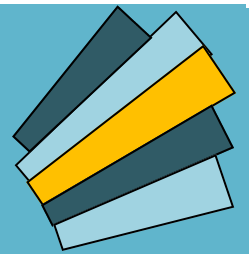


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General Meeting

- * **General Meeting Tuesday, October 11th 7:00 PM, RSW Training Center**
- * **ORDER YOUR CLUB SHIRTS at this meeting!**
- * **Informative and fun for everyone!**
- * **See you there!**

President's Message

by Eric Graham

Another month has come and gone, but not without incident this time. We had a prop strike on 21Q which put it out of commission for the whole month of September. While this was not devastating, it did set some people back on their training and kept it from flying. The reason it is mentioned here is to bring home some valid safety points for us all to reflect on. While no one intentionally forgets things or intentionally damages an airplane, accidents do and will happen. There are ways to minimize these events and one of the ways is to pay strict attention to a set of procedures each and every time a person goes flying. The prop strike happened due to a distraction from

normal procedures in preflight. It happened because the person was distracted from the routine of pulling the aircraft out of the hanger and failing to remove the tow bar. The distraction occurred by not taking the tow bar off of the aircraft anticipating a possible movement to allow the spouses auto to be parked inside the hangar. One can see how it can happen and can visualize the events that occurred. However, if we as pilots establish a procedure that the tow bar never leaves our hands until it is placed back on the wall of the hangar, this kind of problem can be avoided.

This actually goes deeper than that. Distractions are the number one culprit for causing incidents for pilots. Everyone can be easily distracted during flight and it is therefore extremely important to establish a consistent set of procedures that you follow for every phase of every flight. Check lists

help, but it is your attention to detail and consistency in following your set of procedures that will keep you out of the woods. Above all else, do not let anyone help you do any of it because that is in and of itself a distraction. You as pilot in command must preflight the aircraft each and every time without fail. Do not allow anyone to assist or distract you from your procedure. The same for starting, taxiing, pre takeoff and in flight. You avoid many distractions by keeping the flight deck quiet, focusing on your ATC instructions and having the resources available to make a safe and secure flight. Cockpit conversations should be limited to periods of straight and level flight.

By following these simple but necessary procedures you will eliminate distractions which can cause catastrophic events. The act of flying is all about focus. So stay focused and enjoy your ensuing flight career.

Remember the recent member survey? Well, a very high percentage of you took the time to tell us about the Club and how we're doing. Thanks for that. Perhaps the most significant theme was that members want more focus on how-to stuff like instructional videos, safety and interactive subjects at meetings. The board has taken action on that message and will change the focus of the general meetings to be more instructive. Additionally, we're planning seminars on both the Garmin and KLN GPS navigation systems as well as other instructional sessions to give everyone more opportunity to fine tune their skills. The hope is to provide added value for your membership by providing information and training on an ongoing basis. Finally, we'll ask from time to time how we're doing and solicit your input for additional training opportunities.

Your President,
Eric S. Graham

Eric

SEPTEMBER STATS	
Aircraft hours:	
3521Q	0.0
944CC	31.5
9490X	22.3
Top Flyers for September:	
John Patrikas	9.0
Frank Trujillo	6.2
Ellen Herr	4.3

Page Field Aviation Day Coming November 5th!

Mark your calendars folks! Page Field Aviation Day is coming soon... One of the biggest events of the year will be held on November 5th, 2011 on the North Ramp at Page, right under the Tower...



Page Field Aviation Day Coming November 5th!



Page Aviation Day is always a great fun-filled day for the entire family, admission is free and there's plenty to do and see. Lots of different aircraft will be on display, including a P-51 Mustang and a 4-engine DC-7B that flew for Eastern Airlines back in the late 1950's.

There will be presentations by the Airport Police & Fire Departments, airplane and helicopter rides, a giant slide and bouncy houses for the little ones, face painting, and a tent full of aviation based vendors showcasing their wares.

This is a very popular event that draws thousands of people every year. It is an opportunity to highlight education and awareness of the aviation industry to the community, and

an excellent venue to promote our wonderful flying club. All of our aircraft will be there and on display, along with Board Officers and Club Members on hand to answer any questions and offer special incentives for membership.

So be sure to circle Saturday, November 5th and come on out to Page Field. It will be a full day of airplanes and fun!

See you there!



Photos from previous year's Aviation Day

Board Meeting Synopsis by Bill Schulte

The officers and board of directors met on September 28, 2011 at 6:25 PM in conference room at the Page Field Base Ops.

Below is a synopsis of the business discussed at that meeting:

Treasurers Report-Kirchner reiterated that members need to be sure to keep their schedulmaster info current and updated. Financials were reviewed. Total aircraft hours were 61.2, up from 58.2 last month. Total membership 128. Club is pursuing the buyout of 1 share of the aircraft trust, and by year end if the Club's financial picture looks favorable to seek the buyout of 2 additional shares. Terrorist Watch Guidelines were given to the Board. Maintenance-Work on 3521Q continues resulting from the prop strike. Estimated time another week. Switlik was made aware to watch for any other maintenance issues that needed attention, as it would save the Club money to address them at the same time. 944CC had minor repairs done to aileron. 9490X panel lights were replaced. Autopilot on NAV tracks off to the right, and GPS software was upgraded. Membership-1 new member to activate. And Add Oil signage was completed by Sherrie Lorenz and signs will be posted in the hangars. Old Business: By-Laws and Rules & Regs have been updated. Survey results were very good, and Board will act on the wishes of the membership. More safety and GPS seminars. Skip Bentley will prepare a presentation on the KLN94 for next meeting. Requested that Club website be reviewed and documents made more uniform, and duplications be removed. Curry and Hall to complete. New Business: Pilot of 3521Q explained how prop strike occurred. Tow bar signage should be posted in the hangars as a reminder to all pilots. Special promotional rate for 9490X to encourage more members to check out in that aircraft. Promotional rate will be in effect through end of the year. WiFi now working in the Club office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

The board meeting will be held on October 19, 2011 at 6:30PM at Page Field Base Ops. Any club member having concerns or questions about club operations should contact any board member.

