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NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:

1984 DUES ARE DUE, PLEASE USE THE FORM THAT IS ENCLOSED SO WE CAN
UPDATE OUR RECORDS.

JANUARY PROGRAM:

"UL SAFETY AND YOU" and a Viewing of the 20/20 UL video, followed
by a discussion on it. The FEB. Program will be presented by JOHN
BALLANTYNE from AOPA'S ASF. The JAN.5 meeting will be held at
7:30 PM at the WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY, 6801 Industrial Road,
Springfield, Va.

CALANDER OF EVENTS:

JAN.14 & 28 <NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM, Art collection tours at
10:30 AM & 1 PM (202)357-3030
FEB.2 <EAA UL #44 Meeting
MARCH 1 <EAA UL #44 Meeting
MARCH 10 <Annual Awards Banquet, EAA CHAPTERS UL44, UL20, #186,
WASH. NAVY YARD Officers Club
MARCH 11-17 <SUN & FUN FLY-IN, Lakeland, FL.

STUFF:

The EAA reports that the FAA'S Chicago Aircraft Certification
Office has expressed concern about improper installation of
NICOPRESS SLEEVES by BOTH UL manufacturers and homebuilders. IF you
have not checked them on your UL, DO IT (this requires tools) NOW. If
you do not know how to, contact your chapter Designees for help.

A couple of our members have just purchased PHAHTOM UL'S, but
niether is ready yet to fly. The PHANTOM is now for sale from two
local dealers, Northflight UL Aircraft at Woodbridge Airport (last
year you probable would have been hung if you had flown an UL into
Woodbridge, and now...) and Bill Robie at Culpepper Airport. Bill
has YEARS of ULTRALIGHT business experience.

The National Airspace Review (NAR) will be addressing the
operation of UL'S. It will be possible for some participation from
our chapter. If you are interested, contact Bob Chapman at
631-1537. THIS COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OPERATIONAL
RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON UL'S!

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*** The November meeting will be held at our regular meeting place, the Washington Gas Light Center, at 7:30 pm. PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE DAY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FRIDAY THE FIFTH. The December meeting will also be held one day later than usual, Dec. 7th. Both changes are due to WGL scheduling priorities.***

Dan Brockway, an aircraft A&P mechanic and writer/ ultralight evaluator for ADPA (he was originally scheduled to talk last month) will be our guest speaker. If you have any questions concerning UL'S that you would like unbiased answers to, make sure you do not miss this meeting.

At last months meeting 1985 chapter officers were elected. They are:
President: Jim Kelly (re-elected)
Vice President: Tony Anger
Secretary: Kathy Wicker
Treasurer: Dave Maitland
Newsletter: Bob Chapman/ Bob Pendleton
Safety Officer: Pat Derry
Program Co-ordinator: Dick Jones

Roy Muth has resigned as the president of PUMA. Rumor has it that he was under pressure to do so for some time from the Snow Mobile Manufacturers Association that he also represented. Since several of the UL manufacturers that joined at Oshkosh have already quit, it will be interesting to see what happens now.

Heavy duty rumors persist that the FAA will increase the regulation of UL'S. The FAA originally decided not to mainly because they did not have the manpower or MONEY to do it, and besides the relatively few ultralights (then called powered hang gliders) could be flown from almost any open field, making enforcement very difficult. Now things are changing. Many Ultralights look and fly and are used as AIRCRAFT. Congress wants the FAA to regulate UL'S. Even the (PUMA) Ultralight manufacturers want more regulation. If FAA thinks Congress will pay for it, then I think we will get much more regulation.

The Winchester Fly-in put on by EAA chapter 186 this weekend was blessed with wonderful weather (finally!) and quite a few of our members took advantage of both. Kirt & Kathy Wicker flew out both days from Nokesville. Bob Pendleton, Dave Maitland, Charlie Maples, Rick Matson, Bob Chapman and a couple others all had UL'S there. Dave Maitland, who is also vice-president of chapter 186, worked all weekend to see that the UL operations went smoothly (not easy at this fly-in). Dave probably did so well because he suffered thru the same job at the Shenandoah Valley Fly-in. Thanks Dave!

Because aircraft radios are SO expensive and C.B. radios so cheap, several chapter members are now using them for air to air and air to ground communications. If you install one and see another ultralight, try channel 5 (just remember WTTG!). You might get a response. Kirk Wicwer likes to talk to truckers on cross country flights.

Jim Kelly lost a ring at the last meeting, probable in the rest room. He is hoping someone in the chapter may have found it. If so, please call Jim at 763-3004 (o) or 855-4046 (H).

If you find yourself looking for a new propeller, consider one from AYMAR- DEMUTH ENTERPRISES. Bob Aymar's prop design is an almost constant speed design - sort of like a semitar prop. Mike DeMuth now makes the props, and he can even duplicate a broken prop as long as there is one blade intact. 301/561-4329 or 301/854-6304

**** CALENDAR ****

NOVEMBER:

2 FRIDAY! EAA UL #44 MEETING, 7:30pm, WGL CENTER,
Springfield (one day late)
7 EAA UL #20 meeting, Amer. Legion Hall,
Brookeville, Md.
9 EAA #4 meeting, contact Jim Eggleston,
301/933-0314
29 EAA #186 meeting, WGL center, Springfield

December:

7 EAA UL #44 MEETING (one day late)
17 81st. Anniversary of the Wright Brothers First
Flight, Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk Kites, 919/441-6247
(7575)

FOR SALE:

1982 VECTOR 610 UL, EX.Cond. w/ transport covers, steerable
nosewheel, flexadyne, \$3200 OR BEST OFFER! 703/752-2924

1982 QUICKSILVER MX, new sails, pilot fairing, C.B. Radio,
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Kathy Wicker

1984 LAZAIR KITS \$1500 OFF - very limited time. Ask Bob
Chapman now about owning a new, 1st class ultralight for
under \$4000. 703/631-1537

**** Remember, the meeting this week is on FRIDAY evening, NOT
Thursday. ****