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Actual Engine Out ... Are You Prepared?

Over the past few weeks, several engine out scenarios have been captured on video, raising awareness of their seriousness, and more importantly, how to handle them. These videos have been picked up not only in aviation circles, but mainline media as well. In primary training, we all remember the smooth reduction in engine power by the instructor and the familiar 'what are you gonna do now' exercise. Hopefully this was done often enough to build muscle memory and solidify the immediate memory items. For a lot of us, these exercises were many years ago (maybe even many, many, many years ago) and muscles atrophy when not used. When was the last time you practiced an engine out procedure? I would argue that even once every two years in a BFR isn't enough.

In the following clip, Brian Parsley, a student pilot on a solo flight, loses his engine. He debriefs the scenario in his YouTube video. I highly recommend watching this video and comparing his actions to your own checklists.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3NTfiW17QA&t=280s>

Would you have responded the same way? Anything else you would have tried? Take a minute to discuss this scenario with other pilots, there's a lot we can learn from real life emergencies!

In another recent event, a banner tow pilot needed to put down on a freeway bridge in New Jersey after engine trouble. This is another scenario that ended successfully due to quick pilot thinking and definitive action. See the link below for more details and again, take some time to compare the decisions this pilot made to your own.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/07/21/us/teen-emergency-landing-bridge/index.html>

But what now? How can we become better prepared for real emergencies? It's sometimes hard to recreate the anxiety inducing moments right when an emergency occurs in a training environment. However, keeping your memory items and immediate response actions strong goes a long way in being ready for the real thing. Take a flight with an instructor and practice engine out procedures in the practice area (make sure to remember your clearing turns and check for traffic below). If the pattern is empty, run scenarios of losing an engine in the pattern (power-off 180s for you commercial pilots) and nail your intended landing target (again with an instructor if needed).

Part of flying safe is always being ready for the worst-case scenario!



President's Corner

by Keith McPherson

Hi Everyone! Summer is here, and with the COVID lockdowns being lifted, many of you are planning to attend AirVenture and/or other aviation gatherings. It's great to see the flying world getting back to normal!!

On July 26th, the construction on Route 288 begins. KPJC will close weekdays from 7AM-5PM. The runway will be shortened to 4000' during this time, and I'm told we will have a 5000' runway after the construction. Please check NOTAMs and your email for any changes. During the construction, we will relocate three aircraft (573, 104, and 06M) to Butler County. The planes will be hangered in "County B", adjacent the self-serve fuel farm. Please contact AirQuest Aviation to have a plane pulled per the procedure discussed at the past few Club meetings. Thanks to Carrie Matvey and Chip Vignolini for volunteering to be our Butler Operations Managers again this summer.

The annual Corn Roast and Golf Outing will be held August 21st at the Strawberry Ridge Golf Course. You should have received an email with a link to RSVP. Golf will begin around 1PM, and dinner will be served around 4-4:30PM. Thanks to Chip and Carrie for coordinating the Golf and dinner. Hope to see you there!!

Enjoy your summer!! Fly Often, Fly Safely, Fly Condor!!

Earning Their Wings!



That first solo... the first checkride... adding ratings... and more, these pilots are celebrating, and we share in their excitement. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

- Jay Patrikar – First Solo – July 18th, 2021
- Jessica Miladinovich – Instrument Airplane – June 16th, 2021

General Club Meeting

The Condor Aero Club will **NOT** meet for our normal meeting in August.

Instead, please join us for the annual Corn Roast and Golf Outing on Saturday August 21st. The golf scramble will kick off at 1:00, food, stories, and outdoor activities will start at 4:30 under the pavilion. As always, the club will be providing the main dishes. And we're relying on the club members to whip up their special side dishes or desserts.

Please RSVP at the following link: <http://evite.me/rvU1sG6xrS>

Sky Manager Tips



Please be considerate of other club members! Only schedule a plane for the time you plan to fly. Reserving a plane for 4+ hours then only flying for 1 blocks others from being able to plan a flight. Also, if your plans change, update your reservation! Condor does not charge a cancellation fee so what's stopping you from cancelling your hold if you can't fly? Please plan accordingly to allow others to fly!

Having issues checking a plane out of Sky Manager? Make sure your profile is current!

