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# Newsletter

April 1998

**Presidents "Air Space":** This year's Pancake Breakfast is again in our hanger at the Fulton County Airport but we are adding something special to this auspicious event to help raise funds and to promote membership. We are selling raffle tickets for two passengers to enjoy a hot-air balloon ride. The lucky winners will join Bob Erickson, a new applicant to the club and a 12,000-Hour pilot, for a late afternoon or evening flight that same day, weather permitting. Bob has volunteered his services as the pilot and the use of a hot-air balloon. If the weather is not conducive to hot-air ballooning, an alternate date is set for the following weekend, 20 June 1998. The balloon is planned to be launched from the Rochester Airport.

If you are interested in owning one half of an Aeronca Champ (\$7,000) contact Harrison Crabill or Dick Smith 219-223-2318.

**Safety Program and Issues:** Our first safety program seminar for 1998 is set and scheduled for Thursday not Friday, 14 May 1998 at 1900 Hours in the hanger. The fall safety meeting is planned for October.

This month's safety tip is a multiple choice question: After takeoff, a pilot decides to remain in the traffic pattern. He should not begin his turn onto the crosswind leg until (select the best choice or choices)

- (a). within 300 feet of pattern altitude.
- (b). within 500 feet of pattern altitude.
- (c). beyond the departure end of the runway.
- (d). 1/4 mile beyond end of runway.

Answer at the end of the newsletter...

## **Aircraft Status & Maintenance:**

07V: The ELT battery was changed and a static check performed and logged for IFR flight. The aircraft is good-to-go.

42U: Good to go.

874: Good to go.

69T: The Cherokee completed it's annual at an approximate cost of \$2,100 so far. Items to be corrected: minor stress fracture in upper right wing panel, estimated cost to repair is \$400; IFR certification due in April 1998.

Aircraft annuals scheduled for the following:

April            42U  
June (early) 874 and 07V

Reminder: Don't forget to check the sticker on the tachometer for the next "50 Hour" oil change schedule on each aircraft.

**Hanger & Equipment Status:** No report.

**Club Event Calendar:**

11 April 1998 (Sat.), 0800 at the hanger, first road-side trash pickup. Rain date: 25 April.

14 May 1998 (Thur), 1900 Hours, mandatory air safety seminar, at the hanger.

13 June 1998 (Sat.), 0700 to 1200 (Noon), annual pancake breakfast and flyin at our hanger, Fulton County Airport. This outstanding event is in conjunction with the "Round Barn" Festival and Celebration, Rochester, Indiana. Chairman: Ron Fearnow, Home 219-352-2826, Work 317-510-5163.

(planned only) Friday at 1900, 16 October 1998, mandatory air safety seminar, at the hanger.

**Club Meetings:** Next member meeting is set for Friday, 17 April 1998, 1900 Hours at the hanger. Agenda: continue planning for pancake breakfast to include individual assignments and project status, aircraft status, By-Laws and Operating Rules, air safety program and open to the members.

Answer to this month's safety tip: According to the "Aeronautical Information Manual", (a) and (c) are correct.

Ron Fearnow.