



Mentone Flying Club



NEWSLETTER OF THE MENTONE FLYING CLUB

Switching Seats

By George Fish

Back in 1972 I was yet a student pilot, and Harrison Crabill was my flight instructor, and not knowing at the time, soon to be my father-in-law. One particular day I was to fly dual with him and perhaps we got our signals crossed because I arrived at the airport and there was no Harrison.

Nobody was around other than Bill Willard, not even Chick Herendeen. Bill and I were talking and discussing what I was up to. I wanted to get a hour in and Bill understood I had just driven down from Warsaw and he did not want me to waste a trip. So he offered to sit right seat and explained that would be against the rules. Well “nobody is here” and I wanted that hour. So we got the 172 out and I sat in the left seat, Bill in the right seat. A great flight as I made patterns and a couple of touch and goes. When suddenly we noticed, rule abiding Chick and Harrison had arrived and several other club members. E-gads, what are we going to do! Well Bill thought we better switch seats somehow. Seat belts unbuckled, seats moved back and trying to figure out how we are going to maneuver and keep the plane trim. With a lot of struggling and laughter we managed and now had the plane on final approach. Bill at the controls and I the observing innocent passenger. We were greeted by Chick and Harrison after I had competed nearly a good hour under the instructions of good ole Bill, of course non-logged!

-George Fish

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MFC News

Calendar

February 17: MFC monthly meeting at the Rochester FBO at 7:00 pm.

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February 21: Next Ground School Class

[No class February 14] FREE private pilot ground school taught by Kevin Morrison. Class meets every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Rochester FBO. Contact Kevin if you're interested!

kevin.morrison@crowhorath.com

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Congrats!

Jessica Richardson passed the Fundamentals of Instructing (FOI) Knowledge Exam.

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WANTED!

We need pictures, stories, memories, accomplishments to share in the newsletter 😊 If you have one or know someone who does, please contact Jessica Richardson at jessicaerichardson@yahoo.com or text 574-551-7035.

First night of ground school, taught by Kevin Morrison. This time Kevin has added PowerPoint slides! Come out and join the fun every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.



A fun photo from club member, Emeric Szalay. His wife wants to know when he's safely landed and so this is what he did. "I usually respond by texting her 'boots on the ground.' This particular time I texted her this photo of myself on the ground, sort of."

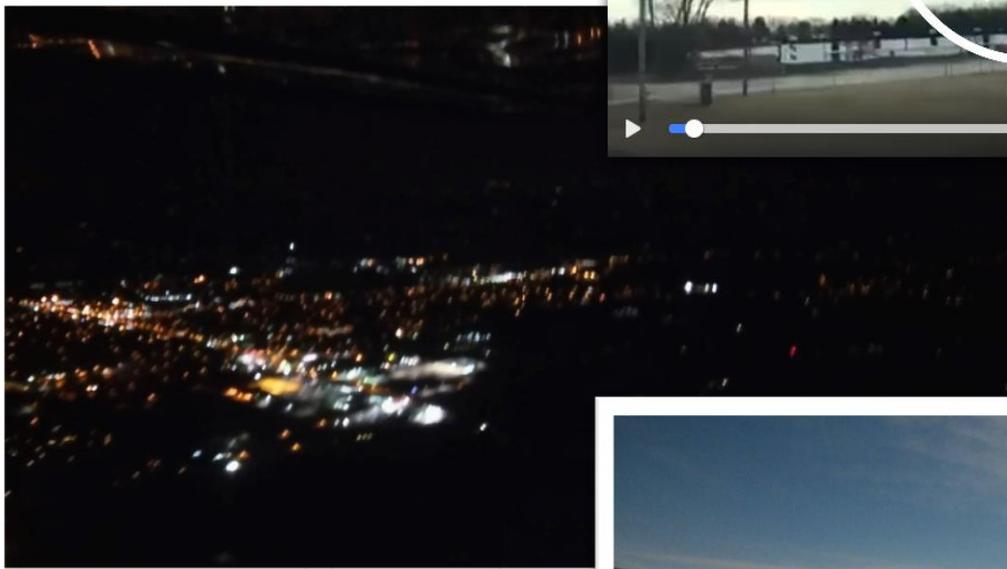




The Richardson Family entertained us with their musical instruments and singing after dinner at our annual banquet on January 20th.

Click below to watch Dan Pine come in for a nice landing in N12874! 😊

Rochester during a night flight by Jessica Richardson (below)



Sunshine and BLUE SKY!!!

