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# Cub Club Flyer



**Cub Club, Inc.**



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## General Meeting

- \* Come to the General Meeting of Cub Club this week!
- \* Informative and educational for all
- \* Join us for some camaraderie and "hangar flying!"
- \* Tues, April 8, RSW Training Center, 7:00PM

April, 2008

Fort Myers' Oldest Flying Club

## President's Message by Eric Graham

Hello Again Cub Clubbers!

We have certainly been quite busy this past month! This year's Poker Run was a great success, even though the windy conditions made the Spot Landing Contest pretty challenging!

But aside from the blustery winds, everyone enjoyed the delicious food and the lively conversation, and there were quite a few poker hand winners who went home very happy! A hearty thanks to all who helped out in making this another great annual event.

### MARCH STATS

#### Aircraft hours:

933CC	33.7
944CC	30.4
955CC	30.0
9490X	50.4
Top Flyers for March:	
Jerry Wallace	13.2
David Cooper	10.4
Larry Kirchner	8.0

We also held a Garmin 430 GPS seminar over at the EAA building. We had a great response to that, there was excellent attendance and it went very well. The first half was for VFR usage, the second half went over IFR procedures and approaches. The feedback we have been getting is that the program was very in-

formative and everybody came away having learned something new about the GPS unit that they didn't know before.

Upcoming on the horizon is the Bahamas Trip, there is still room for you to come along! This is a great getaway, it's all-inclusive and the rates are really good, so give Dave Stealey a call and make your reservations to join in.

Those who are flying 9490X will soon be seeing a new piece of equipment: a portable Garmin 496 with WX Weather! Thanks to Larry Kirchner who worked out a great deal for the club selling us his unit, for all of our members to use in the Skylane. It is a very welcome addition...

Remember to keep an eye on the Club Calendar for all of the upcoming events. 2008 is just getting started, and we are looking forward to keeping this great momentum going all through the year!

Regards,

*Eric S. Graham*

Board President

## FAA Pilot Project -by Sherrie Lorenz

I recently had the privilege of participating in an FAA study. In recent years, one of the leading causes of General Aviation fatal accidents involves pilots flying into adverse weather conditions. Pilots seem to be making bad decisions, even with the incredible amount of easily accessible weather information and resources available to them. So the FAA is creating and developing a training method for GA Pilots regarding weather awareness. The



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Be sure to checkout the Cub Club website at [www.cubclub.net](http://www.cubclub.net)!

## FAA PILOT PROJECT (con't from Page 1)

study is being conducted by the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City. And so the "FAA Pilot Project" was born. The overall goal is to understand how GA pilots gather, interpret and use weather information in both pre-flight and in-flight decision making, then come up with a way to help them better understand the weather and avoid bad decisions.



CAMI has designed and built a full sized simulator just for this project, called AGARS: Advanced General Aviation Research Simulator. It's way cool! The simulator air-

craft is a Piper Malibu RG. And the realistic panel has all the modern electronics, including an HSI coupled to the AP with altitude hold. A lot of fun to fly! Outside the cockpit is a huge screen that spans the pilot's full view.

Before flying the simulator, you are given charts and a computer, with all kinds of modern simulated weather information at your disposal. Radar, Satellite, METARs, PIREPs, TAFs, Temps, Prog Charts, Winds Aloft, Airport Diagrams, the works! You are asked to plan a 2-hour flight, along a specified route between two specific airports. There is no time limit to the pre-flight planning, but, the computer you were working on has recorded everything that you looked at and how long you looked at it.

Then you take your flight plan into the simulator and fly it. The weather you see outside the cockpit changes, and it is up to you to make immediate decisions... Do



you continue? Pull a 180? Divert? It is quite realistic and very challenging! You are all alone in the cockpit. You tune in the ATIS broadcasts from airports along your route, comparing them to what was forecast. Is it better or worse? Should you keep going? You are in unfamiliar territory over hazardous unfamiliar terrain. Is the visibility dropping again? Is that solid ceiling coming down further? What does the color of those dis-

tant clouds mean? Is that rain? Is it a gathering storm? Will the terrain allow me to pull a 180? What should I do?...

