



# CONDOR AEROGRAM

## Club Picnic



### Presidents Corner

Hi Everyone, Hope everyone's summer is going well! It's really hard to believe that we're headed into the final month of the summer season with fall right around the corner.

This has been a great summer for the Club. We've seen a bunch of members take to the air on flying-related vacations. As I said in last month's article, flight planning and risk management is especially important on these trips - especially with the thunderstorms that can make summer flying challenging.

Planning and executing a safe flight is a great feeling for the pilot (not to mention the passengers!), and we've heard of some great Aeronautical Decision Making that will be highlighted in future meetings. In August, our monthly meeting is in the form of the annual Corn Roast and Golf Scramble, and I'd like to personally thank Bill Rose and Rich Sismour for coordinating the event this year, with help from Dorothy, Jason, and many others!

Looking forward, remember that we will be holding elections during the October meeting, and there will be Board positions up for re-election. Condor is a volunteer organization, and it's the strength and dedication of our membership that makes us the Club that we are. If you can contribute a couple hours a month to the Club, we'd welcome your help on the Board, so please consider running for a position.

Let's all enjoy the rest of the summer, and look forward to Young Eagles days with EAA #857 on August 14th and September 11th, Jason's Poker Run in October, and our Celebration of Flight Party in December. Have a great summer! Keith

### Club Picnic

Condor's annual picnic will be held at the Strawberry Ridge Golf Course on August 6th.



The golf shotgun scramble starts at 1:30pm. **Rich Sismour** and **Bill Rose** are coordinating the event.

If you are interested in playing, please check in with the pro shop and pay as you play. If you have any questions you can call 724-452-4022.

Golf is \$25 per person. Come and support the Club.

The picnic shelter is available at 3pm. Friends and family

welcome. Feel free to bring a side dish, salad, or desert!

### 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

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**Condor Meeting** - No Meeting -  
Picnic is the meeting.

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

**Oshkosh** - July 25-31

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N89549 - \$82

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N1963T - \$124

*Off field Fuel reimbursement \$5.15*

### Quotable

"Great pilots are made not born. ... A man may possess good eyesight, sensitive hands, and perfect coordination, but the end result is only fashioned by steady coaching, much practice, and experience."

- **Air Vice-Marshal J. E. 'Johnnie' Johnson, RAF**

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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 with the yellow micro-fiber cloth only. There is spray wax and window cleaner in the hangar. T

There are also cleaning supplies and trash bags in the office in the utility room to the left of the computer. Please take a moment before you leave to help keep the pilots lounge clean.

### Congratulations!

Austin Siebert and Chris Koman have received their private pilot ratings!

### Chief Pilots Corner

Lately there have been several episodes of pilots stretching their weather limits and getting away with it. Congrats on defying mother nature and winning! No really I mean it! You took a chance, had an alternate plan of action in mind and went for it. I only wish that three of my military buddies had the same judgement and skill.

John was an Aircraft Commander of a C-130. He and his crew were on a low level training mission out in Nevada. There were cells topping to FL600 in the area but they had great radar, a good Navigator, and an experienced Co-pilot on board. Their route took them within 10nm of the biggest cell, and they all agreed it would be no problem just a few bumps. Didn't work out too well for them. Hit a massive downdraft while at 1000 AGL, splat!

Tom was a consummate F-4 pilot. He was tooling around in southern Florida when the call came out to RTB (return to base) for thunderstorms in the area. Vectors to final were given and everything was going fine until a microburst hit him from behind. Back seated made it out (ejected) Tom would have too if he didn't stay with the jet to clear some houses. No one saw the microburst coming (no Doppler radar back in the day). Larry was a great C-141 pilot and loved GA flying. Took me up in his 172 when I visited him. While on leave he and his bride went on a trip from San Francisco to Reno. Weather was iffy with boomers approaching, and winds picking up. Well, he beat the thunderstorm in, but the sudden first gust crosswind estimated to be between 25 and 40 KNTS got him. Just a little sideways cartwheel off the side of the runway. Wife made it out, Larry lasted a few days, long enough for me to visit him.

I was a pall bearer or usher at all three funerals.

So you see I'm a little bit skittish about pressing the weather. I apologize if I seemed a little concerned. I know all you pilots out there have a good handle on your limitations. But for those who might want to brush up on thunderstorms might I suggest the following site.

[https://www.faa.gov/documentlibrary/media/advisory\\_circular/ac%2000-24c.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/documentlibrary/media/advisory_circular/ac%2000-24c.pdf)

"Nuff said" and fly safe!

Ed Sattely