



# CONDOR AEROGRAM

## Pilot Reports



### Presidents Corner

#### Wind

With the spring season, be sure to always check the surface winds and winds aloft, as they can be quite strong this time of year.

Please get a full briefing and check out the tools on the [condoraero.com](http://condoraero.com) website. Navigate to the "Flight Planning" tab, and then at the menu on the right, select "METARs & TAFs Map" to see a depiction of weather around the area.

Please check all sources before making that "go / no-go" decision.

#### Fly safe, Fly often, Fly Condor!

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### Currency

Take a moment to review your logbook to see if you are current to fly our aircraft. You need 6 hours in the past 6 months and 1 hour in the past 90 days.

With the short winter days, also remember to check your night currency. If not current, a check ride with a Club approved instructor is required.

### ADS-B Out Deadline - 10 Months

The Condor fleet will be prepared for the 1/1/2020 ADS-B Out deadline. To date, we have updated the following aircraft.

The following aircraft are compliant now:

- N684SP ADS-B In and Out
- N2806M ADS-B In and Out

The next one up is N1963T ADS-B In and Out. The rest of the fleet will also be updated with Out only in the coming months.

### Night Checkout

The Board decided that all new members, regardless of experience, ratings held, hours flown, or night currency, will be required to have a night flight checkout by a club instructor before being signed off for night flight in Club planes. This will ensure all pilots are familiar with night operations at PJC and Condor night policy.

The sign-off should be recorded on a Condor aircraft checkout form.

Jake Vagias,  
 Condor Chief Instructor

### Winter Seminar

In order to fly Condor Aircraft between November and March you must attend a winter seminar or get with an instructor.

If you have attended a winter seminar in the past the only requirement is to brush up by viewing the Winter Seminar Powerpoint on the Condor Aero Web site. It is located under the "Flight Instructors" tab "Winter Safety". Send me an email once you have viewed it and I will check you off the list. Don't forget to check the cold start procedures too.

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 Bob Miladinovich - Safety and Compliance

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**Condor Meeting-** March 5th at 8 PM at Jason's hangar.

**Sun n Fun** - April 2nd - 7th, Lakeland Florida

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**Aircraft Rates**

N89549 - \$80    N98887 - \$105

N96573 - \$105    N62104 - \$105

N2806M - \$110    N684SP - \$110

N1963T - \$120

*Off field Fuel reimbursement \$5.19*

**Quotable**

"I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things."

- **Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

February 2019

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**(Primary, Advanced, BFR, Currency)**

### Please remember to Cancel your reservation if you aren't flying!

A friendly reminder that if you can't take your scheduled flight, try to remove your name from it's reservation. I just looked and there are almost a dozen within the last month. Be nice and give someone else the chance to fly if you can't. Also, I mentioned at the last meeting about minimum charges. I just found 4 within the last 2 months. For any flight scheduled for at least 6 hours there is a minimum charge of one hour during the week and two on the weekends. Any flight scheduled after 6 PM and before 6 am is not charged minimum. Big Brother is watching! - **Ron**

### Prepayment Incentive

Condor Aero Club has made 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 below apply.

- Program is currently effective and may be cancelled at the discretion of the Board of Directors at any time.
- Member must be in good standing, registered and have completed a pilot report in the past year. Dues and Insurance must be paid first.
- Member must have a ZERO balance before any deposit applies towards a bonus tier.
- Payments under the program DO NOT apply to Dues and Insurance.
- Payments under the program DO NOT apply to Hangar rent.
- Payments under the program only apply towards Flight time.
- Bonuses are only applicable to prepaid flight time. Payment must be made before flight fees are incurred,
- Bonus payments are not refunded under any circumstance.
- Any condition outside of these circumstances will be resolved by the Board.

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

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

\$4,000 or greater - 5% Bonus

How to Participate:

- Ensure you have a zero balance
- Write the Check or Money order to Condor Aero Club, Inc.
- Send it to:  
Condor Aero Club, Inc.  
PO Box 143  
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### N98887

N98887 is now online!

There will be no private training or student solo in this aircraft at this time. Please enjoy the addition to our fleet. The Aircraft is located in our hangar next to the Arrow.

## Preflight

The last person to fly a plane before damage is noted will be held responsible. We recommend taking a picture of the damage and the Hobbs meter and emailing both pictures to Jason before flying (assuming it's airworthy) to document that the damage was identified prior to your flight.

## Please Clean up after your Flight

The club now has an avionics upgrade in the Archer, and a new interior in 104.

Recently we had an incident in 104 with a large dark stain on the carpeting on the pilot's side, as well as ink pen marks on the upholstery - all of this in an aircraft that was back in service only a month.