The entire process is video recorded. Many test subjects have crashed, and not just low-time VFR pilots. The category also includes some high-hour IFR pilots and even a couple CFIs. The weather does not care how many hours or ratings you have. You have to make solid decisions based on your understanding and your abilities, every moment of every flight.

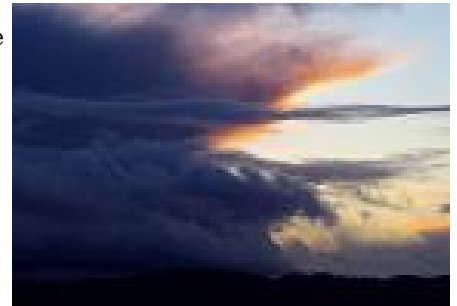
After the flight, the pilot sits down with the research team and a full debriefing is done. You explain what you were thinking at each phase of the flight. During your pre-flight, did you access and understand the forecasts enough to know what to expect? What determined your go/no-go decision? Once in the air, did you see what you expected to see?

How aware were you of the actual weather? And that is where the training products will come in.

Once fully developed, the test subjects will view them and then be retested. So there will be a 2nd phase to the project that will take place in about 6 months. Who knows what may actually come from this study, that remains to be seen and I'll keep you posted. However I do know that this experience has made me more aware of what I know and don't know about the weather, and has reinforced my healthy respect for Mother Nature.

So the overall lesson is that all pilots need to be responsible and diligent in completely examining and understanding the weather before each and every flight. Take the time to brush up on your weather! Log into AOPA . Watch a video. Take a class or talk to a CFI. But Be Weather Aware!

**Note:** *For the record, I did not crash. Upon finishing my pre-flight, I told the research team that the reported visibility and ceilings were below my personal minimums, and I would not make this flight. They noted that in their official study report, but allowed me to fly the simulator anyway, to get some in-flight feedback... I had to keep flying uncomfortably lower and lower, but I managed to avoid the rising terrain and make a safe landing at the first waypoint airport.*



# CUB CLUB CALENDAR

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

### **Bahamas Flyout** **April 25-27, 2008**

All-inclusive trip to the Fortuna Beach Resort

Make your reservations now!

### **Breakfast Flyout** **Saturday, May 3, 2008**

Breakfast in Bartow!

## OTHER EVENTS

### **EAA Pancake Breakfast**

Page Field, EAA Building \$5.00 per person

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Every Month

7AM-1030AM

DON'T FORGET – THE CLUB'S MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT THE TRAINING CENTER AT RSW, 7PM. KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST. ATTEND!!!

Got Event News or Ideas?

Email Dave Stealey at:: [StealeyD@Earthlink.net](mailto:StealeyD@Earthlink.net)

## Announcements...

Adding Oil To Our Planes: When adding oil, PLEASE ADD FULL QUARTS ONLY. Partial quarts are not only improper, they can become quite messy around the planes and hangars.

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The Skylane N9490X is still awaiting her permanent registration. Only pink slip in the plane currently, so no international flights yet!

### **IMPORTANT !!**

### **COMPLETE YOUR CHECKLISTS!**

*Include the date, name, tail # and the hobbs & tach time  
& ENTER YOUR TIME INTO SCHEDULEMASTER!*

## Cub Club Shirts for Sale!

Contact Al @ 239-272-1289

**Golf Shirts \$25.00**

**T-Shirts \$10.00**



## Board Meeting Minutes — Synopsis, March, 2008

The board of directors met on March 19, 2008. Below is a synopsis of the business discussed at that meeting:  
Called to order at 7:02PM.

