

Throttle Forward...

MILESTONE MADE!

During ice storms in the winter of 2001, this publication began its life. With this issue, we start Volume Seven of the publication. In 2001, we went to only 100 airports. Today, we distribute to 1,500 airports, about a third of the nations listed airports. We add new airports each month. Our map of coverage in the office has black dots all over the fifty states.

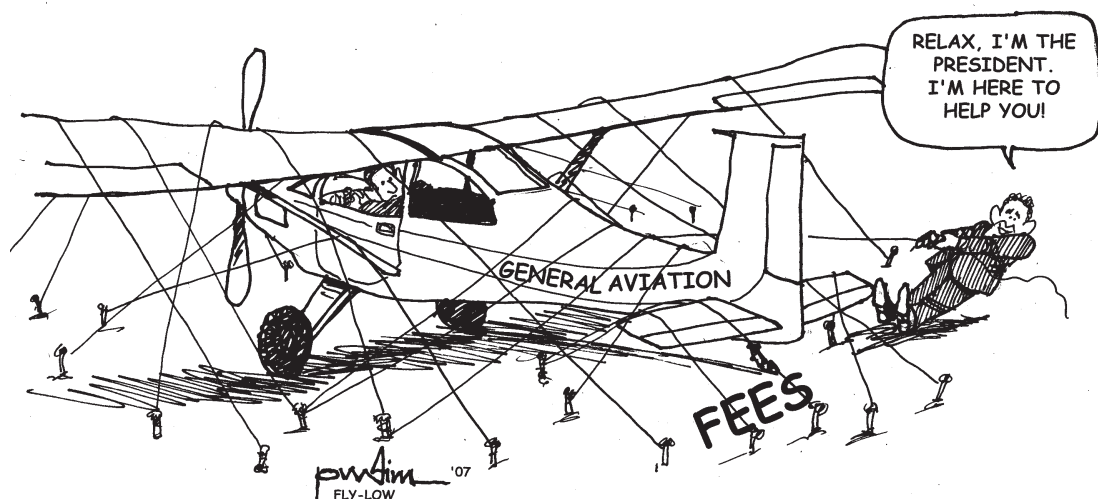
It is a satisfying feeling to get feedback from pilots in those states. The world has become much smaller with the advancement of the Internet. Our website www.fly-low.com receives over 1.6 million hits each year. Our growth over the years is appreciated. Our over riding motivation is to be different from the other aviation 'rags' by not becoming too locked into a certain technique or style in our publication. As does aviation change, so do we.... I have always said that FLY-LOW is continuing to evolve with every issue. I hope that keeps our readers interested and dedicated. To become a stale publication where every issue touts the "40 Reasons to Buy" or "50 of the best...." would bore me to death. I feel that, you, the pilot deserve more than that.

I have allowed most of my subscriptions to other magazines to expire. With those that I now received, I have gotten to a point that I rarely open them and read. It seems that I pretty well know what the content will be, the same as last year. Mundane... perhaps is the best description. I never want FLY-LOW to become mundane to the reader. Always new and changing is our policy to keep the reader looking forward to it being delivered in the mail.

IT CAME TO PASS!!!

A cartoon we ran in mid 2005 is reproduced with the story about user fees on page two. Rob Pudim has a knack for putting the pen to an editorial cartoon. The one on this page is this year's donation to the cause. AOPA and EAA are involved with these problems that our president has passed on to congress as recommendations for change. It appears that general aviation is now being attacked by our government. It is good to have the 410,000 AOPA and the 175,000 member EAA to represent us. If not for them, I am not sure what would happen. So the prediction of our 2005 cartoon has come to pass. User fees are a very good possibility.. It is one more 'death knell" for GA unless all 600,000 pilots become ACTIVE and speak up.

I would recommend that we all write Washington representatives with our feelings. Of the three hundred million people in America, only six-hundred thousand of us really care about user fees. Let's make a loud noise to the east.



These URLs will link you to your representatives:

<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm

Throttle Forward and Fly-Low....