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Breakfast Saturday, April 7th. at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 8:00 AM. **See you Saturday!**

April Our next Chapter meeting will be on the **Third** Thursday of the month, **April 19th**, at 7:00 p.m. at our Chapter Hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport.

This move will allow all our members the opportunity to attend the "Collision Avoidance" Aviation Safety Education Seminar at Byerly Aviation on the Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.



Our guest speaker will be Dave Wilson, a resident of Galesburg. He and his wife Nancy were certified by the FAA as private pilots within two weeks of each other in 1974. They have two grown children. Dave, along with his father and son, have served in the Air Force. Their son Scott is now serving with the 48th Fighter Wing in England.

Dave received his bachelor's degree in Sociology and Master's in Community Mental Health from Northern Illinois University. He's also an above the knee amputee since 1971. He has an unrestricted flight certificate and is instrument rated.

The RV-8 project was begun in February of 1998 and signed off by the FAA in September of 2000. Dave has prepared a comprehensive slide program based on the entire process of building and testing the RV-8. The program covers construction, safety, the excitement of discovery and the never-ending process of problem

solving.

The experience was so rewarding that Dave is well into his second RV-8 project which is scheduled for completion in time for the Wright Brothers Centennial Anniversary of Flight on December 17, 2003. Dave's "Centennial RV-8" will be launched for the first time at 10:35 A.M. on December 17th, precisely 100 years to the minute after the Wright's first flight.



Collision Avoidance The AOPA Air Safety Foundation and the FAA will cosponsor an Aviation Safety Education Seminar on Thursday, April 12th 7:00 p.m. at Byerly Aviation's Business Aviation Terminal at Greater Peoria Airport.

Aviation's worst accidents have resulted from collisions on the ground and in the air. At the end of 2000 collision avoidance accidents were UP by 28.6%. Help to bring the accident rate down by improving your see and avoid skills.

By attending this Collision Avoidance seminar you'll learn:

- Effective procedures to locate and track traffic
- How to get the most collision avoidance help from ATC
- The most common collision scenarios and how to avoid them.
- How to cope with aerial distractions
- Cockpit resource management principles for effective collision avoidance

Pilots of all skill levels and experiences will benefit from this thorough presentation on collision avoidance. And, if you know pilots who could benefit from this informative seminar – by all means, bring them along. Enjoy an evening full of your favorite subject – flying.

For further information, please call the AOPA Air Safety Foundation at 1-800-638-3101.

Last Month Our Chapter meeting was on



Dave Wilson's – RV8

Thursday, **March 8th**, at 7:00 p.m. at our Chapter Hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport. Vice-President Rick Woldow brought the meeting to order.

Chapter Treasurer Morrie Caudill gave a report that we have 48 paid members for 2001. This is down slightly from previous years and there was a short discussion on ways to entice more interest in the local Chapter.

Morrie also mad a report on fashioning replacement wheel fairings, nose bowls and non structural components from fiberglass. Morrie emphasized two points: Personal Safety and Education.

When working with and sanding fiberglass, it is important to remember that you are working with glass fibers. It is essential to were gloves, long sleeve shirts and a face mask. One should never breath fiberglass particles and some people may have an allergic when they come in contact with fiberglass dust.

Morrie suggested that a Wick's catalogue offers all the how to photos and information a beginner needs to start a nonstructural fiberglass project. He recommended using a minimum amount of filler, because the strength of fiberglass is in the glass fiber, not the filler.

For structural work, Morrie recommended following the manufacturer's instructions exactly.

Mike Tillman is ready to hang an engine on his Cessna 140A. Jerry Peacock's Cessna 210 is in the Chapter hangar and Jerry has returned to Africa, helping to fly patients for a missionary hospital.

The Bloomington Chapter has received 501 c3 tax exempt status.

Membership Dues for 2001 remain at \$20.00. If you have not yet renewed your membership please mail a check to Chapter Treasurer Morrie Caudill, 5320 N. Sherbrook Ln., Peoria, IL. 61614.

Short Final...

One day a few years ago, a very busy Fort Worth Center controller kept calling a particular aircraft repeatedly, only to end



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his transmission with, "...Cessna 123, disregard."

Some of his instructions were quite complicated, but he still ended with the same directive.

After minutes of busy, almost frantic transmissions between the controller and his charges, a lull in the action finally occurred.

After a moment, the controller finally said, "Cessna 123, what are you doing right now?"

The obvious reply came right back: "Cessna 123 is disregarding."

The not-so-obvious response? "Roger, Cessna 123. Continue."

◆ A few years ago at New York's Westchester County Airport:

Tower: "Falcon 12345, runway three-four, cleared to land. Traffic is a Tampico on short final."



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