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### President's Message

Where has the year gone? The leaves are turning beautiful colors and the rain has begun. It is once again time for the election of Officers and Board Members. The Officers are staggered two year terms and the Board is a one year term. So that means the Vice President and Treasurer are up for election plus the Board positions of Membership, 5AC, Newsletter Editor, and Director at Large. There is plenty of room for any of you who would like to help your organization and we will be happy to put you on the ballot. Please call me at 530 878-9009 to add your name.

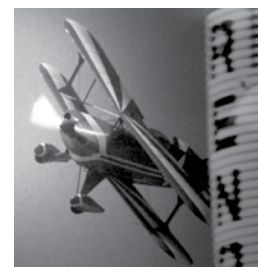
Our next Air Fair Meeting is Monday, November 5th just two days before our regular meeting. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Evan Wolfe and his committee would like all of us to be involved so that we have a GREAT event in 2008. It's fun, good for aviation and good for our community.

Since good flying weather is a bit scarce now consider doing some brushing up on flying skills by reading some good articles and a little studying. How about cleaning out your airplane and hangar? There are bound to be some maintenance items you've been putting off that would be fun to dig into now. If you need help, we have excellent maintenance experts on the field to answer your questions and lend a hand. At the last meeting Power Aviation gave us a good overview of what they have available and this month's program will be Sierra Vista Aviation telling us about their operation. Bring all of your questions as they are more than happy to help us out.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while you are missing some fun hangar flying and GREAT food. See you there!

Hopefully Blue Skies and Happy Flying,

Peggy Dwelle



### Aviation Dates

Nov 2-4: *Combat Helicopter Pilots Asso. 3rd annual reunion & Meeting, Imperial Palace, Las Vegas. Contact (800) 832-5144*

Nov 3: - *Boulder City Airport Day - Boulder City, NV.*

Nov 8-11: *Aviation Nation, Nellis AFB, Nev. The capstone event of the U.S. Air Force's 60th Anniversary and the largest Air Force event of the year-long celebration. Contact Amanda Hayes, Marketing Manager, at 702-506-2065 or email [amanda@aviationnation.org](mailto:amanda@aviationnation.org).*

# Safety Wire

*Mike Duncan*

## TAXIING IS TAXING

Taxiing is one of the first things we learn to do as a pilot. A little rudder and differential brake with little power to get you to move forward at a fast walk and keep the plane on the yellow line. What could be easier? Then why do we have so many accidents involving taxiing aircraft?

Every year thousands of dollars of damage are done to aircraft while taxiing. Wing tips run into trucks, hangars and pole. Landing gear damaged when aircraft are taxied into boxes, taxi and runway light, or just runoff the ramp and taxiways into mud, dirt, and ditches along the edges.

Last week I was watching an airplane doing take offs and landings with a taxi back for take off after each landing. The take offs and landings were not that bad but the high speed taxi back is what bothered me. Taxing between twenty and thirty miles per hour just seemed to me to be too fast. A little inattention to the airplane and he could easily have ended up off to one side of the taxiway. Impossible, perhaps. I remember pulling a small twin out of the mud one day after a charter pilot failed to turn left with the taxi way. A little distraction, who knows? This past year at the Reno Air Races the safety officer for the T-6 class proceeded to taxi into the back of another T-6 causing thousands of dollars of damage to both aircraft. At Oshkosh last year a Warbird taxied over the top of another aircraft killing one person. Many years ago Bob Hoover, world class aerobatic pilot, taxied into a fuel truck. Bring things a little closer to home, there is light pole at the Lincoln Airport adjacent to the fuel island, It has claimed three wings in the last six years. All one has to do is walk down between the hangar rows at Auburn airport and see the damaged hangar doors to see what could happen to you with a little inattention, distractions, and poor situational awareness.

When taxing an airplane, let that be all you are doing. When you clear the runway after landing, take a moment to stop, clean up the airplane ( flaps up, carb heat off, reset the trim, switch your radios, etc.) and then proceed

to taxi. Some instructors say that cleaning up the aircraft while moving shows a greater professionalism. Remember that all of the above accidents involved a professional pilot. I wonder how professional they felt after hitting something. There is no need to be setting instruments, radios, fastening seat belts, or writing down your clearance or the weather. There is nothing that can not wait until you get to the runup area. Taxi at a speed that will allow you to stop on the taxiway if you were to lose a brake. Try and follow the yellow lines, they are there to help give you the clearance from various obstacles, such as hangars, poles, other parked airplanes or just running in to the mud on the side of the runway. Remember that you are betting your insurance deductible against the minute or so you will save getting to the end of the runway or the gas pump. Is that minute worth the \$2500.00 deductible you have

# Auburn Aviation Association Membership Form

Please Provide the Following Information:

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of License: Student \_\_\_\_\_ Glider \_\_\_\_\_ Rotocraft \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Rating(s): Private \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ CFI \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft(s)

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form plus a Check for \$20 made Out To:

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# **November Meeting**

Wednesday November 7th, 2007  
6:00pm

**A - F Side Dish / Salad**

**G - K Main Dish**

**L - P Dessert**

**Q - U Main Dish**

**V - Z Side Dish / Salad**

*(Potluck information is divided by first letter of your last name)*