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Annual Elections Coming Soon

Yes, that time of year is fast approaching. Dick Best, our Election Coordinator is out of town the third week of March, so the board voted to hold the meeting a week earlier on Thursday March 14th just so we could make him work. So put the date on your calendar:

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH, 5:30PM

The venue for the meeting has not yet been determined. The existing officers and board members are listed on the right and will automatically be on the ballot. If you would like to run for any position please submit your name to Dick, dick@richard-best.com before 5 pm March 13th so we have time to print the ballots.

SKYHAWK DOOR MINDERS

Each door of N52267 got a nice gas spring piston door minder to hold the door open while loading the plane. No longer will your back side get spanked by a wind whipped door. And they help to prevent the doors from being ripped off their hinges by winds.



BOARD MEETING

Tomorrow, Thursday, February 15th, 2024 5:30 PM (1730)
AvFlight Conference Room
All members encouraged to attend



From the Maintenance Crew

By Chet Dawson

Maintenance Report

Archer: GPS is updated through February 22. AvFlight (Les) has agreed to complete the annual inspections on both airplanes in February and March. The Archer was started after 36 Days of inactivity. The engine was warm due to the Tanis heater and started without hesitation. New ELT registration stickers are installed. Steve Ballbach changed the oil and inspected the oil filter. Thank you Steve.

Skyhawk: [The GPS is updated through](#) February 22. Door stewards were installed by AvFlight. The annual inspection will start on Monday, February 19, with AvFlight and take approximately ten days. Switch panel overlay construction is ongoing and the installation will likely occur after the annual inspection. A nav light wiring issue was addressed by AvFlight; all lighting is working properly at this time.



Make cowl nose plug removal part of your pre-flight check list.

*Make sure to drape the cord joining the two plugs **OVER** the propeller, not behind it as shown. That way, the prop will rip them out if you forget to remove them.*

WINTER FLYING PROCEDURES REMINDER

Both planes are housed in the unheated AvFlight T-hangars so it is essential that the engine Tanis heaters always be plugged in when the planes are in the hangars. The provided cowl blankets and cowl nose plugs will hold in the heat when the plane is moved up to the big hangar and should be left installed until ready to start the engine. It is the pilot's responsibility to reinstall those items after the flight. After your flight, AvFlight will return the planes to the hangars and plug in the Tanis heaters for you.

Pilot's Tip of the Week

The Impact Of Fatigue

"I finished what was a longer day of flying than usual. I was fine until I tried to fly an ILS and was weaving down it like a 'drunken sailor' in no time at all. I was lucky to break out and land before I really lost it. Can fatigue really jump you that quickly ... or is something more serious going on?" — Anonamous

Dr. Penny Levin replies:

"Research shows that after 17 hours awake, our cognitive and visual-motor skills are similar to someone with a blood alcohol level of .05—over the legal limit according to the FAA. So, you really were flying that approach like a 'drunken sailor.'

Just like alcohol, fatigue impacts attention, concentration, judgment, reaction time, communication skills, memory, problem-solving, and decision-making. All of these hit when we can least afford it: at the end of a long day of flying. Because many symptoms of fatigue can mimic hypoxia or dehydration, we may think they will go away during descent or after drinking some water. They won't.

Good sleep hygiene is the best way to prevent fatigue. Have a regular time to wake up and go to bed. Establish a routine to wind down at the end of the day. Keep your room cool and dark. Avoid screens for the last hour or two before going to bed, even if that's difficult for you. And don't stay in bed for more than half an hour if you find yourself awake in the middle of the night. Get up, do a boring activity for half an hour. Then get back into bed.



Airline pilots have limits on the length of their duty day. GA pilots need to set our own. Next time you are planning a long flight, make your total time awake *at your projected landing time* part of your preflight planning. Even if it's inconvenient, revise the plan if you will be 'flying under the influence' by the time you land."

