

Fire Extinguishers Not Easy as A-B-C

The Arkansas Department of Aeronautics reports it is seeing a disturbing increase in the number of Class A-B-C fire extinguishers on airport ramps and airport service vehicles, including fuel trucks.

This type of extinguisher poses a severe aircraft damage problem because mon-ammonium phosphate is highly corrosive to aluminum. If used on an airplane, the chemical flows into structural cracks and crevices and can't be washed out as can the dry chemical agents found in B-C type extinguishers. The aircraft must be disassembled to manually clean the surfaces right down to the rivets. Failure to do so will result in corrosive destruction of the airplane.

ADA feels this is a serious education problem that can be solved once communicated properly. Contractors and airport fire departments should only use B-C type extinguishers when dealing with fire around an airplane or the damage caused by corrosion may exceed that caused by the fire. (from EAA E-hotline)

Contact!

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Chapter News

Eglin Open House/Air Show - The open house will be held April 27 and 28, 2002. Gates will open at 9:00 a.m. each day and close at 4:30 p.m. Scheduled performers include the USAF Thunderbirds, the Army Golden Knights, and several vintage military aircraft. Due to increased security, no coolers, bags, backpacks will be allowed in the flightline area. All vehicles will be subject to search when entering the base. For more information see www.eglin.af.mil/Eglin_Airshow/.

New Web Page Address! - The EAA Chapter 108 web page can now be found at www.geocities.com/ea108. The site is identical to the old site and is gradually being updated. To view the most recent newsletters you will need the Adobe Acrobat reader that is available free from www.adobe.com. Most of you probably already have this installed on your computer. If not, it's very handy to have this utility to view thousands of documents on the Internet.

Updated Chapter Bylaws - The chapter bylaws have recently been updated to comply with the most recent guidance from EAA HQ. The revised bylaws can be viewed on the Chapter 108 web site in the "About Chapter 108" section. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the by laws, please contact Ray Seip.

Airventure Update - The NOTAM for Airventure 2002 is now available on the Airventure web site at www.airventure.org. The file is almost 5 Megabytes and may take about 30 minutes to download with a 56K modem. Printed copies are available from EAA HQ and from select Automated Flight Service Stations.

Also, Operation Protect Our Planes (POP) is looking for volunteers to provide a safe environment for visiting aircraft during AirVenture Oshkosh 2002. Volunteers need to be able to commit up to 20 hours beginning Monday, July 22nd through Monday, July 29th. There will be two four-hour shifts each day, approximately 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Families and groups are encouraged to volunteer together to help protect the showplanes on display while working the flightline area. For more information on Operation: Protect Our Planes (POP), visit the AirVenture website or contact POP Chairman Noel Marshall at nmarshall@eaamail.org or Teresa Lautenschlager at tlautenschlager@eaa.org or 920-426-6131.



Young Eagles Update - On March 23, 2002 approximately five planes along with several ground crew showed up at the Destin Airport to fly Young Eagles. Approximately 20 youth showed up for rides and most of the parents received rides also. In fact, some of the parents and teachers were more entertaining to watch than the kids. A big thank-you to Bill Castlen for organizing things.



Thanks Bill! Great Job!



Another ride in the dark pink airplane...

Flying Fish - The catfish flight is still going strong. The group flies to Monroeville (or another airport with food nearby) to eat on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at noon. Meet over the Crestview airport or call Ray Hamorski for more info.



Sport Pilot Proposal

The FAA has issued the Sport Pilot Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for comment by the public. This proposal has been strongly supported by EAA and other aviation organizations and EAA has set up a web site to provide copies of the proposal and information about the proposal. The web site is www.sportpilot.org.

EAA members may submit comments directly to the FAA or through EAA's sport pilot web site. The FAA will be accepting comments until May 6, 2002. The sport pilot web site provides advice on how to make constructive comments that the FAA will consider.

Also, the FAA will host a first-ever public on-line forum to solicit questions and answers for the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft NPRM. The electronic Q & A is intended to supplement the traditional comment period, scheduled to run through May 6, 2002, to produce a clear and comprehensive final rule. The forum opens at 9 a.m. EDT on April 1 and closes at 4:30 p.m. EDT on April 19, 2002. The URL for the forum area is www.rulemakingpublicforum.com.



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Chapter 108 Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Calendar of Events

- ◆ ***April 16, 2002***
Chapter Meeting - 7 p.m.
- ◆ ***April 20, 2002***
Picnic Lunch
- ◆ ***May 3-5, 2002***
30th Anniversary Fly-in
EAA Chapter 416
Roy E. Ray Airport (5R7)
Mobile, AL
- ◆ ***May 3-5, 2002***
3rd Georgia Wings Weekend
Briscoe Field (LZU)
Lawrenceville, GA
- ◆ ***May 18, 2002***
Fly-in Breakfast - 7 a.m.
Crestview Airport

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