

## NARCO AVIONICS A 'NO-ASSET' BANKRUPTCY

(But you might get the avionics you sent them back . . . someday!)

**NARCO  
AVIONICS**

The trustee presiding over the liquidation of Narco Avionics described proceedings in the case May 19 as a "no-asset corporate bankruptcy," and he suggested that any owners of radios under repair at the company's Fort Washington, Pa.,



headquarters seek legal assistance for the return of their property. Some AOPA members whose radios were under repair at Narco when news circulated in April that the company had closed its doors have been trying to learn how to recover their units. Since then, both the Narco Website and telephone number have only provided a short message assuring customers that a trustee would be named to liquidate assets, and that their property would be returned. Former Narco President Alan Hanks, who returned to the company from retirement several years ago intent on revitalizing Narco, said he hoped that the well-known brand would re-emerge someday and resume manufacturing avionics for general aviation.

Narco writes on <http://www.narco-avionics.com/>

"A trustee will be appointed shortly to oversee liquidation of assets and assure return of Customer's property, such as Customer's Radios sent to Narco for service, as soon as possible."

(Information adapted from *AOPA ePilot* May 20, 2011)

## FIRST HUMAN-POWERED HELICOPTER FLIGHT BY A WOMAN

A team of graduate and undergrad students at the University of Maryland's A. James Clark School of Engineering are claiming a world record for the first human-powered helicopter flight by a woman, occurring May 12 after several failed attempts earlier that day and the day before.

Two years in the making, the aircraft – called Gamera – hopes to someday win the American Helicopter Society's (AHS) Sikorsky Prize, which awards \$250,000 for the first controlled flight of a human-powered helicopter. Pilot Judy Wexler, a 24-year-old biology graduate student at UM, pedaled furiously, taking the craft several inches into the air for about 4 seconds, unofficially setting the world record for human-powered helicopter flight with a female pilot.



Gamera, named after the giant, flying turtle from Japanese kaiju films, is an X-shaped structure formed by 60-foot crossbars with 42-foot-diameter rotors on the ends - essentially a large, light quad-rotor. The structure is made of balsa, foam, mylar, carbon fiber, and other lightweight materials weighing just 100 pounds. Pilot Wexler was suspended in a module in the center and provided all the aircraft's power through combined hand and foot pedaling.

Video is at:

[http://lecture.umd.edu/detsmediasite/SilverlightPlayer/Default.aspx?](http://lecture.umd.edu/detsmediasite/SilverlightPlayer/Default.aspx?peid=8b6b78bc1ce04bfc953027cd5a3ef4de1d&playfrom=0&autostart=False&duration=-1&popout=True)

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(Information adapted from *AVwebFLASH* May 30, 2011)

## SHORT FINAL

*AVweb* May 16, 2011

**Must have been a student pilot in that Skyhawk . . .**

*Cape Approach*: "Skyhawk 12345, you have traffic at 2:00, five miles headed southeast."

*Skyhawk 12345*: "Looking for traffic."

*Skyhawk 12345*: "Is that 2:00 Eastern Time or Zulu?"

*Cape Approach*: [silence]



**EAA 172 Meeting**  
 June 11, 2011, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

**EAA 172 Meeting**  
**Cold Cuts Fly-in**  
 July 9, 2011, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

**EAA Oshkosh Airventure® 2011**  
 July 25 – July 31 Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**EAA 172 Meeting**  
 August 13, 2011, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

*Birthdays*

Keith C.	ROBBINS	06-05			
Larry	GARNER	06-06	Robbie	BRIDGES	06-04
Sam	HART	06-07	Judy	GOFF	06-06
William	BLANCHARD	06-20	Brenda	RAMSEY	06-11
Ross	WHEELER	06-20	Dana	DUDLEY	06-15
Jerry	CRAWFORD	06-23	Denise	BUTLER	06-17
Ray	WIGGINS	06-24			
Dudley H.	BOWEN, Jr.	06-25			

*Anniversaries*

Brian & Cathy	MULHERIN	06-13
Dennis & Fay	ALLEN	06-24
Gene & Sandra	CRISWELL	06-27
Joe & Cindy	BRITT	06-29

## AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

*Answer to last month's question: A private pilot has had his certificate for about a year. He was flipping through his logbook and realized he had forgotten to log a few flights. Will this be a problem?*

**According to AOPA:** The FAA only requires you to log flight time as proof of currency or to meet the hour requirements for an additional certificate or rating. You are under no obligation to record all of your flight time. Logging all of your flight time is recommended if you plan to make a career out of flying, or need to qualify for insurance minimums.

**This Month's Question:** I am flying my family to visit relatives for the Fourth of July. I want to bring some fireworks in the aircraft, since they can't be purchased at our destination. Are there any regulations against this?