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New Feature Coming Soon!

Thanks to Walt Hutchings, Office Manager of the FSDO in Kansas City, we will have a new feature in the newsletter soon. I have given the title of the feature a lot of thought and I think that the best title for this new feature is "So Say The FAA". So what do you think? Creative huh?

All joking aside, it is important for pilots and those who are not pilots but who enjoy being up there to be as up-to-date as possible on new regulations and other information important to safe flying. That will be the intent of So Say The FAA. I am sure that there will be interesting and fun content occasionally but mostly what we will concentrate on is updates.

This type of article is something that several of you have mentioned you would like to see in our newsletter. So, once again, you asked for it and, even though it has taken some time, you will get it!! Just don't forget, YOU ASKED FOR THIS!

Please feel free to give feedback on this new feature and other articles in the newsletter. That is what keeps this publication interesting to read and informative to those who actually do pick it up and read it! Keep those thoughts and ideas coming.



Congratulations Doc and Zora!

Doc and Zora Baldwin have recently welcomed their newest and, according to Zora, their *last* grandchild into the world.

Their daughter and her husband, Brian and Rachelle McCormick were introduced to Ivan Harold on August 14, 2001 at 12:58 a.m. He came into this world weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces. According to Grandma and Grandpa, Ivan is healthy and energetic. Especially at 2 in the morning!

This makes grandchild number 10 for Doc and Zora. To quote Grandma Zora, "I am just as thrilled with Ivan as I was when our first grand baby was born."

Congratulations to Ivan's parents and to Doc and Zora.

OK, when are the pictures going to be ready for viewing?!

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Prop Wash

New Method of Instrument Flying

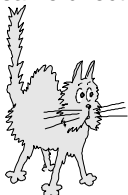
Having mastered the concept of attitude control, there is another method that you may wish to attempt. For reasons that will become apparent, it is recommended for those pilots whose airplanes have large, easily cleaned cabins. Known as the "Cat and Duck Method" of instrument flight, it has received much publicity and is considered to have a great deal of merit by those who have not tried it. No reports have been received from those who DID try it, and none are expected. Pilots are invited to assess its merits objectively.

Basic rules for the C&D Method of Instrument flight are fairly well known and are extremely simple. Here's how it's done:

1. Place a live cat on the cockpit floor. Because a cat always remains upright, it can be used in lieu of a needle and ball. Merely watch to see which way the cat leans to determine if a wing is low and if so, which one.
2. The duck is used for instrument approach and landing. Because of the fact that any sensible duck will refuse to fly under instrument conditions, it is only necessary to hurl your duck out of the plane and follow it to the ground.

There are some limitations to the C&D Method but by rigidly adhering to the following checklist, a degree of success will be achieved which will surely startle you, your passengers, and even an occasional tower operator.

1. Get a wide-awake cat. Most cats do not want to stand up at all. It may be necessary to carry a large dog in the cockpit to keep the cat at attention.
2. Make sure your cat is clean. Dirty cats will spend all their time washing. Trying to follow a washing cat usually results in a tight snap roll followed by an inverted spin.
3. Use old cats only. Young cats have nine lives, but old, used-up cats with only one life left have just as much to lose as you do and will be more dependable.
4. Beware of cowardly ducks. If the duck discovers that you are using the cat to stay upright, it will refuse to leave without the cat. Ducks are no better in IFR conditions than you are.
5. Be sure the duck has good eyesight. Nearsighted ducks sometimes fail to realize that they are on the gauges and go flogging off into the nearest hill. Very nearsighted ducks will not realize they have been thrown out and will descend to the the ground in a sitting position. This maneuver is difficult to follow in an airplane.
6. Use land-loving ducks. It is very discouraging to break out and find yourself on final for a pond, particularly if there are duck hunters around. Duck hunters suffer from temporary insanity while sitting in freezing weather in the blinds and will shoot at anything that flies.
7. Choose your duck carefully. It is easy to confuse ducks with geese because many water birds look alike. While they are very competent instrument flyers, geese seldom want to go in the same direction as you do.



Hangar & Bake Sale September 15

It's definitely going to happen! As discussed at the July FOESA meeting, we are looking for ways to raise funds to help sponsor and support activities at the airport. Another fundraiser is coming up soon and some help from all of you would make it a lot more successful.

