



The Monthly Flyer

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ELECTION MEETING

GET OUT THE VOTE!

Officers:

Larry Borton
President

Dick Best
Vice President

Steve Harsh
Treasurer

Stephen Colby
Secretary

Board of Directors:

Mark Coucke (2-year Term)
Chet Dawson
Frank Eastman
Dave Oxendale (2-year Term)
John Yurkon

Bookkeeper/Membership Coordinator:

Dick Best
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Maintenance Manager:

Chet Dawson
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Maintenance Assistant:

Steve Ballbach
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Newsletter Editor:

Dick Best

It's that time of year again; time to elect the club leadership for the next year. Mark your calendars: **Thursday, March 17th at 6 PM (1800).**

The club has four officers; President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Also there are five Board Members, two of whom serve two-year terms. Therefore, we will be voting for four officers and three board members. The two board candidates getting the most votes become the new two-year term board members. All present officers and board members have agreed to seek re-election.

If you would like to seek one of these positions, please submit your name to dick@richard-best.com by Monday, March 14th. If you are seeking election or re-election, be prepared to offer your reasons for seeking election at the meeting. All members, long-time, or brand new, are encouraged to seek election. The election meeting and the vote will be conducted on ZOOM. Watch your email for the link to the meeting.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 17th, 6 PM (1800)
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All members encouraged to attend



From the Maintenance Crew

By Chet Dawson

Maintenance Report

The **Skyhawk** annual inspection was completed on Friday, February 18th. There were no unusual problems discovered, but due to wear the right main tire was replaced. The 430 GPS database was updated and is good until March 24th. There is a 50 ft. 12 guage extension cord in the utility box in the cargo area of the plane for the Tanis heater when away from the hangar.

The **Archer** annual was completed on Monday, March 1st. No major problems. Brake linings replaced. Nose wheel inner tube replaced. GPS updated to March 24th. New autopilot components delivery is still unconfirmed. Similar extension cord in place.

Please pay attention to the operational procedures for both planes detailed in the previous newsletter.

ARCHER STARTING PROCEDURES

A member recently had some starting difficulties. Here is a reminder, based on recent member experience, of starting procedures.

Starting a cold engine

1. Fuel Pump on.
2. Mixture full rich
3. Throttle open *1/2 inch*
4. 4 squirts of the primer if a cold engine (one or two less if in the summer).
5. *Attempt to start the engine immediately after finishing the prime.*
6. If it does not start after 4-6 revolutions of the propeller, and is not trying to catch *or only momentarily catches*, **STOP**
7. Retry after giving another 4 squirts of the primer.
8. If it does not start after 4-6 revolutions and of the propeller, **STOP**
9. *Wait 30 - 40 seconds and repeats steps 7 & 8.*

Starting a warm engine

1. Fuel Pump on.
2. Mixture full rich
3. Throttle open a little
4. Try starting engine, no prime. If it does not catch immediately, **STOP**
5. Give 2-3 squirts of prime and *attempt to start immediately*
6. If it does not start after 2-3 revolutions and of the propeller, **STOP**
7. *Then use the cool start procedures for warm weather.*

It might be a good idea to print these procedures and keep them with your flying gear.

Pilot's Tip of the Week

Smooth Liftoff

"Any tips for a smooth liftoff in light winds?
Sometimes the plane jumps up or wanders left after leaving the runway, even with no wind." —Fred M.

Wally Moran replies:

"Well, first of all, we're going to use that centerline on the runway. That's not just three feet to the left or three feet to the right. If we go out there and get that nose wheel right on the centerline and do our best to keep it there all the time, that will soon become a habit.

We also want to be sure that we have our heels on the floor not up on the brakes. If we're dragging those brakes on takeoff we're not helping our performance at all, and we're heating up the brakes unnecessarily.

During the takeoff roll, there's really no need to hold the yoke forward to keep pressure on that nose wheel. If you can just let it ride neutral (when properly trimmed) you're going to smooth out some of the bumps on the runway and we're going to reduce stress on the nose gear. Of course, we're going to do what our *Pilot Operating Handbook* tells us. If it suggests something else we'll follow that.



