



Chapter 42 Newsletter

November, 2009

Anchorage, AK-

Calendar of Events

Nov. 24 Club Meeting:
7p.m. RE-Max Midtown

Breakfast Gathering
Dec.12th -Village Inn
720-Diamond Blvd-
9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Dec. 1 Chapter 42
Board Meeting
Re-Max 7 p.m.

Alaska Aviation Museum
Dec.3- Museum Fundraiser-
5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Dec.16-Alaska Aviation Museum
Holiday Christmas Party
6 p.m.-9 p.m.
(for museum members only)

No December Meeting
Happy Holidays!
See you in 2010



George Lukens (blue shirt on the left) explains how he built his Rotorway Exec two-place helicopter during the September meeting in his Oceanview workshop/hangar attached to his home in South Anchorage.

New Slate of Officers for 2010 Needed!

Elections for next year's officers on the schedule for Nov. 24 meet

This month's meeting will require Chapter 42 members to elect new officers for the club. Here are the candidates who have volunteered to run for the following positions:

President: Dick Reeve, Elmer Webster
Vice President: Bob Edison, John Davis
Secretary: Rob Stapleton or you
Treasurer: John Davis or you

According to the bylaws of the chapter we must elect new officials at this meeting. Anyone who wants to run or is nominated and agrees to run may be elected by the vote of the club membership.

The object of this election is to attract new membership and to provide current members with a slate of officers that will infuse new energy into the chapter. Thanks to the previous officers for their dedication and time volunteering.

Left Seat...

By Tim Rittal, EAA Chapter 42 President

It is November in Anchorage, Alaska. Most of the ducks & geese have fled South, Sand lake & Jewel lake are skimmed over with ice and its ELECTION TIME. No not state or national elections but your own EAA Chapter 42. It is time for a changing of the guard. At the November 24th meeting we will vote on the selection of a NEW President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The current officers have served well and long enough and deserve a break. Plus, all organizations can use a change of leadership to keep them interesting and viable. Elsewhere in this newsletter will be a partial list of folks interested in running for a position. We still need a few more volunteers especially for Secretary and Treasurer. So far no one has put their name in the hat for these 2 positions which have been so ably handled by one man, Gene Bjornstad. Gene says he will gladly bring the new person up to speed but he is stepping down. At the November meeting we will open the floor to see if anyone of you is willing to run for the any of the positions and then we will have a vote and the simple majority wins. I know there is plenty of talent among our members. Don't be shy, the chapter needs your help. Take a chance and jump in. Personally, I have found serving as News Letter Editor and then President to be interesting, sometimes challenging and always rewarding. Just being a member of Chapter 42 has introduced me to many new folks and kindled several lasting friendships. Being on the board just

helped to kick it up a level. As the famous saying goes "Try it. You'll like it".

Let's have a great turnout for this election. See you Tues, Nov 24th 7pm. The meeting will be in the large conference room at RE/MAX Properties at 110 W. 38th ave.

Safe Landings

Tim Rittal

Don't Leave Home Without It

As most of you know I had a plane accident in a very remote part of the state. I was landing on an old mining claim strip when my landing gear collapsed, the wing slammed the ground, knocked me out and then my beautiful GlaStar tried to fly without me. When the dust settled I found myself climbing out of what was left of my plane wondering "How did I get here?" What happened next is the whole point of this piece. Dazed and hurt, I knew I needed help. I reached into my survival vest which I always wear when I fly, pulled out my satellite phone, found the laminated card with the number for the Rescue Operations Center and called in the cavalry. I was able to give them the coordinates of my location from my GPS. They knew who to call for help considering my situation and location. Within 2 hours a trooper and paramedic from Bethel were at my side and had me in the hospital in Bethel within 3 hours of that call. I had several cuts and bruises, a broken left leg and broken bones in my face.

Having that phone on my person and having the number to call with

the phone may not have saved my life but certainly saved me from what would have been the most miserable night of my life and maybe worse. In some cases it would be the difference between life and death.

So take a tip from me, if you fly in remote locations wear some sort of survival vest with basic gear like matches/lighter, knife etc. I highly recommend you carry a satellite phone in the vest and have the important numbers on a laminated card with the phone. I also suggest the phone be in a heavy duty zip lock bag or other water proof bag.

For "one stop shopping" for Search and Rescue the number to have is Rescue

Operations Center 1-907-271-5936.

Carry the phone and the number. Then hope you never have to use it.

Airport Surface Deviation Safety Tip from the FAA

Ever played the "What if" game?

Why play "What if?"

- It's an excellent strategy for runway safety and risk management,
- Prepares pilot's for making choices when needed,
- Promotes sound judgment – you plan those choices when you are not under pressure,
- Covers many bases, not just one option,
- Improves situational awareness,
- Heightens pilot awareness

"What if"

- I don't get the runway assignment I am expecting?
- I have engine trouble on the taxi out?
- My passengers are distracting when I am anticipating a clearance?

By playing the "What if" game before you move on an airport,

YOU JUST WON THE LOTTERY - THE LOTTERY OF SAFETY!

E-LSA's need to amend airworthiness certificates before Jan. 2010 deadline

The Federal Aviation Administration has issued a two-step process to amend the airworthiness certificate of Experimental Light Sport Aircraft previously allowed to be used for instruction. This will allow E-LSA aircraft to continue use of an authority for training for compensation that was due to expire on Jan. 31, 2010.

Those wishing to continue to use their E-LSA's for instruction will need to re-register or amend an airworthiness certificate using a Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA) issued by a local FSDO. This can be done by making an appointment and following up on this before the Jan. 31 2010 deadline. Failure to amend an airworthiness certificate that gives the previous authorization to instruct will expire and cannot be re-issued.

Those who have E-LSAs with authorization for instruction who wish not to utilize the LODA for basic flight training

and want to use their aircraft for personal use will also need to amend their airworthiness certificate as it too will expire on the deadline.

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Past Time to pay Chapter Dues!

\$24 individual/\$25 family
Please have your checks ready at the next monthly meeting, or contact Gene Bjornstad.

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EAA Chapter 42
Monthly Breakfast
 Second Saturday of every month
 9:30 a.m.
Village Inn and Pancake House
 720 West Dimond Blvd.
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EAA Chapter 42 Mission Statement:
 Promote, encourage and facilitate recreational aviation activities that provide educational opportunities. Have Fun!



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