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APRIL 1985 NEWSLETTER

< FROM THE PRESIDENT >

APRIL MEETING: The next meeting of EAA Chapter 569 will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 P.M. in the Duncan Aviation lunch room. Steve Green will speak to us about care of radios, radio reception, matching antennas and their locations, shielding, strobe light location, and Loran units. Steve has many years of experience working in this field, he owned Lincoln Avionics.

The refreshment committee for this meeting will be Jim Fix (in charge), Harry Flint, Ed Garner, Dale Greene, and Wilber Hanson.

North Platte EAA Chapter 562 is hosting a Flying Poker Run on April 14th ending with a hangar party with food and refreshments, \$2.50 per person. If you're interested, ask to see their flyer at the meeting.

The Seward Fly-in is shaping up quite well. There are some important decisions to be made so please come to the meeting. Duane will bring us up to date then on all of the latest developments.

Jim Fix

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Jeff's Column

Airport courtesy cars. Ever notice that most of them in Nebraska are of early 70's vintage and are generally Ford Torinos. They're all 40 shades of greenish color and are faded to the point that the paint turns to powder. The interiors are a rats haven as the seats are always ripped and the stuffing is coming out and scattered all over. They are government surplus as you can see U.S. Government written on the side.

It's always a treat to crawl out of your 40 thousand \$ airplane (new Cessna 152) and climb into a 15 year old Ford with bald tires and torn up

seats to take care of business in town. Most of the courtesy cars have the keys already in them as nobody in their right mind would want to steal it. On most of them the keys are probably rusted in the ignition and you can't get them out anyway. Out of the four doors, only one will usually open and it is generally the right rear one. As you sit in the drivers seat you can barely see over the steering wheel as all the stuffing is missing and the springs are shot due to many years of lard butts bouncing up and down on them.

One courtesy car that catches my fancy is the grey, green, blue, silver 1972 Torino at the Imperial Muni Airport. There are a pair of vice grips for the door handle and another pair for the window. The ignition has long since been removed and a push button starter has been installed instead. If you get it started, which is a 50/50 proposition, the fun really begins. The steering wheel turns a full 180° before anything happens. The only thing that works is the cigarette lighter. Kind or reminds one of some rental aircraft. It drives on the road like trying to land a Pitts with a flat tire.

The car in Cambridge, Nebraska would be an excellent machine to check out in for tail dragger time. It wonders between the ditches as if it has a mind of its own. All courtesy cars, without exception are empty. I dutifully put in 2 or 3 dollars depending on how far I go in it and the gas gage never gets past "E".

I really get a kick out of the 54 Plymouth in Valentine. It runs like a top and drives better than a new one. Inside the car is an old coffee can saying "please contribute toward your gas and maintenance of this car so that in the future we can provide you with a newer car to use." That car has been around for 25 years now and I bet the city has made enough off of that old bomb to buy a new Cadillac Eldorado. I haven't been to Valentine lately but I can imagine that the newer car they've been collecting for all these years will no doubt be a green, blue, grey, silver 1972 Ford Torino with U.S. Government written on the side.

In all honesty, I for one am extremely grateful for the use of these vehicles. I am also grateful to the FBO's who must spend a lot of time and \$ on these freebies to the flying public just so we can get a ride to town. It sure beats walking!

Jeff Clausen

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Dear Jeff:

Since my epic flight with the farmer and mules, I have been besieged with many questions which I feel only a certified flight instructor is qualified to answer. Here are a few of the most pressing ones:

1. The farmer is suing me. Says I was not properly licensed, in-as-much as I insisted on charging he and each of his mules \$20.00 for their introductory flight lessons.

2. Al Milina insists I violated FARs in not yelling 'clear' prior to engine start-up.

3. Iris says I did not properly instruct her in the use of the seat belt before takeoff. (Of course if I had, she would now be in a pile on the ground. She just couldn't get unbuckled quick enough.)

4. My mechanic says that since I used full emergency power for such a long time, I should have the engine torn down and inspected prior to use.

5. I must have the control column cut off and shortened, since it is now two inches longer than standard.

6. The farmer is charging me for tie-down in his field.

7. The FAA in Oklahoma City says they have checked and I was not within proper weight and balance.

8. The farmer's wife normally uses these mules to cultivate in the fields. She says they now stumble and fall, as they are always looking back to see what is behind them.

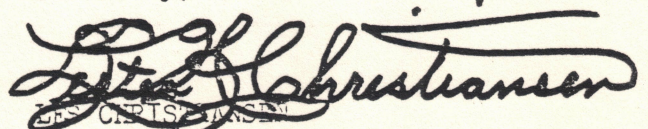
9. My former flight instructor called to chastise me for making an up-hill takeoff.

10. Someone from GADO called to find out if I was licensed under part 135, since the wagon which I was carrying was cargo.

11. Last, but not least. Since I was up there quite a long time, it dried and shrunk and now I can't get my drawers off so Iris can wash them.

Tell me Jeff, do you really think I need a lawyer, or should I just forget the whole thing, and write it off as a bad dream?

Sincerely,


ERIC CHRISTENSEN

Cessna 3040 November

PS: Please hurry, as I can't sleep until I have your answer!

Dear Les,

My expert advice regarding said flight is as follows:

1. Compromise, Charge the farmer only \$10 for the flying lesson as mules are slow learners and probably wouldn't continue their student training anyway.
2. It is not a violation of FAR's not to holler "clear" before starting. Fight em!
3. Tell them you always instruct your passengers to buckle up and Iris must have forgotten. Remember, in a court of law the wife can't testify against her husband and vice versa.
4. Any take-off out of a 1600 foot mud strip in a Cessna 140 requires full power and since you've used it (full power) on many occasions before I'd; a) forget it, b) get a second opinion, or c) sell it.
5. Just take a hot bath and run yourself through the dryer for 1 hour and you will shrink 2 inches therefore eliminating having to shorten the control wheel.
6. Sue the farmer for not telling you that in May and June the airport converts into a seaplane base.
7. Tell FAA they were just small mules and if you were out of C.G. and over gross, you surely would've crashed and since you didn't, they're mistaken.
8. Tell the farmers wife she will no longer need mules to plant rice and it sounds like she may have a pair of alcoholic donkeys since they can't walk too well.
9. Tell your flight instructor to buzz off as all takeoff's result in going up hill eventually provided you leave the ground.
10. Tell GADO the wagon was a special STC modification to the landing gear to simplify ground handling.
11. Les, that will teach you to wear underwear.

In summary Les, old buddy, I'd say you're home free as far as any legal matters and FAA involvement. As for as #11 and the part about "it" drying up and shrinking, I wouldn't worry about that either as it's just part of growing old.

Sincerely

Jeff Clausen

CFI, jailhouse lawyer,
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counselor

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