If you spill something, please clean it up after your flight. If you can't clean it, squawk it.

Please also remember to clean the leading edges and the windscreen after your flight.

If you get in an aircraft, and see gross negligence, please squawk it so the board can take action. If you don't, the next person may.

## Reminders

There has been a notable increase in the number of instances where proper shutdown procedures are not being followed.

Please remember to turn the radio master off, the lights off, and the fuel pump (if applicable) off BEFORE you pull the mixture, wait, then when the engine is stopped turn the mags off and then shut off the Red Master switch.

These simple steps help ensure our equipment stays in optimal working performance.

If you have any questions concerning airplane operations, please do not hesitate to ask or, as always, you can reference each specific plane's POH.

Please note your destination of your flight into your SkyManager reservation.

## Briefing Options

With the changes this year to decommission DUATS, here is a summary of your available briefing options:

- 1-800-WXBrief - Call Flight service station
- [www.1800WXBrief.com/Website/#!/](http://www.1800WXBrief.com/Website/#!/) - Online version run by Leidos
- ForeFlight - Brief and file in IOS App
- AOPA Flight Planner - [www.aopa.org/flightplanner](http://www.aopa.org/flightplanner)
- Flightplan.com - <https://ww8.fltplan.com/AwViewWx.exe?a=1>

## 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.

**DON'T LEAVE THE OFFICE WITH THE TRASH FULL. TAKE OUT THE TRASH WHEN YOU LEAVE.**

CONDOR AERO CLUB REGULAR MEETING

**Jason's Hangar**

January 8, 2018 - 8:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Jake Vagias called the January Meeting of the Condor Aero Club to order at 800 pm. Jake Vagias asked the visitors to stand and introduce themselves.

MINUTES

Taylor Manoli moved and Chris Jorgensen seconded, "The Minutes of the November 2018 Meeting are approved." - Motion carried.

READINGS 1st Reading - James Paul Smith  
 Scott Szuhay  
 2nd Reading - Charley Burgunder  
 Jeff Kuczma

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances as of 12/31/2018 -

TOTAL Cash Checking Accounts:

Beginning Balance	- \$172,818.29
Inflows	- \$51,093.65
Outflows	- \$19,532.04
Net	- \$31,561.61
Balance as of 12/31/2018	- \$204,379.90
Rate	- 4.93%

Treasurer Chris Miladinovich has advised the club Creese, Smith Accounts will be replacing Blackstone. They will take over with the next fiscal year's returns.

The Annual dues and Insurance invoices were billed in November; The Pilot Report form was updated for the 2019 Insurance. The Insurance is higher this year due to the market and the addition of the 172, N98887.

Chris has asked board member, George Miladinovich, to help with the Treasurer's bookkeeping and reporting functions. George has assumed those duties as of 10/1/2018 at a cost of \$330.00/mo.

## MAINTENANCE

N684SP had a 50-hour Inspection.

N2806M had the GNS 650 updated firmware and resolved GPS failure. Removed the DME and installed it in 62104.

N62104 had a tire and tube replaced; replaced a leaking filler gasket in the right tank; completed a Super-50 Inspection; a new engine heater was installed replaced some engine gaskets; weld repair was done to the right fuel tank.

N96573 had the turn coordinator replaced with a new one; tire and tube was replaced; battery replaced.

N1963T had a Super 50-Hour Inspection with new mufflers and wing root seals; engine baffling and heater shroud repaired. The cylinder was removed to inspect possible oil leakage thru valve guides. Oil sump was removed for inspection of cracks.

N98887 had an Annual Inspection; avionics were upgraded; GNS 430W was installed; Interior upgrades.

N96573 - The engine overhaul time frame is quoted by Penn Yan to be 6-8 weeks engine turn.

## SAFETY

Safety Officer Bob Miladinovich gave a short talk regarding airplane door operation, seat belt and harness briefing, and making sure seat position is right prior taxiing and take off. He discussed cockpit courtesies, location of controls and the location of emergency equipment. Bob reminded the members of the cold starting procedures and to remember to plug the engine heaters in. He asked that all pilots remember to be sure to leave the airplane the way one would like to find it.

HONORARY MEMBER - The board voted to give Heather Sweesey, wife of former board member Dave Van Doren, honorary status. Dave was a very active and contributing board member of the Condor Aero Club. Heather has been very supportive and contributed when needed.

## PROGRAM

Jan Lewis, former military pilot and airline pilot, presented a very educational and interesting program on all aspects of weather, the effect on flying, and important weather data all pilots should be aware of.

## ADJOURNMENT

Tim Weber moved and Larry Schaefer seconded, "The January meeting of the Condor Aero Club is adjourned." "Motion carried."