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UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 8TH - 2ND SATURDAY - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE PILOTS LOUNGE AT ROBERTS AIR AND LAF A FLY-IN AT X-51U. THE LAF A FLY-IN WILL COMMENCE IN THE MORNING WITH BREAKFAST ABOUT 0900 AND THE FREE EAA SAFETY SEMINAR ABOUT 0930 BROUGHT TO YOU BY CAP'N BOB. COME ONE, COME ALL AND BRING YOUR APPETITE.

DEC 22ND - 4TH SATURDAY - LAF A ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHINDIG WILL BE A LAF A BBQ AT X-51U. FROM NOON UNTIL 4PM. PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL ONE OF THE OFFICERS TO LET US KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING. THIS IS FOR LAF A MEMBERS AND FAMILY.

OVER THE HORIZON

29 DEC- THE AIRBOAT ASSOCIATION IS COMMERATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE L-1011 CRASH IN THE EVERGLADES. THEY HAVE ASKED US TO DO A FLY-OVER. RON ANDERSEN IS GETTING ALL THE FINAL DETAILS. LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

12-13 JAN - FRUIT AND SPICE PARK EXHIBIT IS HERE AGAIN. RICARDO AND MYSELF WILL HAVE STATIC DISPLAYS AND THERE WILL BE A FLYOVER (WEATHER PERMITTING) DURING THE DAY. MONTHLY MEETING BUT NO BREAKFAST.

JAN 16TH - 2ND WEDNESDAY - FAA SAFETY SEMINAR ON "DON'T MAKE YOUR FINAL APPROACH... YOUR FINAL APPROACH". TIM SCHMELZER WILL SHARE HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A FLIGHT TEAM INSTRUCTOR, WITH THE FUNDAMENTALS OF APPROACH AND LANDING. GET MORE INFO AT <http://www.faasafety.gov> . MIAMI FSDO, 8600 N.W. 36ST. MIAMI, FL. STARTS AT 7 PM.

JAN 17-20 - SPORT PILOT AVIATION EXPO AT SEBRING AIRPORT. FOR MORE INFO <http://www.sport-aviation-expo.com>

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - UL71 HAS THEIR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT SW RANCHES AIRPORT (FORMERLY MCIVORS) AT 11AM. HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS SERVED.

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Don't forget the monthly LAF A meeting!!!

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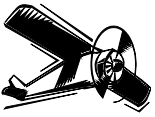
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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The Holiday Season is upon us. It is time for everyone to reflect on the year gone by and to think about the year coming up. T'is the season to spend precious time with your family and friends. That being said...Lafa is having its annual Christmas get together during the day this year. It will be at X51U. A family Bar-B-Q. Saturday, December 22nd, from approximately noon till?. Please contact an officer of the club by phone or email to confirm your attendance. We need a head count so that we can purchase the correct amount of food and beverages. This is a Club Members only function. Club members are welcome to bring all family members. You can email me directly at sanbron@aol.com

It is also that time of the year for the changing of the guard for our club officers. Please bring your nominations to the December monthly meeting.

Please note: Our Lafa newsletter provides free advertising to all members as long as it is aviation related. Members who would like to advertise non aviation related items, would need to donate \$35.00 for a year long advertisement. Non members would need to donate \$35.00 for a year long ad whether aviation related or not.

One more note: We need some more content for our Newsletters. Any aviation related article, historical or hysterical note, story (even if it's a tall tale), etc. Please donate to the cause. Share with us. You can email Barry Hawkes directly at b_hawkes@yahoo.com

See you at X51 on Saturday, December 8th, for our monthly fly-in, club meeting, safety seminar and breakfast. This is a family event. BRING YOUR APPETITE. Everyone is welcome, with or without their aircraft, regardless of the weather. Come enjoy some great hangar talk and keep up with all the current aviation events in our area. We will be meeting at the Pilot's Lounge at Roberts Air with the comfort of air conditioning and bathrooms. Look for the yellow chuck wagon.