Treasurers report reviewed. New dedicated account for 90X fund now open. Monthly as well as quarterly reviews scheduled. Member dues are up, however all annual renewals hit in February, slanting the overall numbers. Motion made to suspend from Schedulmaster any member that goes beyond 90 days in overdue fees. Motion carried. Membership shows 145 total members, 103 active, 24 annual members, 2 honorary. Discussed options for backup nav or GPS in 90X. Board member Larry Kirchner volunteered to sell his portable Garmin 496 with XM Weather to the club to be used exclusively in 90X. Discussed possible options for upgrading aircraft key box and controls. More research will be done before next meeting. Also discussed how to upgrade office computer to DSL line, research will be done on that as well. Discussed need for more organization and consistency among authorized Club CFI's. Al Ledet will head up the task of forming some guidelines and standards to be adopted by the Club. Mandatory CFI meeting will be held soon. Activities: Poker Run was great, but perhaps try to schedule future runs in January or May, when it may be less windy. Discussed upcoming events, Bahamas flyout April 25-27, and Bartow Breakfast flyout on May 3. Also Garmin 430 seminar planned for March 29th at the EAA building. Discussed the need for more consistent website updating and maintenance by a webmaster, Steve Hall volunteered for that duty.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Please contact any officer or director with any concerns you may have about club operations. The next board meeting will be held April 23, 2008 at 7PM at the Page General Aviation Center.

# Poker Run Fun! Annual Event Was a Blast Again!

Good food, sunny weather and great company! It was a bit windy and gusty, which made the Spot Landing Contest quite challenging! But our very own President Eric Graham prevailed, winning first place. For the many observers, the chili cheese dogs were delicious! And as always, the camaraderie among everyone there is always a pleasure. And of course, the main event: The Poker Hands! Many poker hands were played out under the skillful coordination of Bob Adamski, and some lucky folks became some very happy winners!

This event gets bigger and better every year, so if you missed it this time, be sure to mark your calendars for the next one... It's a lot of fun!!!



## Membership Report by Steve Hall

One new member this month:

### Douglas Lockett

Doug is a single 41 year old Student Pilot with 58 hrs total time, all in C-172's, He has been training with Tim Engvalson. He and his uncle own a C-172, and he wants to get his Instrument Rating in the Archers. Doug moved from Sarasota to Fort Myers in the summer of 2005, and is a Hospital Administrator at Lee Memorial health System.

### ***KEEPING OUR PLANES NICE !***

*ALL members are STRONGLY urged to please*

*NOT use any ink pens in our Club aircraft...*

*Mechanical Pencils are Recommended*

*(there is a supply of them in the Club Office)*

*Let's keep our interiors looking good !*

## Maintenance Report by Charlie Carroll

933CC:

Top Lock fixed

Right Caliper resealed

944CC:

Landing light

955CC:

Left main tire flat spotted to cord

Wires broken on push to talk switch

9490X:

Garmin 486 Installed

Thanks to all that report problems. We are keeping our planes in great shape.

Please keep your heels on the floor, when you are landing, until you NEED to apply the brakes. A little pressure on the brake pedal, when landing, will lock the tire and cause it to flat spot.

Please remember to enter your destination, on your reservation, in Schedulmaster. Not just CC for cross country.

Thanks----Charlie

## "IN-FLIGHT" PHOTOS



*Got an in-air photo from one of our Club planes that you want to share with other members? Send it in!*

944CC  
approaching  
Arcadia flying  
the Poker Run

-Pilot: Wayne  
Bouffard

955CC competing in the  
Spot Landing Contest at  
this year's Poker Run...

**NOT BAD!!!**

-Pilot: Chris Kidder



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### Meetings

Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM @  
Page Field Aviation Center

General Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM @  
RSW Training Center

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## AIRCRAFT RATES

### Cessna 172 Skyhawk N955CC

\$45.00/hour plus tax plus  
ten (10) gal fuel cost.

### Piper Archer 181 N933CC

\$58.00/hour plus tax plus  
eleven (11) gal fuel cost

### Piper Archer 181 N944CC

\$58.00/hour plus tax plus  
eleven (11) gal fuel cost

### Cessna 182 Skylane N9490X

\$84.00/hour plus tax plus  
fourteen (14) gal fuel cost.