



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Contact: Roscoe Rosche, Yankee Aviation and Grumman Pilot's Association

Roscoe directed the investigation to the several online resources regarding the AA-1A airplane and its systems. He explained how the canopy system worked and provided information about the different features. The canopy tracks feature indentions to signify the position. He confirmed that the airplane can be flown with the canopy open, and the pilot should adhere the placard and POH specific to the airplane. The canopy can be opened up to half-way below certain airspeeds. Typically, the canopy is opened in flight to increase air flow into the cabin. The airplane will still fly with the canopy fully open, but the pilot needs to expect it and prepare for the significant increase in drag. The airplane will be difficult to fly if the pilot is not expecting the canopy to be fully open.

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