FMFC CALENDAR

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

FMFC General Meeting

Tuesday, October 11th, 2011

RSW Training Center, 7:00 PM
ORDER YOUR CLUB SHIRTS!

"Coffee In The Hangar"

Saturday, October 15th, 2011

Page Field, 9 - 11 AM
Alpha Hangars

Enjoy a brief presentation on pre-flighting 944CC

Page Field Aviation Day

Saturday, November 5th, 2011

Page Field, 10 AM - 4 PM
North Ramp

Fun-filled day of everything aviation. Great day for the whole family. Admission is free!

Garmin GPS Seminar

Wednesday, November 12th, 2011

Page Field Base Ops, 2nd Floor
Details to follow

FMFC Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Page Field
Details to follow

OTHER EVENTS

Wings Over Miami Fall Fly-In

Sat-Sun, October 29th-30th, 2011

Kendall Tamiami Executive (KTMB) Miami, FL
Air Museum! Oldies, Warbirds, Classics.

Meet the pilots too!

Food, Fun stuff for the kids, Gift Shop

For more info visit: www.WingsOverMiami.com

Fantasy of Flight's Roar-N-Soar

Sat-Sun, November 12th-13th, 2011

5th Annual gathering of classic racing machines, thrills from land, sea and air! Enjoy high-energy excitement along with awesome food and entertainment. Fun for the whole family!

For more info visit:

www.FantasyOfFlight.com/roar-n-soar

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Discounted Rate for 182 Skylane:

The Club's insurance policy requires that all C182 pilots have 5 hours dual instruction and 75 hours PIC. As an assist to those pilots wanting to certify in the Club's C182, the Board of Directors has approved a discounted rental rate.

For the next three months (1 Oct. - 31 Dec) the rental rate will be \$70, a savings of \$30. The adjusted rate is available for *up to 5 hours while receiving dual instruction*. Fuel costs (13 GPH) are additional. As a number of Club CFI's have agreed to discount their instruction rates as well, this is an excellent opportunity to get qualified for the C182. It will never cost less. So get on the phone with your instructor and get flying that C182.

Keep Schedulmaster Updated!

Please make sure all of your information in schedulmaster is current. Any time your email address, phone numbers, etc change, be sure to update that info so you can be reached!

Skyhawk 3521Q Back on Line!

3521Q is now online. The engine has to be treated as new and in the break in mode. The RPM'S HAVE TO BE KEPT UP.

- 1) Do not idle for any extensive period.
- 2) Lean while taxiing on the ground
- 3) Due a QUICK run up. Mags, suction etc.
- 4) No touch and goes.
- 5) When you are cleared for take off, apply throttle, all the way, in a slow steady progression to full power.
- 6) No ENGINE OUT PROCEDURES & NO STALLS.
- 7) Setting up for a landing; decrease power in a slow steady progression and do not shock engine, keep revs up.
- 8) Again, lean on ground taxiing.
- 9) If oil needs to be added (below six (6) quarts) use the mineral oil in the plane.

When there are 10 hours on the new engine, the plane has to go to Switlik for an oil change. This may necessitate knocking someone out of the schedule to accomplish this service. This inconvenience is unavoidable. If there are any problems or anomalies call Charlie immediately. (239) 281-3710

NOTE: If you are a student make only trips in this plane or fly with an instructor until engine is broken in.

Maintenance

by Charlie Carroll

3521Q:

Engine back in service (BREAK IN)

Taxi Light

Right tire

944CC:

100 Hr. Inspection

Vacuum pump

Right main tire

9490X:

ANNUAL

Muffler

A.D. Seats & Rail

R&L Fuel Cap Seals

Right Main Tire

Elevator Bonding strap

Transponder Button

Rebuilt Mags

Instrument Air Filters

Overhead Light

Post Lights

3521Q is back on line for limited operation. (See Instructions Article)

The planes are in good shape. The weather is nice
HAVE FUN GO FLYING!

Thanks to all for their help & Terry for sitting in while I was on vacation. -- Charlie

"Glad You Asked!"

Members Forum

MEMBER QUESTION: "How do I get more involved in the operations of the Club?"

ANSWER: "OMG, a volunteer! Our Club is operated completely by volunteers, and we're always looking for people to help out on committees and projects. New people bring new ideas and energies that are fundamental to keeping our Club healthy. Often, members get involved at this level then find that they want to make a more significant contribution at say, the Board of Directors level. OK, how does one get involved? Simply say the word. To the Club President, another officer, or any director. Or, if you like, stand up at a meeting and say, "I want to get involved and help out!" You will quickly be involved!"

***** Thanks, and We're Glad You Asked!"**

"IN-FLIGHT" PHOTOS

Archer 944CC on a long left base to Charlotte County (KPGD)



944CC at 7,000 feet near Lakeland

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

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Meetings
 Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30PM @
 Page Field Base Ops Conference Room
 General Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM @
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*** OUR AIRCRAFT ***

Cessna Skyhawk 172 N3521Q
 \$ 65 per hour + 10 gal fuel per hour



Piper Archer 181 N944CC
 \$ 65 per hour + 10 gal fuel per hour



Cessna Skylane 182 N9490X
 \$100 per hour + 13 gal fuel per hour

