



The Leader In Recreational Aviation

Chapter 736 Newsletter for March 2007

Special Meeting Notice

This month's newsletter is being issued earlier than usual to announce a special monthly meeting date and place. Details are listed in the last section of this missive.

Last Month's Meeting

Although no demonstrations were scheduled for the February meeting, an impromptu session dealing with the correct application of reinforcing tape occurred. Scott Setlemire brought a newly covered panel from his Challenger's tail feathers. Frank Erskine and Bruce Patten then proceeded to apply the reinforcements. Bruce also demonstrated his prowess using pinking shears when trimming the tapes to be applied on curves. See photos below.



EAA AirVenture 2007 NOTAM

If you're flying to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007, the most important information you can have is the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) that is created specifically for the event. It includes all the arrival and departure procedures to Wittman Regional Airport and other area airfields, as well as essential information that every pilot needs to know before flying to The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration.

You can now pre-order a printed copy of the 2007 AirVenture NOTAM by going to <http://www.airventure.org/2007/flying/index.html> and filling out the order form. Upon final NOTAM approval and publication by the FAA, expected in early May, those NOTAMs will be sent free of charge.

The quickest way to get the information is via the EAA AirVenture website, where the NOTAM will be available in downloadable PDF format once it is finalized. You can study the entire NOTAM online prior to your departure for Oshkosh.

If you're flying your aircraft to EAA AirVenture, it is essential that you obtain and study the NOTAM to know exactly what to expect as you arrive at Oshkosh, as well as any changes from previous years

GOOD NEWS FROM WASHINGTON ON YOUNG EAGLES

FAA reaffirms Young Eagles flights not subject to new Air Tour Rule

A week of work by EAA and FAA have ensured the future vitality and success of the Young Eagles program, by removing possible barriers that were part of the new Air Tour Rule announced earlier this month.

EAA President Tom Poberezny, along with EAA's Earl Lawrence and Doug Macnair, met Thursday with FAA's senior leadership, including Administrator Marion Blakey. They discussed the Air Tour Rule's possible effect on Young Eagles, especially limits on what aircraft could be used for Young Eagles flights, plus additional restrictions on pilot qualifications and frequency of Young Eagles activities.

When Poberezny arrived at FAA headquarters the agency had, in anticipation of the meeting, drafted a letter clarifying Young Eagles flights as non-compensation flights. The letter emphasized that the Air Tour Rule does not apply to Young Eagles flights where the pilot does not receive compensation.

The final version of that letter will arrive at EAA within the next few business days. In addition, Administrator Blakey and FAA senior officials pledged that technical corrections would be made to the air tour rule's preamble before the rule takes effect on March 15, 2007.

For EAA members who plan on flying Young Eagles, it means they may continue to operate as they have in the past when providing Young Eagles flights.

Lockheed Martin Reaches Initial Fix in FSS Modernization

It happened quietly, without any pomp and circumstance. But it was a first step in Lockheed Martin's effort to modernize the flight service station (FSS) system, called [Flight Service 21](#) (FS21).

The Leesburg Flight Service Hub in Virginia, the first of three FSS hub stations, was activated at 1 a.m. Eastern on February 22. During this move, the Anniston, Alabama, FSS operations were assumed by the hub.

Pilots shouldn't notice any difference in the services they receive.

While the Leesburg hub is up and running, pilots should note that the Leesburg FSS is still operating and will not be consolidated into the hub until the end of April.

The Lansing, Michigan, and Forth Worth, Texas, hubs are currently being tested, and Lansing is scheduled to go active in mid-March.

By the end of this summer, Lockheed expects to have all of the hubs active and the 58 original FSS sites consolidated into 16.

This Month's Meeting

The March meeting will be a joint meeting with the newly formed EAA Chapter 1434 and will be held at the [Belfast Library, 106 High St, Belfast, ME on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.](#) The library is on your right when traveling south on High St.

