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## United Flying Octogenarians Better known as the UFO's

Old pilots never die, they just \_\_\_\_\_ What you add to the rest of the saying depends on whether you are an old pilot or not. The UFO's are here to tell you that there is life after 80 and there are 1342 of us scattered across the U S of A. Since March this year they have added 125 new members and removed 224 that did not pay dues. Maybe that should be the ending to the saying above. That amounts to over 1500 old pilots.

Not all of us are still flying, and that is not a pre-requisite for membership, only that you did fly and still want to be associated with others like you.

Some of our members are over 100 years old. I don't believe any of them are flying but it's hard to kill a spirit that has had the piloting experience and has seen the earth from altitude.

The organization has a web site, ufopilots.org, where you can view the write up's on each member and UFO has representatives in all states and several foreign countries. Regional meetings are held in interesting locations so you can drive/fly in and spend the day "drinking coffee and telling lies." Two years ago the Midwest meeting was held at Poplar Grove and we flew the C-150 up there for a great lunch and a tour through the museum.

I've only been a member for going on three years and of all the member profiles that are published in the newsletter, there has not been one that has built and is flying an experimental airplane. So I submitted the picture and article below, just to be different, and to my surprise they printed it. Keep looking up.



### Morrie Caudill (82) Peoria, IL

Morrie has been a UFO member since 2011 and sent in this picture of his brand new SONEX OneX. After attending a workshop in Oshkosh, he ordered the kit and began building it in his garage. He started building it in

Oct of 2012 and 800 hours later it was ready to fly. He flew it for the first time on March 14, 2014 and it flew beautifully.

## The Peoria Airport Board meeting

July was a record setting month in passengers & Freight. Take off & landings were right on except for general aviation – so I would suggest the next time anyone is up and flying stop in at PIA for a touch & go.

The construction is complete except for sealing the black top to the old hangar approach (the missing 18”). Also the PIA will use their personnel to paint a center line in front of all hangars.

Bid is out for the west side of the hangars to be seal coated- no time line for compellation. Also bids are out for a new fuel storage of 100LL and Jet A with a credit card reader.

The FBO is extended on a month to month till Oct 1. And it could be extended month to month again – depending on a legal dept. review

Blue skies and no wind  
Greg LePine

There are “supposedly” 186,338\*\* private pilots in the US, but the following numbers are interesting. Stay healthy!

What we do know is that not a lot of older pilots have current medicals. In 2012 the most recent data from the FAA showed that only 39,135 pilots between the ages of 65 and 69 had a current medical certificate. In the group between 75 and 79 were only 8,316, and by age 80 the number was down to 4,943. There are pilots flying LSA who don’t need a medical, but there is no way to know the size of that group.

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U.S. Population is about 320,000,000

U.S. Registered General Aviation Aircraft in 2010 = 223,370

\*\* (Some of those pilots have more than 1 airplane!)

## NEWS LETTER ITEMS

### NONINATION CHAIR PERSON & COMMITTEE

EAA 563 needs your help with nominations for 2015 and we are starting early. If you would like to be on the Chapter board and run for office and are willing to chair a committee, this is your chance to do so. Think about this; if you are wanting to change the future of the Chapter, run for office and let it be known. The nomination committee will be contacting everyone—be ready.

### SURVEY

We also need to run a survey with our members as to when they would like to hold meetings;

Check off the box you like :

Daytime Meetings [ ]

Evening Meetings [ ]

Monday [ ]

Tuesday [ ]

Wednesday [ ]

Thursday [ ]

Saturday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Breakfast 10:00AM

[ ]

Bring the survey to the membership meeting or email your selection to Greg at  
lepinegm@comcast.net

### DONATIONS

We are also seeking Aviation Donations. This could be Airplanes, Projects, Plans, Materials, Models, Instruments, Cash or whatever Aviation related. We sell these donations and the proceeds are used for Young Eagles and Our Explorer Post that we sponsor.

Any other ideas out there let us know, this is your club.

Thanks  
Greg LePine



Richard Jimenez EAA 8535, with a sad heart will be selling his Cessna 172. If possible I would like to have a for sale notice placed on your chapter web page and in the chapter newsletter. I have placed a for sale notices at different airports similar to the 172H.jpg attached to this e-mail. For the EAA members I would like to give them a better chance to purchase the aircraft than the non EAA members. "FOR EAA MEMBERS ONLY, I WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ANY REASONABLE OFFER."



By Russ Niles | August 2, 2014

The FAA says most of the work involved in building an airplane is a "non-aeronautical use" and it has singled out homebuilders in a new proposed policy statement issued July 22. Policy on the Non-Aeronautical Use Of Airport Hangars says homebuilders will have to build the components of their projects elsewhere and can only move to a hangar for final assembly. Comments are being accepted until Sept. 5 and can be submitted online citing docket number FAA-2014-0463. The agency has devoted a separate section in the proposed policy to explaining its stand. The essence is that the principal role of a hangar is to supply enclosed storage for aircraft to give ready access to the runway. The FAA's argument is that bucking rivets on a wing doesn't require a runway so it's not an aeronautical use. It also says the policy has always been in force. "The FAA is not proposing any change to existing policy other than to clarify that final assembly of an aircraft, leading to the completion of the aircraft to a point where it can be taxied, will be considered an aeronautical use," the proposed policy says. EAA is aware of the proposed policy and staff are assessing it.



The new policy statement is the result of stepped-up enforcement of the rules regarding uses of airport hangars. In dozens of audits conducted over the past two years, the agency has found hangars crammed with just about everything but airplanes. Household goods, cars, even non-aviation related businesses have been discovered. The FAA says that because federal funds are used to build and maintain airports, the use of airport facilities for non-aeronautical uses amounts to a subsidy for those uses. In some cases the city or county responsible for the airport was the violator. Auditors found police cars and other municipal assets tucked safely away in airport hangars. The proposed policy will also clarify the incidental storage of non-aeronautical items in hangars, meaning that a couch and a beer fridge will probably be safe from the feds.

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<b>AUGUST</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 Civil Holiday (1910) US Coast Guard established, 1790	5	6 Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, 1945	7	8	9 Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, 1945
10	11	12	13	14 Membership Meeting Japan surrenders, 1945	15	16 Second Breakfast
17	18	19 National Aviation Day (1951)	20	21 Directors Meeting	22	23
24	25 Surrender Day 1945	26	27 Earl Warren enters Oval for Flight to Norfolk the 100, 1959	28	29	30
31	1	2	<p>Wingspan ..... 100 feet Length ..... 63 feet 11 inches Height ..... 31 feet 1 inch Wing Area ..... 1,998 square feet Power ..... two 1,200 hp Fuel ..... Pratt &amp; Whitney R-1820 engines Maximum Weight ..... 25,410 pounds Maximum Speed ..... 176 mph Service Ceiling ..... 15,000 feet Range ..... 3,200 miles</p>			

The Regular Chapter 563 meetings are held at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month.

All Chapter 563 breakfasts will be held at the Chapter Hangar from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on the first and third Saturday mornings.

The Chapter 563 Directors meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.