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Olds Forge Flyers - Meeting Minutes

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Date:	10/19/2023	Time:	17:30	Location:	AvFlight Olds Forge Office
Board Member		Attended	Members / Guests		Member
Larry Borton - President		X	Frank Eastman		X
Dick Best - Vice President		excused	John Barber		X
Steve Harsh - Treasurer		X	Alex Taylor		X
Steve Colby - Secretary		excused	Jim Bloomfield		Guest
Dave Oxendale		X			
Mark Coucke (2 yr term)		X			
Chet Dawson		X			
Todd Tarrant		X			
John Yurkon (2 yr term)		X			
AGENDA AND DISCUSSION:					
1	Call to Order and Introductions: (President or Executive Member)				
	Meeting called to order by President Larry Borton at 5:30 pm.				
2	Additions to Agenda: (Board)				
	None at this time.				
3	Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: (Colby)				
	September 2023 minutes submitted via e-mail by Steve Colby for Board review. Motion to approve the minutes by Steve Harsh, 2nd by Chet Dawson. Motion approved without opposition.				
4	Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report: (Harsh)				
	Income at expectations. Expenses below budget. Maintenance expenses running lower than expected. Fuel price at or below (budget at \$7.20). No concerns at this time. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Todd Tarrant, 2nd John Yurkon. Motion approved without opposition.				
5	Maintenance Report & Hanger Items: (Dawson)				
5a	Skyhawk - The GPS is updated through November 2nd. Looking to get a Garmin CDI installed when the Grand Ledge airport reopens. Also installing a co-pilot push to talk button as previously discussed. Looking to have Huron Avionics fix panel lights. Chet visited the shop and they can get it in. Oil was changed. AD for door pillars will be completed by Les in next 9.5 hours. Lower panel update - no update this month.				
5b	Archer - The GPS is updated through November 2nd. Smart glide switch installed. Looking to put baffles on next month (both planes) based on forecasted temps..				
5c	Motion to approve the Maintenance Report by John Yurkon, 2nd by Dave Oxendale. Steve Harsh brought up concern about engine life based on hours and the past historical data. Chet Dawson will talk to Les about his thoughts. Motion approved without opposition.				
6	Committee Reports - Membership				
6a	Larry Borton - Introduced two new member recommendations from the membership committee. 1st Candidate is Adam Kahler. Motion to approve Adam as a new member by Todd Tarrant, 2nd Chet Dawson. Motion Passed. 2nd Candidate is Micha Shields - Motion to approve Micah as a new member by Chet Dawson, 2nd Dave Oxendale. Motion Passed.				
6b	Alex Taylor is asking for an outside CFI to train him for CFI. Alex was advised to have his instructor apply using the normal process as a non-member flight instructor.				
7	Old Business:				
7a	Next meeting will be November 16th at 5:30 pm. All members are invited to attend!				
7b	Badges - No new information. Reminder to take either a Drivers License, Social Security card or US passport for proper proof of identity. Sometimes they may not ask for it but always take it to be sure.				

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8	New Business:	
8a	Club Annual - Larry is asking why we require it. There was much deliberation as to how and why it was started. There is no insurance requirement for it. Chet motioned to modify the By-laws to not require a club annual. Todd Tarrant 2nd the motion. Mark Coucke recommendation for an amendment to the motion stating that to "modify the By-laws to not require a club annual and that the requirement be suspended beginning Nov 1, 2023 until the By-laws can be modified". Motion approved.	
8b	Pilot in Command discussion. Who is responsible when two pilots are on board? Much discussion on various scenarios but no Board action taken.	
9	Discussion Of Flying Experiences or Other:	
	None	
10	Adjournment:	
	Larry Borton called for a motion to adjourn. Chet Dawson so moved, 2nd by Dave Oxendale. Motion approved without opposition. Meeting concluded at 6:47pm.	

REMINDER

Members have reported finding the aircraft windscreen cluttered with bugs that the previous pilot had failed to clean off. Club rules and courtesy require that you leave the aircraft as you wish you had found it. Please budget time to clean the windshield after your flight. Just as you do a pre-flight, make cleaning up the plane part of your post-flight. As a part owner of the planes, treat them as if you own them because you do! The rest of the club members thank you.

