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Midair Collision – What Happened?

Pattern work is often the measure of a pilot's skills, for many reasons. It takes precision to operate your aircraft at slower speeds while maintaining spacing and planning your approach and landing. Most pilots learn to fly at smaller airports with one operating runway (including our students at Condor). This can result in unfamiliarity in how to fly into or out of airports with multiple runways, especially parallel runways. There are additional considerations that need to be made when working with parallel runways, namely lining up with the correct centerline. Unfortunately, we've recently had a fatal accident at North Las Vegas airport due to this very issue.

The NTSB is still investigating, but from what we can tell, a Piper Malibu did not follow the tower's clearance and lined up with the incorrect runway. Unfortunately, a C172 was on final on the parallel runway and a midair collision resulted.

There are a lot of lessons we can learn from this accident and all pilots should take heed. Please take some time to understand what happened here and apply it to your flying practices. Watch the following video from the AOPA to digest the situation and how this could have been avoided. Students, talk through this with your instructor and plan to fly out to an airport with parallel runways for some practice.

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2022/july/19/early-analysis-deadly-mistake-in-the-north-las-vegas-pattern>



President's Corner

by Keith McPherson

Fall is here! Looking forward to some cooler fall flying weather. Remember that with the shorter nights, we should all check our night currency, and get with an instructor if necessary.

Also, the Arrow is back! It's great to have it back online. Many thanks to Chip for managing the process remotely and his multiple trips to Elkins. Thanks, Chip!

Remember October is election time. You must vote in person. If you or someone you know is interested in running for the Board, please contact our Election Officer, Jake Vagias before the October meeting.

Fly Safely, Fly Often, 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!!!

- Sarah Souders – Instrument Airplane – September 3rd, 2022
- Dennis Costa – Instrument Airplane

General Club Meeting

The Condor Aero Club will meet on **Tuesday October 4th at 8pm at KPJC**. Please plan to attend for information on club business, introductions to new members, maintenance and financial updates, and more!

Elections for our board positions will also happen this month, you must be present to vote!

Come early to catch up with old friends, make some new ones, and enjoy some delicious eats provided by our own Cindy and JP! Our social kicks off at **7:30pm**, don't miss it!

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!

Currency – Condor requires a base level of currency to check out aircraft. You must have logged (1) hour of flight and (3) landings in the previous (90) days to be able to check out an airplane. Schedule time with an instructor if you are not 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. Please meet with an instructor if you do not have sign-off on the winter seminar.

Dues and Insurance – 2022 dues and insurance have been billed to your account and were due on December 31st, 2021. Please ensure your account is paid for full flight privileges.

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 – FR dates are also maintained by the club. If your review date passes, flight privileges will be revoked until you complete your FR 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.

Audience participation time! We have leveraged this section in the newsletter to share tips, tricks, and other tidbits to help make us all better pilots but we have well over 100 pilots at Condor! Many of our pilots are active or retired ATPs with thousands of hours in the cockpit. We can learn from each other, and we will use this space next month to take advantage of that.

Here's the ask: What tips, tricks, lessons, or other things helped you along your journey? What little tweak helped you nail a maneuver every time? What phrase or idiom did an instructor pass along to you that you can pass along to us?



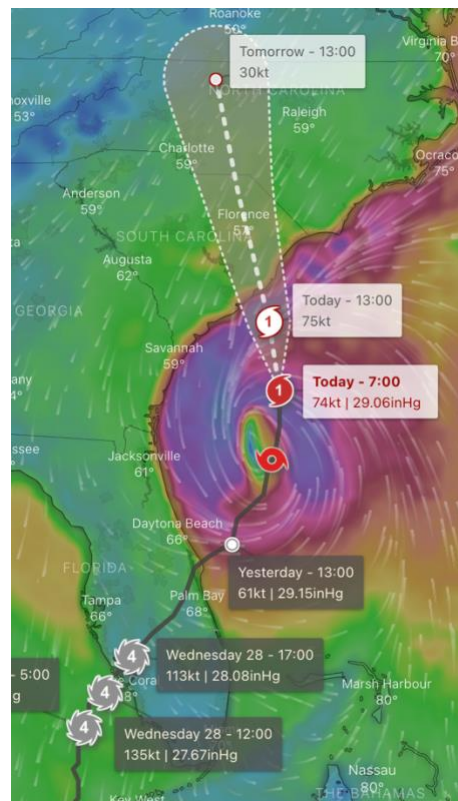
Please use the email address below to send in your feedback! In this space next month, we will share the feedback we receive. Please share anything and everything you can think of! If we run out of space next month, we'll use November's newsletter as well!

The more we can work together and share our experiences, the more we can learn and become better, safer pilots.

[Click here to submit your input!](#)

There's also a prize for the first one to respond... don't be shy!

Stay safe if you're impacted directly by Hurricane Ian! Students, note the TFRs that are created around a hurricane, great conversation topic with your instructor.



Plane Talk from our
Chief Flight Instructor
by Greg Jarosz

Tune in next month for a word from Greg.



Member Spotlight – Meet <TBD>!

What certificates/ratings do you hold?

