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The Prez Says

Ron Forsythe, Chapter President

Mental practice is as valuable as actual. I suppose this is no revelation to most of you however it was brought home to me last month when I had to make my first emergency landing in 25 plus years of flying. I won't bore you with too many details however just a little explanation. I had played out in my mind on almost every takeoff, and other times as well, what do I do if I had an engine failure or "non-continue" malfunction. Last month when departing on 23 at MWO it happened, a large bang came from the engine and I wasn't sure it would continue performing. I have never liked the looks of the straight ahead landing option with very little altitude off of rw23 and so the script I had in my head was to bank right and head for the area of the grass strip at MWO which I did without hesitation. I was not hurt and the plane received one broken part on the main gear. I'll never know if I would have been better off continuing however the results, though not perfect, were good and might have been much worse if I had hesitated and continued. I'm satisfied that implementing the practiced script in my head was my best move. I continue to be a believer in "mental practice" of possible situations.

Look forward to seeing you all on "election Sunday" November 6, 2005 at 2:00 pm in the Chapter Hanger.

Sincerely,
Your soon to be Lame Duck Prez.

Ron

Board Meeting Minutes

**Brian Schermerhorn,
Chapter Secretary**

Not reported

Meeting Minutes

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Ray's First Flight

Ray finally took the plunge and flew his Varieze. Now, I'm usually as guilty as anybody of 'piling on' Ray for the taking his time to get this bird in the air, and rebuilding it twice before it ever flew. But this is a great milestone and I wanted to say that I'm really happy for him. Congratulations Ray. Ray reported that, after getting some dual time in a Longeze, the flight was uneventful and she flew as expected. This is a great inspiration for those of us still building.



Chapter Photo Roster / Elections

Please remember that the November meeting on the 6th is the Chapter Elections meeting, so please make your best effort to attend. Also, since attendance will be high, I've convinced Bob Dombek to take standard photos of everyone for a Chapter Photo Roster / Album. After we've collected the pictures, we'll make the roster available to everyone in the chapter, so wear your best ball caps for the next meeting!

Vice President

Elizabeth Szoke

Treasurer

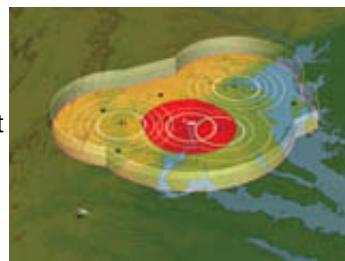
Ken Jones

Trustee

Ron Forsythe
Robin Shaw

AOPA ADIZ Protest

If you are concerned about the possibility of all Class B airspace in the country becoming a ADIZ, or about the Washington ADIZ in particular, I recommend that you check out the AOPA's recent effort to have its membership write their representatives at <http://www.aopa.org/adizalert/>



Submit your comments to the FAA

If you're ready to submit your comments now:

Write down **Docket Number 17005**.

Create a text file (like Microsoft Word) of your comments.

If you'd like step-by-step assistance:

Get help writing your comments.

Where to send your comments.

Open the FAA's comment page, follow the navigation (no need to register; just press "Continue"), and paste your comments into the appropriate space.

Get help submitting your comments.

Ohio Fuel Tax

AOPA MEETS WITH OHIO AVIATION ASSOCIATION, OPPOSES FUEL TAX

AOPA officials told some 150 attendees at the Ohio Aviation Association's (OAA's) fall conference that an OAA proposal to impose a new 3-cent per gallon excise tax on avgas and jet A fuel was the "wrong idea at the wrong time." "The OAA has been urging our Ohio members to lobby AOPA in support of a new tax. Thus far, less than a handful of our 14,000 Ohio members have told us this new tax is a good idea," said Owen Sweeney, AOPA manager of regional affairs, who joined Bill Leavens, AOPA eastern regional representative, at the OAA conference last week near Columbus. "AOPA works to keep flying affordable for its members, and the association remains skeptical that a new tax—particularly with today's record fuel costs—will benefit Ohio pilots." A tax on avgas also would unfairly target general aviation pilots who cannot pass the cost onto passengers. AOPA offered to work with the OAA to lobby for increased general fund appropriations to the state's airports. See [AOPA Online](#).

Mode S

FAA MODE S MANDATE SENDS MIXED SIGNAL TO AIRCRAFT OWNERS

AOPA is opposed to an FAA plan to require Part 135 operators who can no longer repair their Mode A or C transponders to upgrade to Mode S transponders, beginning in March 2007. This seemingly benign mandate sends a mixed signal to aircraft owners, considering the FAA already is starting to eliminate Mode S traffic information service at 23 locations nationwide. "The FAA is aggressively working on a plan to replace most radar systems with automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B)," said Randy Kenagy, AOPA senior director of advanced technology. "AOPA opposes the transition to Mode S transponders and has long been an advocate and leader of transitioning to satellite-based navigation and ADS-B." See [AOPA Online](#).

Upcoming Fly-ins

FLYING DESTINATIONS THIS WEEKEND:

Franklin, North Carolina. The 2005 Macon County Airshow takes place October 22 at Macon County (1A5). Activities include aerobatic performers, precision water dropping demonstration, two skydiving teams, and lots of aircraft on display; this event offers something for everyone. Contact Neil Hoppe, 828/349-4615, or visit the [Web site](#).

Grand Canyon, Arizona. Thunder Over the Coconino takes place October 22 at Valle (40G). Join this gathering of antique aircraft, warbirds, and classic cars at the Planes of Fame museum. Young Eagle flights available. Contact Norm Gobeil, 928/635-5280.

Chattanooga, Tennessee. Airshow Chattanooga 2005 takes place October 29 and 30 at Lovell Field (CHA). Featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Jim LeRoy, the Shockwave Jet Truck, and more! [See the](#)

[Web site](#) for more information.



FLYING DESTINATIONS IN THE EASTERN REGION THIS WEEKEND:

Batavia, Ohio. Sporty's holds a Hot Dog Fly-in every Saturday at Clermont County (I69). Free hot dogs from noon to 2 p.m. Contact Mike Lack, 513/735-9100 ext. 303.

NEXT WEEKEND:

Trenton, New Jersey. A Cirrus Design Open House takes place October 29 at Trenton Mercer (TTN). Representatives from Cirrus will be on hand at Ronson Aviation to present the new SR22-G2. Demonstration flights are available. Contact Eric Sanderman, 914/319-4684.

Lebanon, Ohio. A Pancake Fly-in takes place October 29 at Lebanon-Warren County (I68) from 8 to 11 a.m. Contact Terry West, 513/934-3100.

To [submit an event](#) to the calendar or to [search all events](#) visit AOPA Online. For airport details, see [AOPA's Airport Directory Online](#).

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER CLINICS

The next AOPA Air Safety Foundation Flight Instructor Refresher Clinics are scheduled in Ontario, California, and Nashville, Tennessee, October 29 and 30. A course is also scheduled in Cincinnati, November 5 and 6. For a complete schedule, see [AOPA Online](#). Can't make it in person? Sign up for the [CFI Refresher Online](#).

AOPA AIR SAFETY FOUNDATION SAFETY SEMINARS

AOPA Air Safety Foundation Safety Seminars are scheduled in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Eugene, Oregon, October 24; Asheboro, North Carolina, and Portland, Oregon, October 25; Flat Rock, North Carolina, and Everett, Washington, October 26; and Seattle, October 27. For topic information and a complete schedule, see [AOPA Online](#).