Now, as we begin to smoothly raise the nose for liftoff, one of those left-turning tendencies starts to pull us over to the left. That's the P-factor. Add just a little bit of right rudder as the nose comes up so that you can stay exactly on the centerline. And having thought this through before takeoff, it won't be a surprise to us when it happens."

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February 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Olds Forge Flyers - Meeting Minutes					
Date:	2/17/2022	Time:	6:00	Location:	Zoom Conf Call
Attendance:					
Board Member	Attended	Member / Guest In Attendance		Member	
Larry Borton - President	X	Jeff Kemm		X	
Dick Best - Vice President	X	Jordan Cobb		X	
Steve Harsh - Treasurer	X	Alex Taylor		X	
Steve Colby - Secretary	X				
Dave Oxendale (2 yr)	X				
Mark Coucke (2 yr)	X				
Chet Dawson	X				
Frank Eastman	X				
John Yurkon	X				
AGENDA AND DISCUSSION:					
1	Call to Order (President or Executive Member)				
	Meeting called to order by Larry B. at 6:00 pm				
2	Additions to Agenda: (Board)				
	None at this time				
3	Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: (Colby)				
	January minutes submitted via e-mail by Steve C. for Board review. Motion to approve the minutes by Steve H. as corrected for the one date, 2nd by Chet D. Motion approved without opposition.				
4	Review and Approval of Treasurers Report: (Harsh)				
	First month of the fiscal year. Looks like a loss at this point due to front loaded expenses. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Dick B., 2nd by John Y. Motion approved without opposition.				
5	Maintenance Report & Hanger Items: (Dawson)				
	<p>Skyhawk Skyhawk annual is wrapping up. No significant problems reported. One main tire to be replaced. Should be back together on Tuesday. GPS good through 2/24. Extension cord is in the plane for travel away from home. There is a second extension cord in the hanger for the Tannis heater. Please leave that one in the hanger and remind the line crew to plug the plane in when they stow it into the hanger. Cowl plugs have been ordered.</p> <p>Archer GPS updated though 2/24, oil changed, the filter was cut open and looked good. Battery was replaced (old one was getting weak). Annual inspection is due in March. Chet will send an email when he has a date and will block it out on the schedule. The Garmin autopilot ship date is now 3/18/22. Beacon will contact Garmin weekly to track any additional slippage. Cowl plugs have been ordered and there is an extension cord in the Archer for travel away from Lansing. The cowl blankets range from \$350-\$600. Chet would like to get a mover's blanket from Harbor Freight and fabricate one on his own. Frank E. passed on his observations of the performance of the Tannis heater's on both aircraft. He also noted the fuel tester was not in the aircraft. Dick B. noted there is a spare in the cabinet. Frank E. also asked if we could bump one of the annuals up to January next year since it is a minimal flying time of the year. Frank E. also asked if Les could look at the primer in the Archer to insure it is priming correctly. Motion to approve the Maintenance Report by Steve C., 2nd by Mark C., motion approved without opposition.</p>				
6	Committee Reports				
	<p>Membership - Dick B. - No new members in process at this time. Ryan S. will be initiating his membership this spring. Connor S. is a member in good standing. He will not be returning to the area soon. Dick B. suggested he leave and become an ex-member in good standing.</p> <p>Mark C. - He has one candidate that obtained his medical status and would like to join the club in April. Dick B. will send him the application.</p>				

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7	Old Business:
a	Insurance - Steve H. has sent out the insurance forms to the members. The form is in a different format this year so Steve has provided additional instructions to help the members complete them. Six members have already returned then to Steve H. Liability is only 40% of our insurance cost. Currently insuring the Skyhawk for \$75,000 and the Archer for \$85,000. It was suggested to add an additional \$10k coverage for this year to each aircraft for the avionics upgrades. Will add approximately \$800 to the cost.
b	Jordan C. hopes to have completed the internet cable routing by the next Board meeting. Thank you Jordan!!
8	New Business:
a	March 17th Board Meeting - Annual Meeting - Larry B. proposed that we still meet via Zoom.
b	Steve H. will be able to set up the elections via Zoom. Dick B. will be soliciting members to run for positions.
c	Larry B. asked about the potential of having some pot luck meetings this year. Possibly after the plane wash. Member David P. offered to host a BBQ gathering at his home.
9	Discussion Of Flying Experiences
	Frank E. - last time he was there it was a challenge getting fuel for the airplane. Lots of airplane congestion due to the Global Hawk. Frank had to ask repeatedly to get the Archer fueled...took a couple of hours. Cold day but great flying! Easy to start.
10	Adjournment:
	Larry B. called for a motion to adjourn. Steve C. made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Dick B., motion approved without opposition. Meeting concluded at 6:46 pm. Thanks to Steve H. for the use of his Zoom account.