Guess the Flight Deck

Answer on page 6 Clue on page 7



The Latest TSA Badging Procedures

Olds Forge Flyers has 3 designated signatories who can sign your **completed** application. They are Larry Borton, Dick Best and Steve Harsh. Get your blank application from the person you intend to have sign it so he doesn't have to repeatedly fill in his information. Blank applications can be emailed to you, but you must meet **in person** with your signatory to get it signed. We are now required to keep copies of signed applications so you'll have to sign where there's a copy machine (Club office!) or fill out two copies. Remember — you can apply up to 60 days before your badge expires on **your birthday**. Yes, that's right, the badge office has asked us to clarify when your badge expires: **on your actual birthday**, not the end of the month of your birthday. There is now a **\$22 renewal fee** for badge renewals. Signatories will be available to sign your app at any board meeting or scheduled event. Since you can apply up to 60 days before badge expiration, you will have two board meetings available for signing (**most convenient**) without having to make special arrangements to meet with a signatory. Signed applications are valid for 4 weeks.

CURRENT AIRCRAFT RATES

Treasurer Steve Harsh presented a new budget for 2023 at the January board meeting which was approved and adopted by the board. The budget includes new rental rates for the aircraft which include fuel costs which were *formerly* a surcharge. These rates were based on forecast costs and known consumption rates which Steve hopes will hold true for the year. These rates will remain in effect for 2023 or until further notice.

Skyhawk: \$100 / Hour Archer: \$110 / Hour

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Monthly Hours Flown Report:

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

	2024	2023	2024	2023
Year-to-date				
Total	0	0	0	0
January	4.6	12.5	0	3.2
TOTAL	4.6	12.5	0	3.2

COMBINED HOURS THROUGH JANUARY
2024: 4.6 2023: 15.7

It's the beginning of a new year, but January was the 2nd cloudiest month since records have been kept so there weren't a lot of good flying days. But remember, cooler temperatures still bring increased aircraft performance...So - **Let's go flying!!** Fly up the west or east coast of Michigan along the shoreline. Fall color is already beginning to display. Quite a sight from the air. Many interesting flights to explore. Check out the dozens of scrapped 747's at Oscoda-Wurstwmith (OSC). It's a 2 mile long runway so land long if approaching from the west. The Waco Kitchen Restaurant (wacokitchen.com) in the Waco airplane factory in Battle Creek (KBTL) is reportedly an excellent upscale fly-in place to eat with panoramic runway views from the 2nd floor terrace. **Somebody write a review of this dining flight experience.** 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). Open 9-5 Mon.-Sat, Noon-5 Sun. Check their web site. You can taxi right in to the museum's parking area. It's a surprisingly 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. In the U.P., there's the Soo Locks (ANJ), Pictured Rocks and Marquette (SAW). 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

Skyhawk: GPS updated.

Annual Due: 2/12/2022 Hours flown since last annual: 135.7

Archer: GPS updated

Annual Due: 3/12/2022 Hours flown since last annual: 119.0

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.

BOARD MEETING

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5:30 PM (1730)

AvFlight Conference Room

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Financial Report

OLDS FORGE FLYERS, INC

Profit & Loss Statement

January 1, 2024 - January 31, 2024

Archer Hr = 0.3 Skyhawk Hr = 4.6

	Actual	Budget
OPERATING INCOME:		
Aircraft Income	\$460	\$493
Initiation Fees	\$0	\$1,900
Membership Dues	\$3,270	\$3,060
Interest	\$0	\$0
Other Misc. Income	\$9	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,739	\$5,453

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Variable Costs:

Improvements, Archer & Skyhawk	\$39	\$39
Engine Depletion, Archer	\$5	\$5
Engine Depletion, Skyhawk	\$66	\$66
Fuel, Archer	\$0	\$15
Fuel, Skyhawk	\$0	\$195
Misc fuel & Oil	\$0	\$17
Maintenance, Archer*	\$0	\$6
Maintenance, Skyhawk*	\$0	\$92
Maintenance, Other	\$0	\$4
Total Variable Cost	\$110	\$439

Fixed Costs:

Office and Service Fees	\$456	\$656
Operations Costs	\$1,807	\$2,575
Total Fixed Costs	\$2,263	\$3,230
Misc. Cost	\$0	\$300
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,373	\$3,969

NET OPERATING INCOME

Contingency Fund (equity fees)	\$0	\$1,900
NET AFTER CONTIN. FUND	\$1,366	-\$416

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

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

