at the Annual Fly-In food trailer, Frank had a unique way of making everyone feel special and important. He will be sorely missed.

Friends wishing to honor Frank may make donations in his memory to the Church of Faith, P.O. Box 3020, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

### Minutes of Last Month's Meeting

Submitted By Wilkes Harper

\*\*AL YARBERRY FINISHED HIS 2 PART PRESENTATION ON THE COMPLICATED PROCESS OF REGISTERING HIS AIRCRAFT AND EXPERIENCING THE TRAUMA OF AN AIR WORTHINESS INSPECTION (WHICH HE PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS). LOTS OF GOOD INFO.

\*\*SINCE GETTING HIS AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE ABOUT 2 WEEKS AGO, AL HAS PUT ABOUT 17 HOURS ON HIS PLANE. LAST SUNDAY HE AND MIKE WATSON FLEW IT TO BAR HARBOR. HE SAID IT HANDLED BEAUTIFULLY IN THE 30 KNOT HEADWINDS. THE SHEER SIZE OF AL'S SMILE WHILE TALKING ABOUT IT WAS SOMETHING TO BEHOLD.

\*\*THE CHAPTER DECIDED TO AUTOMATICALLY DEFAULT MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES TO MAY OF EACH YEAR, REGARDLESS OF WHEN SOMEONE JOINS. THIS WILL HELP JAYNE TRACK MEMBERSHIP STATUS SINCE EVERYBODY WILL NOW PAY THEIR DUES AT THE SAME TIME EACH YEAR. FOR THOSE NEW MEMBERS JOINING (AND PAYING) IN THE MONTHS PRIOR TO MAY, THEY GET A FREE PASS UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MAY.

\*\*SPEAKING OF MEMBERSHIP, APPROX. 14 FOLKS ATTENDED LAST NIGHTS MEETING. A NEW COMER APPARENTLY LIKED WHAT HE SAW AND JOINED UP DURING THE MEETING. HE IS ALSO A BUILDER, AND IN THE PROCESS OF FINISHING A 3/4 SCALE PIPER REPLICA

\*\*I SUGGESTED THAT SOMEONE (DEFINED AS SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME) BE ASSIGNED TO MEET WITH THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TOWN MANAGER REGARDING PLANS FOR OUR FLY-IN. IN PREVIOUS YEARS THIS HAS BEEN A ROUTINE REQUEST FROM THEM, AND INVOLVED AFTERNOON AND NIGHT MEETINGS.

\*\*VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP MAN THE CONCESSION TRAILER DURING THE FLY-IN.

\*\*MIKE WATSON HANDED OUT CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT AND EAA PINS TO SEVERAL MEMBERS:

JAYNE HARPER FOR BEING A SUPERB MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR  
ED ROY FOR BEING SUCH A MAGNIFICENT TREASURER  
BOB GEMBALA - DIDN'T YOU GOT ONE FOR THE STUPENDOUS JOB ON THE NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITE? IF NOT YOU SHOULD HAVE  
WILKES HARPER FOR REASONS UNBEKNOWNST TO ANYONE BUT MIKE

NOT SURE IF THIS IS WORTH MENTIONING OR NOT, BUT SEVERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AT THE MEETING TO JAYNE AND ME WERE:

\*\*MIKE AND AL OFFERED TO COME DOWN TO WARREN TO GO OVER THE CHALLENGER AIRCRAFT WING BUILDING PROCESS FOR SCOTT SETTLEMIRE AND US. THE DATE TO BE ARRANGED SOON (I HOPE).

\*\*BRUCE PATTON AGREED TO COME DOWN TO WARREN AND INSPECT OUR WING BUILDING CRAFTSMANSHIP WHEN THE DRILLING AND RIVETING IS DONE AND BEFORE COVERING WITH FABRIC. HIS SIGNOFF AS A DAR WILL BE NICE TO HAVE IN OUR CONSTRUCTION LOGS, NOT TO MENTION THE BOOST TO OUR PLANE BUILDING SELF ESTEEMS.

\*\*I SPOKE WITH BRUCE PATTON ABOUT OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE HKS 700E 4 CYCLE 60 HP ENGINE FOR USE ON OUR CHALLENGER. BRUCE HAD NOTHING BUT GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THAT ENGINE, AND ITS USE ON A CHALLENGER. SHADES OF ROBERT FROST AND A PATH LESS TAKEN...

### **Automation of WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program**

The long awaited release of the automated **WINGS** - Pilot Proficiency Program is here, and with it come exciting opportunities for you to improve your piloting knowledge and skills!

An obvious incentive to pilots is the added level of safety and professionalism that can be obtained through incorporation of a consistent recurrent training program. Another real plus is that qualifying for the Basic phase of **WINGS** meets the requirements under 14

CFR, Part 61.56 for a flight review. Maintaining at least the Basic phase means that your flight review will always be current.