GUESS THE FLIGHT DECK



Answer on page 3. Clue on page 6

Monthly Hours Flown Report:

Skyhawk \$ 90 / hr. Archer \$ 105 / hr.

	2022	2021	2022	2021
Year-to-date				
Total	1.5	3.0	8.8	10.3
February	0	2.7	3.7	13.8
TOTAL	1.5	5.7	12.5	24.1

COMBINED HOURS THROUGH FEBRUARY

2022: 14 2021: 29.8

The club flew 228 combined hours more in 2021 than we did in 2020. Not surprising with Covid 19 in 2020. We also flew 100 combined hours more than in 2019 and 138 hours more than in 2018. But February flying was down. GO FLY!!!

There's lots to fly to in Michigan, even in winter. Great Lakes shoreline ice buildups are always fascinating from the air. Mackinac Island is less than a two hour flight. Or make a weekend out of an adventure to the Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio. Sign up with socialflight.com for your customized weekly email listing of timely and interesting destinations. The kids will love the full motion simulators at the "Air Zoo" in Kalamazoo (KAZO). Check their web site. You can taxi right in to the museum's parking area. It's an extremely good museum that amazingly even has an SR-71. Traverse City (KTVC) has a courtesy car available. Many great restaurants. Grand Traverse Bay is beautiful from the air. Or how about a Macinac Island weekend—fly in and skip the ferry. In the U.P., there's the Soo Locks, Pictured Rocks and Marquette. There's lots of great destinations and plenty of sightseeing in the mitten. And you can do it all from the air. You've got a pilot license—USE IT!!!

FLYING IS FUN!

Maintenance Summary

Maintenance Issues:

Notify Chet: 517-449-2182 chet777@comcast.net
517-339-3727

Skyhawk: Annual inspection completed. GPS updated.

Annual Due: 2/12/2022 Hours flown since last annual: 0

Archer: Annual Inspection completed. GPS updated.

Annual Due: 3/12/2022 Hours flown since last annual: 0

USE Phillips 20W 50 OIL ALL YEAR!

Please record oil usage accurately, and make sure you have enough oil in the plane for your cross-country flight.

GPS cards in each plane include expiration date.

Thanks, Chet, and Stevo!

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Financial Report

OLDS FORGE FLYERS, INC

Profit & Loss Statement

January 1, 202 - February 28, 2022

Archer Hr = 12.5 Skyhawk Hr = 1.5

	Actual	Budget
OPERATING INCOME:		
Aircraft Income	\$1,448	\$1,448
Initiation Fees	\$0	\$1,900
Membership Dues	\$5,480	\$5,440
Interest	\$0	\$0
Other Misc. Income	-\$11	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,917	\$8,788

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Variable Costs:

Improvements, Archer & Skyhawk	\$112	\$112
Engine Depletion, Archer	\$199	\$199
Engine Depletion, Skyhawk	\$21	\$21
Fuel, Archer	\$496	\$530
Fuel, Skyhawk	\$0	\$52
Misc fuel & Oil	\$0	\$26
Maintenance, Archer*	\$530	\$275
Maintenance, Skyhawk*	\$0	\$32
Maintenance, Other	\$0	\$45
Total Variable Cost	\$1,358	\$1,292

Fixed Costs:

Office and Service Fees	\$1,136	\$1,365
Operations Costs	\$3,692	\$7,334
Total Fixed Costs	\$4,828	\$8,699
Misc. Cost	\$0	\$300
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,186	\$10,292

NET OPERATING INCOME	\$731	-\$1,504
Contingency Fund (equity fees)	\$0	\$1,900
NET AFTER CONTIN. FUND	\$731	-\$3,404

* Archer Annual (Budget = \$3,000; Actual = \$???)

* Skyhawk Annual (Budget = \$2,800; Actual = \$???)

