



The Flying Wire



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Chapter President's Message:

Once again I'm on the road for work. This time I'm in upstate New York. I was driving to the plant this morning just after sun up; the air was crisp with a light northeasterly breeze. Brightly colored trees announce that autumn had arrived in this flat farmland just south of Lake Ontario. This early morning sun, still low in the sky to the east, lit the landscape with a golden hue. I sip my black coffee. Life is good. It's great to be an American in America!

As I rounded a curve I saw a small yellow J-3 Cub floating towards me across a long field. I pulled over, stopped and step out into the cool air. The pilot saw me, did a gentle bank over the car at about 200 feet. We waved. He has grey hair. He smiled, banked left and heads for the lake. I take my grey hair and head to work.

As we build our fast glass and bullet RV's, I wonder if we might be missing the essence of aviating. This J-3 driver with his 1940's vintage, tube and fabric, Continental A-65 powered low and slow, door open smell the corn stalks, airplane might just have figured it right. He sure looked like he was having a blast (slowly of course).

Remember: Fly smart, stay half scared, and always leave yourself an out!

Mark Banus

Minutes of the October Chapter meeting:

President Mark Banus convened the chapter monthly meeting at the Volvo Service School at 1930. 00

Visitors attending the meeting:

None

New Members:

None

Chapter Business.

The Tri- Chapter Fly will be postponed until the spring. We will discuss a date at the January meeting. The audit committee will audit the chapter books following the November 2nd meeting

Mark noted that the AOPA Safety Foundation will conduct a seminar on "Mastering Takeoffs and Landings" Thursday October 23 2008 at the Air & Space center in Hampton VA (7-9pm).

The chapter Christmas Party will be held at the Lessner Inn on Dec 2, 2008 from 6:30 (dinner at 7:00). The cost per person will be 30.00. Please turn in you money as soon as possible so that Connie can get a head count.

Evelyn Jones announced that the Young Eagle Flights and Fighter Factory Tours scheduled for October 17th has been postponed until November 7th. They need volunteer pilots and ground personnel.

Evening Programs

Greg Loughran spoke flying in the DC ADIZ. The name the airplane quiz – None

Chapter Calendar:

Every Sunday Soup-On-Sunday (9VG)
November Chapter Meeting November 4
Young Eagles Suffolk November 7
December Chapter Meeting/Christmas Party Dec 2
January Chapter Meeting January 6, 2009
Virginia Regional Festival of Flight May 30-31 2009

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2000 for the social hour with refreshments provided by Dick Halstead and Alan Goins.

Oil Filter Cutting Tool

By George Killishek

It's a good idea to cut open the used oil filter every time we change oil to inspect for metal particles. Once an engine starts to make metal, it's a fairly short while before big problems are likely to occur in the most inconvenient circumstances.

Aircraft Spruce sells tools for cutting open the filter canister starting at about \$50 and going up well into the three-digit range.

I built a workable tool in about two hours for a total cost of \$0.00. The two pictures below show it: very ugly but serviceable.

Materials include a piece of scrap 3/4" plywood, a length of 3/4" aluminum angle, a 2 1/2" "C" clamp, assorted nuts, bolts, washers and screws and the cutting blade and guide rollers from an old tubing cutter. All were found lying derelict in my garage. The pictures are self-explanatory, except to note that the aluminum angle supporting the cutting tool is supported off the surface of the plywood to make the cut at the appropriate height on the filter canister.