Winter Seminar – To fly from November 1st to March 31st, each member must attend a Winter Seminar or obtain a sign-off from a club instructor. We're (hopefully) through most of the cold weather but ice is still a significant concern as the temperatures fluctuate at altitude!

Dues and Insurance – 2021 dues and insurance were due on December 31st, 2020. Please ensure your account is paid for full flight privileges.

COVID Release – To protect our members, please read, sign, and adhere to the club's COVID policy and return your signed agreement to Dorothy.

Flight Medical – Don't let your medical expire! Condor maintains copies of your medical certificate and when it expires, flight privileges are revoked. Send a copy of your new medical to Dorothy to have your records updated.

Flight Review – BFR dates are also maintained by the club. If your review date passes, flight privileges will be revoked until you complete your BFR and provide an update to Dorothy.

Contact Us

Have a question for the club?
Interested on joining?
Have something to share?
Reach out anytime!

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<http://www.condoraero.com>



[Join us on Facebook!](#)

Feel free to contact any board member below if you have a specific question

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From the Right Seat

Our club instructors have seen a lot in their time sitting in the right seat. Through their experience, and randomly yelling 'more right rudder' in their sleep, they have much to share that we all can learn from to be better pilots.

Construction is beginning again at KPJC and as has been communicated, we're moving a few aircraft over to Butler County (KBTP) to ensure our members can continue to fly during the closure. Information on KBTP operations has been sent out via email but below are some things to keep in mind. KBTP is a busy airport, specifically with a lot of student pilots. Be alert and aware at all times!

Unlike last summer, our aircraft will be hangered within County Hangar #2. Airquest Aviation will be our primary point of contact and will assist us in hangar operations and fueling.



General Notes:

- Aircraft location
 - Aircraft will be stored in County Hangar #2, pulled and put away by Airquest line personnel.
 - Ramp in front of Airquest, or if no spots are available, use the ramp in front of the Terminal.
 - Access thru Airquest or man door in front of the building. Escorted service is available if needed.
- Keys and tie-downs
 - Lock box on each plane (code is the same as Condor pilot's lounge), to be attached on the left/pilot's side tie-down strap.
- Check-out
 - Use personal device or pilot lounge computer to access Skymanager.
- Refueling
 - Airquest will refuel upon request. If returning after hours, please use fuel farm & current fuel cards.
- Everything will be stored in the airplane (i.e. tie-downs, cleaning supplies, wheel chocks, and oil will be stored in the cargo box in the luggage area).
 - **Always take tie-downs & wheel chocks with you.**
- High Flight facilities are available to us 24 Hours (i.e. restrooms, vending machines).
- Condor facilities will remain open at KPJC. You can still drop off checks, paperwork, etc.
- **Please continue to clean the windshield and leading edges to remove bugs as you normally would!**

Words of Wisdom from our Chief Flight Instructor

by Carrie Matvey

Hi fellow club members! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. As we transition to keeping part of our fleet at BTP for the next few months, I just wanted to point out a few reminders. As we know from last year, BTP is a very busy airport! Please make sure to pay attention to your traffic pattern entries and watch for aircraft that may not have radios. A hot topic lately has been "the impossible turn" when engine failure occurs during takeoff. Take a minute on your next takeoff from BTP on both runways to find a suitable landing spot should you not have an issue. Also, PJC's runways will have a decreased takeoff and landing distance. The NOTAM as of now says 4000 feet. Our aircraft are well equipped to handle the decreased distance, and I'm sure all our pilots do a thorough preflight including Weight and Balance. :) Hope to see everyone in the air soon and at our Summer Picnic on August 21st! Fly safe!

Member Spotlight – Meet Delia Mannen!

What certificates/ratings do you hold?

Student pilot (with Private just around the bend I hope!)

How many hours do you have?

165.8

How long have you been flying?

For just under 2 years

When did you join Condor?

For just under 2 years

What prompted you to look skyward?

My godfather was in the Air Force then spent his career flying for American Airlines, retiring as a captain. He is inspiring in every way. At one point during my childhood, I thought about going into the Air Force (Top Gun helped paint that picture), but I am too much of a wandering soul and march to the beat of my own drum.

What is your favorite part of flying?

There isn't just one. A few: the freedom, the sense of calm and peace it brings me, and visual views of the world.

What is your next aviation goal?

Unquestionably, my next aviation goal is to successfully pass my Private Pilot check ride. It's been a long time coming.

