

Website of the Month

This month's website was submitted by John Backes and is called The E Zone. As you may have guessed, this website is devoted to topics on Electric airplanes. Here is the link:

<http://www.ezonemag.com/>

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Transporting Airplanes and Gear Safely

I have to omit that time got away from me this month. Therefore, I decided to cheat and reprint one of Dave Heape's classic articles from a previous Pilot Talk. I found one that really hit home. A week ago when going to the field, my field box with airplane tipped over in the back of my car. Fortunately, my plane did not suffer any damage. Dave discusses transportation accidents in the following article:

One area that we have not covered in the past is transporting and caring for your airplane while getting it to and from the field. We have had some pretty serious damage to airplanes while they were being transported. Things falling over on airplane parts, airplane parts flying out of the back of open vehicles (pick-ups, etc.), field boxes falling over and crunching airplane parts, slamming on brakes and the airplane reaching flying speed before it hits something because it hasn't been strapped down, a variety of holes/tears in covering caused by loose tools, etc. have all been reported by club members over the years. These kinds of incidents are preventable and a little forethought will keep careless accidents from causing unnecessary repairs to an airplane. Always secure your airplane parts and field equipment so these accidents will not happen to you. If you do have a problem, always make sure you check over your equipment before you fly. A crunched tail surface that detaches from the airplane in flight is a bad way to learn that the transporting accident did, in fact, caused some damage to the airplane. A little care and planning in securing your airplane and equipment during transporting them can save you lots of problems in the future.

Fly as much as you can.

Dave Heape

Training Coordinator

See you at the field.

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