Since we don't have "garages" at the airport, we will be having a Hangar Sale on September 15. This would be the perfect opportunity to clean out closets and straighten the garage around your house. You can donate all of that good working and clean items to FOESA to sell at this sure-to-be-a-success fundraiser. There will be fresh home baked items for sale also. Zora Baldwin is baking bread so that is one table you don't want to forget to stop at!

Donations are now being accepted for the sale and we would appreciate it if you could give us a call as soon as possible to make arrangements to drop those off at the airport. The sooner that all the items are there, the more time the volunteers will have to sort things and determine appropriate pricing, etc. Just call Pam or Cindy to make arrangements.

Come on, Friends, almost everyone has some accumulated stuff that you have been meaning to do something with anyway, do some good with it!

Volunteers will be needed to help with setting up, taking money, helping with the children's table and other various jobs. This can be a huge success but it will take some team work and volunteers to make it so.

We are also planning to have a children's craft "make it and take it" table set up. That is going to be a lot of fun. If you have ideas for that, please give us a call or drop us an e-mail. We would love to hear them! See the contact information below for phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

As always, we appreciate all the time that we can get from the Friends.

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To Frank Schwarz

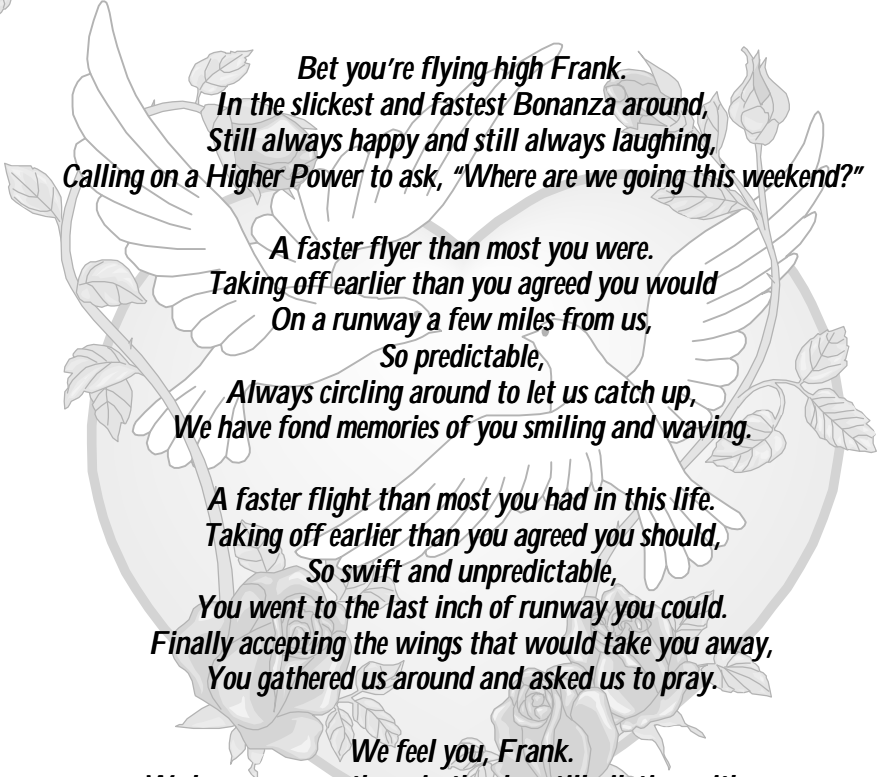
On August 29, 2000, a loving husband and father and a very dear friend to all of us was lost. It was too soon for you to go, Frank, and even though it's already been a year, we still miss you very much.

The following poem was contributed by Mac and Sarah McKinley. The poem was written by a member of their family. Thanks for the contribution.

And Frank, wherever you are, thanks for being the good friend that you were to all of us.



"Frank"



*Bet you're flying high Frank.
In the slickest and fastest Bonanza around,
Still always happy and still always laughing,
Calling on a Higher Power to ask, "Where are we going this weekend?"*

*A faster flyer than most you were.
Taking off earlier than you agreed you would
On a runway a few miles from us,
So predictable,
Always circling around to let us catch up,
We have fond memories of you smiling and waving.*

*A faster flight than most you had in this life.
Taking off earlier than you agreed you should,
So swift and unpredictable,
You went to the last inch of runway you could.
Finally accepting the wings that would take you away,
You gathered us around and asked us to pray.*

*We feel you, Frank.
We know you are there, in the sky, still piloting with us.
A faster flyer than us you are
And better wings than us you have,
We know that you still always circle back,
Smiling, and waiting for us to catch up.*



Sarah & Mac