What is your favorite aircraft?

My favorite club plane is niner 8887 (I've only trained in the 172s), not sure why, just something about her. But, my favorite plane in which I've ever been PIC is N182RW, a Cessna 182C with broomstick flaps that I flew in the backcountry of Idaho.

Any words of wisdom to share?

My Uncle Di (my godfather) has instilled in me: "Safety First". At the end of the day, if I'm ever involved in an incident (there but for the grace of God go I), I want to always say I took what I thought was the safest option and did not sacrifice this for any other outcome or objective. To live this, and not just preach it, I attend FAAST webinars, am close with one of the Safety Team instructors who guides me in what's most important at this stage in my flying career and know and adhere to a PAVE checklist.



Welcome New Members!

Welcome to the Condor Aero Club! The following new members joined our group in the last month and we're excited to have them on board. Looking forward to seeing you around the airport!

- None this month but we hope to see new faces at the picnic!

Upcoming Events

As we return to normal... or at least a new version of normal, mark your calendars for these upcoming aviation events!

- Oshkosh AirVenture – July 26-31
- Annual Condor Corn Roast and Golf Outing – August 21
- Reno Air Races – September 14-20

Looking for a fun place to fly? Check out the Recommended Airport list along with other great information at the link below.

[Condor Google Drive](#)

Fleet Info

Club aircraft details can be found at <http://www.condoraero.com>

Rental and off field reimbursement rates are below for reference. Rates are wet and apply per hour.

N89549 (C152) - \$80
N98887 (C172) - \$105
N96573 (C172) - \$105
N62104 (C172) - \$105
N684SP (C172SP) - \$110
N2806M (PA28) - \$110
N1963T (PA28R) - \$120

Off field fuel reimbursement:
\$5.40/gal

Member Checklist

Remember the following items!

Shutdown:

Avionics Master.....Off
Lights.....All off except beacon
Mixture.....Lean
Magnetos.....Off
Master.....Off

Postflight:

Lights....Confirm off except beacon
Leading Edges.....Cleaned*
Windscreen.....Cleaned*
Fuel Quantity.....Full**
Aircraft Interior.....Clean Up

*White cloths and wax cleaner for leading edges, Yellow microfiber cloth and glass cleaner for windscreen

**Do not fully fill the left tank of N89549, leave a few inches to avoid overflow

Off Field Fuel:

Do not use club credit cards
Use personal credit card
Submit receipts for reimbursement

Prepayment Incentive:

\$1,000.00-\$1,999.99 – 3% bonus
\$2,000.00-\$3,999.99 – 4% bonus
\$4,000.00 and greater – 5% bonus
Restrictions apply, contact a board member for more details

Maintenance Corner

The Maintenance Corner will return next month

In the meantime, Barnstormer's Cartoon of the Week is certainly one to enjoy!

Jason's Aircraft Repair

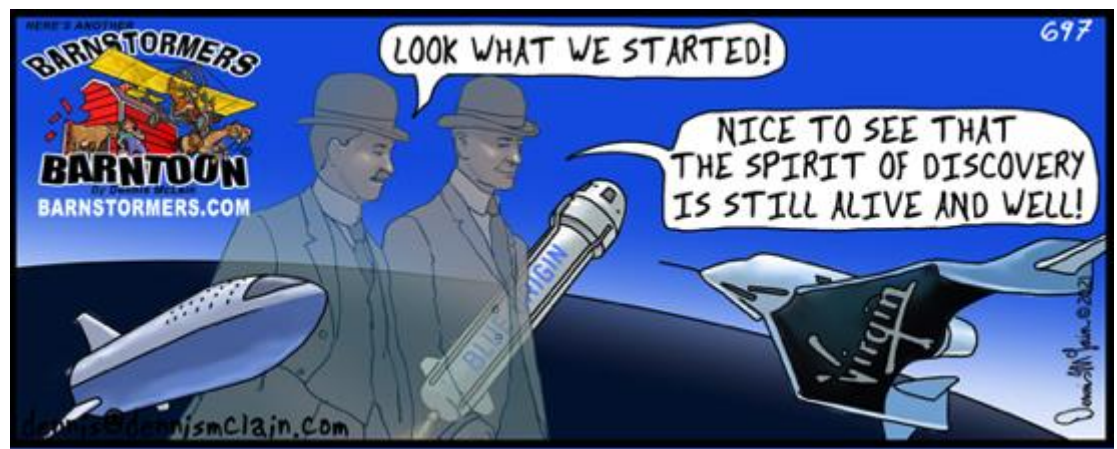
Jason (board/club member and business owner) is responsible for all A&P (Aircraft and Power Plant) and IA (Inspection Authorization) services to our fleet, as well as other customers on the field.