The new Internet-based system allows you to have ownership and control of your aviation training and proficiency. You will be able to customize your individual pilot profile so the training you receive is relevant to your flying environment. You will also be able to track your progress on-line through your [FAASafety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov) user account.

As a registered user of [FAASafety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov) you may already have **WINGS** credits, even if you have not yet signed up to participate in the new **WINGS** program. For example, you have automatically received credit for eligible on-line [FAASafety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov) courses you completed in the past. These credits will appear on your "My **WINGS**" page once you have signed up to participate in the new **WINGS** program.

Remember, though, that **WINGS** credits expire every 12 months. The [FAASafety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov) system will automatically send you a reminder when one or more of your **WINGS** credits are within 30 days of expiring. During the initial roll out of the new system, anyone who completed a course more than 11 months ago has already received this email for each course previously taken, whether you have signed up for **WINGS** or not. If for some reason you choose not to participate in the **WINGS** program, you can disregard that reminder email.

This notice does not apply to any requirements you may have accomplished under the "old" **WINGS** Pilot Proficiency Award Program, which remains valid through December 31, 2007. However, we strongly encourage you to participate in the new **WINGS** - Pilot Proficiency Program. For a limited time, completion of at least the Basic phase under the new **WINGS** program will also qualify you to receive the phase of **WINGS** you are working on under the old program. Contact your local FAASafety Team Program Manager or FAASafety Team Representative for details.

For more information about the **WINGS** - Pilot Proficiency Program, log on to [FAASafety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov). Information regarding the new **WINGS** program can be found by selecting the "**WINGS** - Pilot Proficiency Program" link on the lower left side of the home page, then selecting the "**WINGS** Help" link. Here you will find an overview of the new program as well as additional help links, including an on-line help tutorial.

Please contact your local FAASafety Team Program Manager or FAASafety Team Representative if you have questions about the new **WINGS** program or any other products or features of the FAA Safety Team.

### **Relief for IFR-certified GPS owners**

FAA clarifies policy after AOPA points out problem

Older IFR-certified GPS receivers (and many new ones) are OK to use as they were intended, thanks to a clarification of the rules sought by AOPA. A [previous interpretation by the FAA](#) had caused a panic among some 26,000 users.

The FAA has begun tying up a number of loose ends created when it revised policies that instruct pilots on how to use GPS receivers when flying under IFR. In a letter to the FAA,

AOPA had drawn the agency's attention to the consequences of the combined changes to the *Aeronautical Information Manual* (AIM), an advisory circular (AC 90-100A) on terminal and en route area navigation (RNAV) operations, and an associated list of compliant GPS units.

The FAA confirmed that pilots can use appropriate GPS receivers (TSO-C129/129a) in lieu of ADF or DME. It also lets them continue using T routes, which allow properly equipped general aviation aircraft to safely transition through some of the busiest airspace in the nation and access some remote areas where no other ground-based navigation equipment exists.

### **Knox County Young Eagles Event**

A coordinated Young Eagles effort between the Knox County Flying Club and our chapter was held Saturday, June 9. The weather cooperated and the event registered 64 new Young Eagles into the World's Largest Log Book. On hand from Chap.736 were Mike Watson, Ed Roy, Al Yarberr, Jayne and Wilkes Harper and Bob Gembala.



### **Next Meeting**

Our June meeting will be a **cookout at Mike Watson's hangar in China ME**. Fly in or drive in! We will be moving the time ahead from when we normally meet to accommodate those flying. The cookout will be **Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** and just show up **anytime after 5:00pm**. Hamburgers, dogs, beans, and soft drinks will be provided. I will setup a couple tables in the hangar so if anyone wants to bring any salads, deserts, etc. to share we will just lay it all out on the tables. Please bring your own chair if you can.

### **Driving Directions:**

From Augusta – Take Route 202 all the way to the head of China Lake. The Landing ice cream stand and Lakeside Country Store will be on your left. Turn right onto Pleasant View Ridge Road and go approximately 1/2 mile. At the Y, turn left onto Danforth Road and go approximately another 1/2 mile. Mikes house is on the left. White cape with blue trim with an attached office. Camper in the dooryard.

From Winslow – Take Route 137 to the blinking light in China. Continue straight through light (don't turn left), heading toward China Lake, now on Route 202. At the head of China Lake, Lakeside Country Store and The Landing ice cream stand will be on your right. Turn left onto Pleasant View Ridge Road and go approximately 1/2 mile. At the Y, turn left onto Danforth Road and go approximately another 1/2 mile. Mikes house is on the left. White cape with blue trim with an attached office. Camper in the dooryard.

### Flying Directions:

GPS coordinates for Watson field are N 44°29.258' W 69°29.852'. The 1350' grass strip runs North – South and has good approaches either way. Strip runs slight uphill when landing to the north. Field elevation is 210' and frequency we will be monitoring will be 122.9. Beware there is a cell tower off a ways on the west side.

Mike's cell phone number is 557-1306.  
Home Phone is 968-2587