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Dick Bronnenberg

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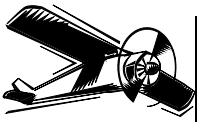
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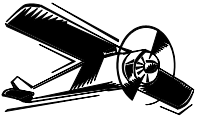


Lafa CLUB INSTRUCTORS WITH TRAINERS

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 * BFI = Basic Flight Instructor
 * AFI = Advanced Flight Instructor
 * CFI = Certified Flight Instructor (GA)

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CFII	Graham Harward	SEL/MES	GA Type	(305)283-0400



Lafa MEETING MINUTES & Secretary's Notes

DATE: Saturday, November 10th, 2007

OFFICER PRESIDING: Dick Bronnenberg, President

CALLED TO ORDER: 9:36 a.m.

SILENT MEMBER ROLL CALL: 12 total.

MEMBERS PRESENT (*in no particular order*): Dick & Sandy Bronnenberg, Captain Bob Musgrove, Barry Hawkes, Jim Lindberg, Ron, Claire & Ida Andersen, Tom Bigelow, Rich Bragassa, Graham Harward & Ricardo Martinez Vides.

INTRODUCTIONS: None at this time.

TREASURER REPORT: In the Treasurer's absence, we discussed funds received at the Hog Roast.

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT: Our safety officer, Barry Hawkes, discussed tire pressure. With the weather getting cooler and temperatures changes from day to night getting more pronounced, everyone should check their tire pressure, not just in their aircraft, but also their cars...and don't forget the spare.

CHEF's REPORT: Master chef, Jim Lindberg, had nothing to report. Although the biscuits and gravy this morning were to die for. Ida, who does not normally care for biscuits & gravy, said it was delicious.

ANY OTHER REPORTS: Rich discussed the helicopters at Richards Field. We should always avoid the fuel pump area. Several helicopters are based at Richards and use the fuel pump at all hours. Whether we are flying in for a function or just visiting, we need to always keep this in mind.

OLD BUSINESS: Captain Bob brought a sample T-Shirt along with the details of the quote. A discussion was held on what our order will be. (50 shirts, 50/50 blend, 10S, 15M, 15L, 5XL, 5XX) He will be getting a price on hats next.

NEW BUSINESS: Our Christmas Party will be at X51U on Saturday, December 22nd. It will be a mid-day till approx. 4 pm Bar-B-Q. This is for members and their family only. Bring the kids. We need a head count on this so the proper amount of food & drinks can be purchased by the club.

Discussion about the 35th anniversary of the L-1011 crash and doing a fly-over on Saturday, December 29th, with the Airboat Association who will be bringing survivors to the site. Ron will be getting more information. This will be our December fly-out.

Discussed Fruit & Spice the weekend of January 12th & 13th. We will be heading there immediately after our monthly meeting. Captain Bob will be flying over as always. Jim volunteered to fly over regardless of the weather as long as he could skip breakfast that month. We all agreed. We will eat at Fruit & Spice. Barry & Ricardo will be doing the static displays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fly-out for the end of this month is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving weekend. The January fly-out is tentatively set with TNT as our destination. Ron & Claire volunteered to bring the fixings for a luncheon. Graham will be checking to see if prior permission is required at TNT.

Next month we will be holding nominations/elections for board members. Please be present Saturday, December 8th, so that you may volunteer and vote.

EAA SAFETY SEMINAR: Captain Bob's safety seminar was on flying when it is cold. Great handout went over several things to keep in mind for winter safety even in the relatively warm winter conditions that we have in South Florida.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:50 a.m.

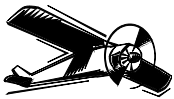
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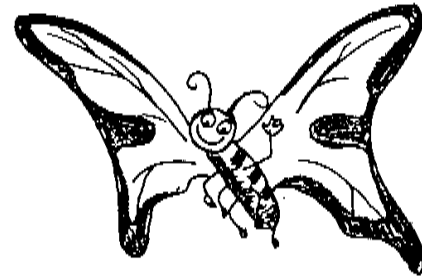


THE INSTRUCTOR'S CORNER

This Month - PREFLIGHTS

by "Cap'n Bob" Musgrove, USUA Basic Flight Instructor

The preflight inspection of my aircraft is a very important step toward the eventual happy landing that I'm expecting. The preflight, hopefully, will show my aircraft to be in proper condition for a safe flight. But if I do find some irregularity, now is the time to find it - on the ground, where I can do something about it. This is about the only time I find any pleasure looking for trouble!



