

CONDOR AEROGRAM

Spring is here!

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Presidents Corner

Last month, I had commented on the great spring weather we were enjoying, but Mother Nature seems to gotten confused on her seasons. Such is the weather in spring, and why a preflight weather briefing – even for local flights – is a must. The winds have been particularly strong, so always remember, if you feel challenged with a west crosswind, don't force a landing at Zelie. Land at Butler or Beaver, and we'll make arrangements to pick you up, and retrieve the airplane. Remember, safety first!

As mentioned in this month's Aerogram, we are planning our annual corn roast and picnic, which is usually in August. We are looking some help to chair this event. The last couple years, we've had a very nice time at the Strawberry Ridge golf course, and kicked the afternoon off with a (very) informal 9-hole scramble. We are also looking for someone to coordinate the golf.

As we get into the summer months, the insect population comes alive. Please remember to be considerate of your other Club members, and clean the windscreen and leading edges after your flight. There are cleaning materials for both in each bay. Thank you.

Lastly, another kind reminder to put your destination (even if "local") in the comments section of your reservation.

Although SkyManager does not require it, it is a Club Requirement. This is becoming a larger issue, and we are trying to avoid any formal action for those who continue to ignore this requirement. Remember, we are doing this for safety and scheduling purposes, so let's all pull together!

Fly safe, Fly often, Fly Condor!

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Annual Picnic

The club is looking for a Chair for the annual picnic; please let the board know if you are interested.

BasicMed

The club discussed the new "BasicMed" that is now in effect at the May meeting. If you take advantage of this, you need to send the club a copy of your education course certificate. You also need to send the last page of the Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist (CMEC).

Requirements to fly under BasicMed:

1 Comply with the general BasicMed requirements (possess a U.S. driver's license, have held a medical after July 14, 2006).

2 Get a physical exam with a state-licensed physician, using the Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist

3 Complete a BasicMed medical education course;

4 Go fly!

More information is available on the FAA website: https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/basic_med/

Reminders

Fuel Slips - The only time you need to submit a fuel slip is when you use your personal credit card to refuel the aircraft. If you used the club supplied card, you can throw the slip away.

Please list your destination airport on SkyManager in the comments.

Please only use the fuel card at Zelienople. At other airports, please use your own credit card and submit the copy for credit.

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 time 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- June 5th at 8 pm at Jason's hangar.

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Aircraft Rates

N89549 - \$82

N96573 - \$108 N62104 - \$108

N2806M - \$114 N684SP - \$114 N1963T - \$124

Off field Fuel reimbursement \$4.98

May 2017

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<u>Quotable</u>

"To put your life in danger from time to time... breeds a saneness in dealing with day-to-day trivialities."

- Nevil Shute, 'Slide Rule'

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.

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.

Dues and Insurance

Thanks to all who have renewed! If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you are locked out of the scheduling system it will be for one of 3 common reasons.

- 1. Dues/Insurance not paid.
- 2. Flight Review copy not submitted to Dorothy, or not current in aircraft.
- 3. Winter seminar not completed or 4 meetings not attended in the past year.

CONDOR AERO CLUB REGULAR MEETING

Jason's Hangar

April 4, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

President Keith McPherson called the April Meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

MINUTES

Chris Coene moved and Glenn Kaiser seconded, "The Minutes of the Condor Aero Club March Meeting are approved." - Motion carried.

READINGS:

1ST Reading -

Chris Patton Rakesh Rathod Matthew Poremba

2nd Reading -

Fred Karzenowski Carl Shoemaker

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Chris Miladinovich reported the following account balances as of March 31, 2017:

Accounts Receivable - \$ 260.99

Total Cash Checking Accounts:

Beginning Balance - \$ 121,062.47 Inflows - \$ 18,484.50 Outflows - \$ 9,089.74 Net Gain - \$ 9,394.76 Balance 3/31/17 - \$ 130,457.23

First Commonwealth Bank Loan:

Balance - \$ 306,120.54

Rate - 4.93%

Howard Pierce moved and Bill Rose seconded,"The March 2017 Treasurer's Report is accepted."

- Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE

N62104 had a 50-Hour Inspection

N89549 is currently in for an Annual Inspection

N684SP had an Annual Inspection. The Garmin 430WASS upgrade was completed.

N1963T had an alternator and gauge replaced.

SAFFTY

Safety Officer Don Kendrick reminded the pilots of the requirement to list the destination of the flight. All airports to be visited should be listed and if just flying locally, local should be shown.

Don commended the members for their excellent safety record the past couple of months.

NEW BUSINESS

New Medical rules for pilots, known as BasicMed take effect May 1. Forms and checklists for both doctors and pilots are posted on line at the FAA website. The Self-Assessment course developed by the AOPA is online and free for anyone. It can be used to fulfill its requirement to complete a medical.

BasicMED (Cont'd)

Education course every two years. Self -Certification for 3rd class is achieved after the test is taken on line after finishing the course.

CHIEF FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR - Ed Sattely will be the interim Chief Flight Instructor, replacing Ron Flinner, until an FAA decision regarding Ron's flight with a failed alternator is known.

WINGS OVER PITTSBURGH - A Condor Aero Club information and promotion booth at the "Wings Over Pittsburgh" was considered. It has been decided the Condor Aero Club will not have a display at the "Wings Over Pittsburgh" Fly-In.

PROGRAM

Ed presented an outstanding program of decision making when flight planning and when in the air. Actual scenarios on video were viewed. It was an excellent training tool for all pilots.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard Pierce moved and Jason Jodkin seconded, "The April Meeting of the Condor Aero Club is adjourned." - Motion carried.