Jason's normal business hours are:

Mon-Fri: 10:00 – 5:00

Unlike other shops, the Condor fleet is given priority over other customers, but we have to keep in mind the Condor fleet is not the only work Jason has.

He is often at the airport outside of normal business hours, but could be working on other projects.



CONDOR AERO CLUB REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Minutes

June 1st, 2021

Look for July meeting minutes in next month's newsletter

Please note, meeting minutes are not published until they are approved at the beginning of each club meeting (i.e., July meeting minutes are approved at the August meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

President Keith McPherson called the June 2021 Condor Aero Club Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

President Keith welcomed visitors in attendance and requested he/she introduce himself/herself.

MISCELLANEOUS

All pilots must have their paperwork on file with the club prior any flying!

RUNWAY CLOSURE

Route 288 is under construction. During the 288 construction at the north end of the field, the runway will be 4,000 feet and will be closed from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. All NOTAMS will be issued 48 hours in advance.

SURVEY

Carrie Matvey has received completed surveys. There were many suggestions regarding the type of aircraft to add to the Condor fleet.

TEAR-DROP ENTRANCE TO THE FIELD

The tear-drop procedure has been controversial as it can be a dangerous procedure involving other aircraft entering final for landing. It is an FAA authorized procedure and one Condor pilots must be aware of when flying.

CHARTER CHANGES

The changes the Condor Trustees have made to the Condor Aero Club Charter will be read at the next two meetings and vote on at the second one.

CONDOR PICNIC

The annual Condor Aero Club picnic and golf outing is scheduled for the 21st of August at Strawberry Ridge Golf Course north of Zelenople.

CHIEF PILOT

Greg Jarosz has been appointed and approved by the board as Condor's Chief Pilot.

MINUTES

Frank Szczerba moved and Chris St Onge seconded, "The June 1, 2021 Condor Aero Club Regular Meeting Minutes are approved."

- Motion carried.

READINGS - 1st Reading: Raymond Davidowski
 Kenneth Millett
 Damon Schiestle
 Eric Solberg
 Christopher Whaley

2nd Reading: Joseph Crowe
 Robert Daley
 Charles Halbrook
 Don Kelley
 Meghan Kelley
 William Krause
 John O'Rourke
 Joseph Swartzmier

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Miladinovich reported the following Condor Aero Club bank balances as of 6/1/2021:

CASH FLOW FOR MAY 2021 (Cash basis)	Accounts Receivable	-	\$65,778.24
Total Cash Checking Accounts;			
Beginning balance		-	\$122,174.91
Inflows		-	\$53,984.76
Outflows		-	\$26,898.19
Net		-	\$27,086.57
Balance		-	\$149,261.48
FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK LOAN:			
Balance		-	\$27,727.69
Rate		-	4.93%
Line of credit:	Line: \$25,000		Balance: \$0.00

Note: Off-field fuel reimbursement updated to \$5.40.

John Mueller moved and Ed Sattely seconded, "The May, 2021 Treasurer's Report is accepted as read."

-Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

N684SP had the left main tire tube replaced.

N96573 had the attitude indicator replaced,

N62104 had a 50-Hour Inspection; left brake master cylinder and left gear fairing repaired.

N89549 had a 50-Hour Inspection

N98887 had the main tire tube replaced.

N1963T Is in Annual Inspection. Engine mounts, mufflers, and nose tire replaced.

FORECASTED MAINTENANCE FOR JUNE:

N2806M will be in for Annual Inspection.

N98887 will have a Super 50-Hour Inspection

N96573 will have a Super 50-Hour Inspection

PROGRAM

Ross Edmondson presented another in his "Around the World" trip. The slides and his explanation of various countries where he stopped were really interesting and the slides are beautiful.

Ross received congratulations for his fascinating program and was thanked by all for sharing it.

ADJOURNMENT

John Mueller moved and Cindy Smith seconded, "The June 1, 2021 Condor Aero Club Meeting is adjourned."
- Motion carried.