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EVENTS

April 25th
EAA Meeting @ 7:00
C&R Restaurant
Route 29 Galway NY
Dinner starts at
6:00pm

President's Hangar

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What's been going on:

The only event in April that I recall was a fly in to Middlebury but I don't think anyone made it due to weather. The other activity by members seems to have been spotty with wet runways and iffy weather. There were still a few good days and some were able to dust off the wings. Sun-N-Fun wrapped up on April 9th and as usual there were iPad flying app updates and new technology announcements. One thing of note was that the ADS-B market is showing promise for affordable options. It will be interesting to see how things pan out for price in the next years before the 2020 mandate take effect. Will the FAA relax the standards like they have done for other projects beneficial to safety? There are already some ADS-B out devices out there for experimental aircraft that are near the \$1000 mark! Initial low end offerings were five times this so there is hope.

Upcoming:

The fly ins will start picking up this month with the PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 7:30 am - 11:00 am. Oswego County Airport [KFZY], Fulton, NY hosted by EAA Chapter 486 and the Civil Air Patrol on 14 May (Sunday). Also on 21 May (Sunday) 53rd ANNUAL APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL FLY-IN BREAKFAST 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. Williamson-Sodus Airport [KSDC]. There may be a few of us that don't fly much during the winter so if that's you let's be sure to check things over good on our airplanes and our skills for that first spring flight. We will have one more meeting at the C&R Restaurant on April 25 and then in May we will have our first airport meeting at Fulton County Airport. Mike Clukey and John Pashley have already started on an exceptional menu for the airport meetings with some new offerings to spice things up. We have several members that will be getting in some first flights in this coming year. Some are planes acquired and some are rebuilds. We also have a lot of members working on getting their first ticket or advancing their ratings. It is going to be a great year so stay tuned. See you all at the meeting.

Vice-President ~ Tim Devine

As you read this article we will be one week away from May first. Day light is lasting longer, the runways are drying out, and temperatures are now quite comfortable so you don't have to dress like an Eskimo to go flying.

Our long-awaited spring appears to have finally arrived and with it our thoughts turn to flying. We all need to reboot our flying safety mindset so that we can have a fun and safe 2017 season.

Some of us have been flying regularly all winter, while others traveled south for the cold months, or just decided it was too cold and too much work to go flying when it's frigid outside. Regardless of what group you fall into, we all face the same challenges as we start a new season. Let's examine some of the things that have changed since last fall.

First and foremost, we are all a little older. Time to make an honest appraisal of our health and flying skills before we strap in and head aloft. Have we been putting off that much needed eye examination, are we on any new medications, have we had any type of major surgery over the winter months, have we had a life altering event, or any other factors that could affect our mental and physical sharpness as PIC.

If you have had some type of major life change, taking a check ride and maybe some refresher lessons from a CFI is money well spent to help you evaluate and identify deteriorated skills.

The next thing we need to examine is our airplanes to make sure they are airworthy and ready to go. Even if you have been flying all winter, it is time to take a hard look at your chariot. Just like we are awakening in the spring, so are all the mice, mud wasp, birds, bee's and other assorted critters looking for places to nest and possibly raise youngin's. Any time you have unwanted passengers stowed away on your aircraft it is a recipe for potential trouble. Plugged orifices, frayed wires, hidden corrosion, damaged interiors, all can be left behind by unwanted tenants. Next time you go to the airport, stand back about 20 feet and see if you can identify half a dozen potential nooks and crannies that just beg to be inhabited on your airplane and then think of all the time that the critters have during the week to wreck your Saturday flying plans. Securing your airplane and vigilance are your two most effective ways to pro-actively deal with this nuisance.

Last but not least honestly evaluate your own personnel situation in comparison to what it was six months ago. Just in our chapter alone we have at least two pilots coming off of major surgeries. We have two pilots flying newly acquired airplanes. We have some new members who are looking at purchasing airplanes, and a few of our members who are relatively low time in their current birds. Into this mix throw in every pilot in the area being in the same boat as you and you can see the potential for mishaps until everyone gets their A game back on and works off some of the winter rust.

So, take the time to prepare both mentally and physically for 2017 season and it will be well worth the time and effort.

Fly safe, fly smart

Tim D.



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