



CONDOR AEROGRAM

Memorial Day



Presidents Corner

This month it will officially be summer! We're already seeing the flying hours increase with the nice weather and the evening daylight hours. We also see that many of you have scheduled flying trips, which is a great way to see the country, and take advantage of General Aviation.

One of the most important aspects of any GA cross country flight is the pre-flight planning. This includes understanding your route of flight, destination and alternate airports, fuel needed, and weight & balance (all that luggage!) to name a few.

But of most importance is getting a good understanding of the weather you'll face. This should start days in advance of your flight to get the "big picture", and include a formal weather briefing on the day of your flight.

A very important point is that the "weather briefing" isn't over until your flight is over. Weather conditions will be changing over the course of your flight, and one of the best tools for this is the pilot's eyeballs - look out the window! If it looks bad, don't go there.

Use tools like ForeFlight only to avoid large areas of weather - don't try to pick your way thru weather, as the data isn't real-time. Many have gotten burned doing this.

Taking the time to do a good preflight briefing makes the trip more safe and enjoyable, and that's what it's all about.

Fly safe, Fly often, Fly Condor!
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Club Picnic

Condor's annual picnic will be held at the Strawberry Ridge Golf Course tentatively on August 6th at 3:00 pm.



The golf shotgun scramble starts at 1:30pm and dinner starts at 4:00pm. Rich Sismour (rsismour@yahoo.com) is coordinating the golf tournament and competition. Golf is \$25 per person. Come and support the Club. Friends and family welcome. Feel free to bring a side dish, salad, or desert!

Memorial Day

Your Condor Aero Club participated in the annual Zelenople Memorial Day celebration with a four aircraft, missing man formation fly-by

over Main Street, synchronized to the high school band playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

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Condor Meeting - June 7th at 8 pm at our hangar.

Condor Picnic - Tentatively August 6th at Strawberry Ridge Golf Course

Oshkosh - July 25-31

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Aircraft Rates

N89549 - \$82

N96573 - \$108 N62104 - \$108

N2806M - \$114 N684SP - \$114

N1963T - \$124

Off field Fuel reimbursement \$5.15

Quotable

"More than anything else the sensation is one of perfect peace mingled with an excitement that strains every nerve to the utmost, if you can conceive of such a combination."

- **Wilbur Wright**

June 2016

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Keep them Clean!

Please remember to wipe down the leading edge of the wing when you return the plane. Please also clean the windshield. There is spray wax and window cleaner in the hangar. There are also cleaning supplies and trash bags in the office in the utility room. Please take a moment before you leave to help keep the pilots lounge

Thanks for making donations for the drinks and snacks!

Memorial Day (cont.)

The four C-172's were piloted by Jason Jodkin, Ed Sattely, Erin Orga, and Don LaVoie, all trained in formation flight. Dan Pappert and Charlie Potts, flying their WW II era L-2 spotter planes, got all eyes skyward initially with a fly-by just prior to the four Cessna formation pass. Dave and Heather Van Doren provided ground control. Thanks to all for helping make this community event such a success.

ADS-B Update

A committee was appointed by the board to evaluate the fleet for improvements to comply with the ADS-B requirements on the horizon. The "Fleet Improvement Committee" was charged to create a strategy by May 31, 2016 that outlines the club's plans to improve our fleet and address the ADS-B requirements by 2020.

We will discuss their recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

Prepayment Incentive

Condor Aero Club is pleased to make the "pre-payment incentive program" permanent. The program is a tiered bonus payment plan that presents great benefits to both the membership and the club. Make a deposit to your account and receive a bonus payment on account good for flight me only. Of course, certain conditions apply.

Tiers: \$1000- \$1,999.99 - 3% Bonus

\$2,000 - \$3,999.99 - 4% Bonus

\$4,000 or greater - 5% Bonus

Thanks Ross and Good Luck!

Special thanks to Ross Edmondson for presenting the program at the June meeting on his recent trip to Canada. We will miss "Ross 1.0" and your flying adventures! Thanks for sharing the memories of your flights.

CONDOR AERO CLUB REGULAR MEETING

Club Hangar

April 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Jake Vagias called the April Meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

MINUTES

Bill Rose moved and Lindy Callihan seconded, “The March Minutes of the Condor Aero Club Meeting be approved.” - Motion carried.

- READINGS: 2nd READING
- Christopher Anderson
 - Bjorn Bahn
 - David Cieslak
 - David Lawrence

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Chris Miladinovich reported the following bank balances as of 3/31/2016:

Total Cash Checking Accounts:

Beginning Balance	-	\$ 72,188.37
Inflows	-	\$ 17,810.04
Outflows	-	\$ 45,662.02
Net Loss	-	\$ 27,851.98
Balance	-	\$44,336.39

First Commonwealth Bank Loans:

Balance	-	\$320,375.58
Rate	-	4.93%
Line Of Credit	\$25,000 -	0.00

Dave Van Doren moved and Chris St Onge seconded, “The Treasurer’s Report is accepted and will be placed on file for audit.” - Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE

N2806M - Rebuilt the brake caliper and installed a new PTT on Pilot side.

N62104 - Seat repairs; ELT Battery tested and replaced.

N684SP - Fuel tank repair.

N96573 - Will be in for an Annual.

SAFETY

Pilots were reminded to cancel when not able to fly when scheduled. The Flight, short or long, is to be marked on the plane's clip board before the flight. Notify a board member if a problem is encountered when flying a club airplane.

The Transponder is to be kept in ALT position at all times.

Safety Officer Don Kendrick commended the group for the club's safety free record.

The FAA has initiated a ruling that students must have a plastic card prior the first solo.

Pilots were reminded to be aware of air turbulence; weight & balance checks; cross country flights must have a destination weather check as well as a departure weather check.

When talking to ATC say plainly what you are doing.

Pilots are to clean the bugs off of the airplane when returning it to the hangar.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Dickey moved and Dave Van Doren seconded, "The April Meeting of the Condor Aero Club is adjourned." - Motion carried.