How many hours do you have?

How long have you been flying?

When did you join Condor?

What prompted you to look skyward?

What is your favorite part of flying?

What is your next aviation goal?

What is your favorite aircraft?

Any words of wisdom to share?

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!

- Robert Steffy

NOTE: Membership decision for new students is he/she must have an instructor and the availability of an airplane. A "Waiting List" will be established. Any member desiring to have instruction for an advanced rating will be first. The rated pilots desiring to become Condor Aero Club members will be put on the waiting list.

Upcoming Events

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

- KRVL – Fly-In Breakfast, every second Saturday of the month
- KCBE – Fly-In Breakfast, last Sunday of the month during the summer
- N56 – Fly-In Breakfast
- Other Fun Trips!
 - WV08 – Island Airport in West Virginia
 - 8N1 – Grimes Airport in Bethel, PA, home of the Golden Age Air Museum

Looking for a fun place to fly? Check out the Recommended Airport list along with other great information at the link below. Please share your pictures as well!

[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) - \$90
N98887 (C172) - \$120
N96573 (C172) - \$120
N62104 (C172) - \$120
N684SP (C172SP) - \$125
N2806M (P28A) - \$125
N1963T (P28R) - \$135
N4335M (P28B) - \$155

Off field fuel reimbursement:
\$6.98/gal

Member Checklist

Remember the following items!

Shutdown:

Avionics Master.....Off
Lights.....All off except beacon
Mixture.....Cutoff
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

HOLD for Maintenance Corner

CONDOR AERO CLUB REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Minutes

July 12th, 2022

Look for September 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., September meeting minutes are approved at the October meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

President Keith McPherson called the July 2022 Meeting of the Condor Aero Club to order at 8:00 p.m.

President Keith welcomed the visitors and guests to the meeting and asked them to stand and introduce themselves.

MINUTES

Larry Schaefer moved and Mike Bruce seconded, "The Condor Aero Club Regular Minutes of June 7, 2022 are approved." - Motion carried.

READINGS:

1 ST Reading	-	Leah Anthony
		Ralph Comulada
		John Felice
		Jason Lincoln
		Cameron Painter
		Ahmed Reza
		Ben Ringelholtz
		Jack (Haichuan) Wang
2 nd Reading	-	Richard DeVries
		Casey Matvey
		John Williams
		Damien Wissolic

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Miladinovich reported the following account balances as of July 1, 2022:

CASH FLOW FOR JUNE 2022:

Accounts Receivable	-	-\$75,603.91
Total Cash Checking Accounts		
Beginning balance	-	\$70,268.62

Inflows	-	49,274.5
Outflows	-	44,643.38
Net	-	4,631.13
Balance as of 7/1/2022	-	74,899.75
First Commonwealth Bank Loans		
Balance	-	3,274.62
Line of credit	-	Line: \$25,000
		Balance: 0.00

Off field fuel reimbursement as of June 21, 2022: \$8.15.

MAINTENANCE – JUNE

N96573 – Replaced right NAV lights; repaired stall horn

N62104 – Replaced oil pressure/temp gauge(overhauled); repaired right fuel tank leak; dressed the prop; completed annual; new wheel, brakes, and tires; tach overhauled; pilot window spring and carb airbox repaired.

N684SP – Fixed airspeed indicator

N2806M – Addressed left wheel pant; installed new oil inspection door assembly.

N4335M – Addressed wheel pant issues.

SCHEDULED FOR JULY:

N89549 – 50-hour inspection

N96573 – Right NAV light, main tire replacement; GPS/NAV switch bulbs; right tank fuel leak.

N9887 – Replace starter and ignition switch; super 50-hour inspection.

N684SP – Right seat track; ADF trouble shooting; super 50-hour inspection.

2806M – Check Ignition switch, rotating beacon, EGT; Super 50-hour inspection completed; Annual.

N4335M – Fuel pump.

MAINTENANCE NOTES: Dumping fuel samples on tarmac not permitted.

Clean bugs on airplane.

Check-out prior departure.

Do not add oil to the 152/172s unless below 5 qts./ below 8 qts for the Dakota to the tabs.

Thumb rule for the 152/172s is 1.5 -2" below the cap.

NEW BUSINESS

LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP – Jan Lewis and the Lewis Scholarship committee presented the following first scholarship recipients with scholarships for private rating and instrument ratings:

Casey Matvey –	For Private rating
Cindy Smith –	For Instrument rating
Jason Mittenzwey –	For Instrument rating

The Lewis Scholarship application must be submitted by June 2023 to be eligible for a scholarship to pursuing a desired rating.

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PROGRAM

Jan Lewis presented a program of “Tower Communications.” He discussed the Chicago O’Hare Tower as it is one of the busiest airports in the country.

ANNUAL CONDOR AERO CLUB PICNIC

The Annual picnic is scheduled for Saturday August 13, 2022. The picnic will be held at the Zelenople Park. It will be catered by Ryan. Corn on the cob will be featured.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Bruce moved and Ed Sattely seconded, “The July 2022 Condor Aero Club Meeting is adjourned.

- Motion carried.