There is a human frailty that I must overcome - habit. I mean the dictionary definition which states: 'An acquired behavior pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary.' Habit causes me to do things the same way I did them the last time and the time before. The repetition looks at the same items each time in the same old way. But what about the other side of that same item, underneath, or from above? Is there a SINGLE square inch I haven't inspected lately? If variety is the spice of life, then I want it here! I'll poke around at different angles for different viewpoints. I usually start the inspection at the nose, then left wing, and so forth, back to the nose. This time for spice, I'll start at the tail and eventually wind up, of course, at the tail again.

Let's look deeper. Is this nut really secure?* How about that bolt; is my painted line-up mark (witness) still lined up? Try twisting the fuel line. Is the clamp really holding the tubing tight onto the fitting? Having the attitude that there's something wrong and I just haven't found it yet, helps me to spot things that may not have been "right" since the day it was built!

Although I follow manufacturers maintenance schedules at the recommended intervals (airframe, engine, etc.), I will ask a favor of a fellow pilot. "Would you mind doing a preflight on my aircraft for me? And if you would like, I'll return the favor by doing a preflight of yours." This favor serves an excellent purpose by allowing a different set of eyes, hands and thought patterns to hopefully spot something that mine have overlooked.

If I'm going to fly someone else's aircraft, I won't know its condition. It's up to me to do a thorough preflight - it's my responsibility, I am the pilot! I also refrain from interruptions during the preflight, 'cause in flying I don't want to miss a thing!

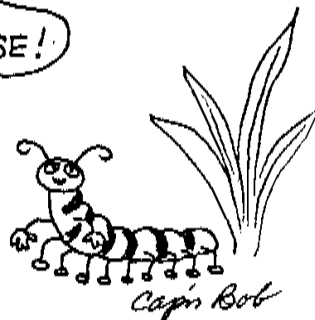
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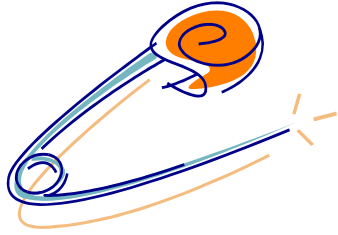
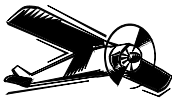
Cap'n Bob

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME UP IN ONE OF THOSE!



* We're talking hardware integrity - not the pilot's self-esteem!





Safety Pen,

This month I would like to talk to you about storing explosive chemicals. In the ultralight aviation community we are subject to all sorts of explosive chemicals. Fuel for example. Make sure that you have the proper container to put your gasoline in. Glass jug's are not to be used since one slip and you have fuel all over. Never put gasoline in plastic milk jugs because they are not fuel resistant and do not seal. Make sure it is an approved sealed container. If you have ever seen your 6 gallon fuel tank swollen it is doing it's job. When refueling your ultralight try and not spill fuel. The vapors from spilled fuel could ignite so make sure you refuel in a well vented area.

I talked about recovering your ultralight earlier. Now the thing that is important is how to store the paint and thinners. Keep the paints stored in their original metal containers with the lids closed tightly. The thinners are normally purchased in metal containers and should be stored in the same container. These paints and thinners are very dangerous in their vapor form. If you are painting indoors you should use an approved spray booth to remove the vapors safely from explosion or inhalation. If possible spray in a well vented area away from all sparks.

One last note.. If you use a motorcycle battery to power the electrical system and you charge the battery, make sure it is well vented because hydrogen gas is expelled from a charging battery. Keep away from sparks!!!

Have a safe flying year and "keep 'em Turnin"

Barry Hawkes



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