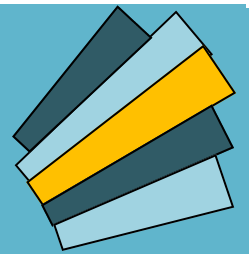


FMFC FLYER

The Fort Myers Flying Club

NEWSLETTER



December, 2011

The FORT MYERS FLYING CLUB

President's Message

by Eric Graham

The time has come for the last meeting I will be president of the Club. I have certainly enjoyed servicing this last year and look back on it with fond memories.

Just to recap a little we were able to bring the club a new name which more properly describes what it is. We fixed the language in the Bylaws and in the rules and regulations to allow honorary members which rewards people who have put a lot of effort into the club for a number of years. There were more social events and some good speakers throughout the year. Our physical responsibility has rewarded us with a little better cash position and things are not so tight. Our aircraft have never been in better shape. We have added many new and progressive members who not only want to learn to fly but want to contribute to the social aspects of the club. We had a great Christmas party turn out. What a great time with all the food, beer and wine. The 172 was decorated and looked very good. Thanks to Marty and Sherrie Lorenz, we had ample supply of pizza. Thanks to Jim Meyersburg and Dean Martin we had a very successful social event.

NOVEMBER STATS

Aircraft hours:

3521Q	26.3
944CC	28.3
9490X	14.9

Top Flyers for November:

David Burns	7.6
Dennis Leiva	5.9
Dean Martin	5.8

Terry Voorhees have graciously offered their commitment.

Some folks I would like to especially thank for their services this year and recognize as contributing above and beyond. Jim Meyersburg and Dean Martin have been very engaged and have provided us with many social opportunities. Charles Carroll has been extremely engaged in providing input and has kept our planes in fine condition. Terry Voorhees has been in the background doing whatever I asked of him and has contributed above and beyond. Bob Adamski has as usual given us good legal advice as situations present themselves. Orv Curry has been engaged in our electronic media and work hard on setting up our training seminars. Steve Hall has brought in and oriented many new members and continues to be engaged in that endeavor. Larry Kirchner has put in extraordinary effort in keep you financial records in good order and keeping our account receivable current. Bill Schulte has been very valuable in keeping the minutes of the meetings and engaging in various committees for special projects. All of these folks deserve special recognition. Our flight instructors have done a fine job of keeping our students engaged and providing professional and current training. We owe them a special thanks and certainly appreciate the contribution in offering our special discount for the 182 check rides. Skip Bentley and Al Ledet have been engaged with training for the club at our Saturday Coffee in the Hangar events during the Saturday following our general meeting.

Finally I would like to recognize Sherrie Lorenz for her contribution in preparing the newsletter each and every month. She always comes in on time and puts together some interesting topics and we all thank her for that. As you can see the club has been blessed with folks that have a keen interest in not only flying but are engaged above and beyond and that it takes many to pull off a memorable experience for our members. We are always very appreciative when people contribute.

It has been a pleasure serving as president and I know the fine tradition and continued progress of providing our members with learning opportunities, social events and the least possible pricing for flying in the Fort Myers area will continue and that our members will get a second to none experience by belonging to the oldest flying club in Florida.

Eric S. Graham

Eric



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General Meeting

- * **General Meeting**
Tuesday, December
13th 7:00 PM, RSW
Training Center
- * **Informative and fun**
for everyone!
- * **Pick up your Club**
Shirts!!!
- * **See you there!**

Looking forward to the coming year, the club is poised to provide significant training opportunities for safety, GPS operations and airport operations. Of course 2011 brought us an extremely modern and fine facility in the Base Ops building a great addition to our flying community. In January we are having Mr. Craig Fuller from the AOPA visit our fine city and provide a speaking engagement which proves to be very enlightening. Plan to attend that event.

Keep in mind we will be voting in 4 new board members during our meeting on Tuesday evening at RSW training center our regular monthly general membership meeting. If you would like to be considered for a three year appointment to the board contact Bill Schulte or Rick Arnold. We will also take any nominations from the floor. Currently we have four who have expressed desire to serve. Larry Denmark, David Burns, Larry Kirchner and

Dinner with AOPA President Craig Fuller!

Exciting news! The Fort Myers Flying Club is hosting a dinner with AOPA's President Craig Fuller!

This fantastic event will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers on Friday, January 20th, 2011. Cocktails at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM, and Mr. Fuller will begin his program at 8 PM.

This is a unique opportunity to hear from one of the most powerful influences in General Aviation. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association was founded in 1939 and has been at the forefront of so many important aspects of GA... safety, pilot training, legal and political issues, and so many others.

The main focus of AOPA is preserving the freedom of flying for everyone, and they have been a guiding force in pursuing that very goal for so many years.

So don't miss out! Tickets are only \$40 per person, and reservations are required. So mark your calendars and call today to reserve your seat for this marvelous event.

Contact Dean Martin at (239) 848-2069 or email to DeanHMartin@yahoo.com.



2011 FMFC Christmas Party!



The Club's Christmas party was held in the Alpha hangars on Saturday, December 10th. A little wet weather didn't dampen any of the holiday spirits, and the rain quickly faded and the evening breeze was calm and comfortable.

The Club's Skyhawk was decked out with strings of colored lights and a row of little white Christmas trees. There were plenty of delicious nibbles, lots of yummy pizza and wings, as well as a variety of spirits and sodas. Individual pictures were taken in front of the Skyhawk, and pretty holiday music filled the air.

A wonderful time was had by all!

THE FORT MYERS FLYING CLUB WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



FMFC CALENDAR

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

FMFC General Meeting
Tuesday, December 13th, 2011
 RSW Training Center, 7:00 PM

A.O.P.A. Dinner
Friday, January 20, 2011

Crowne Plaza Hotel
 Fort Myers

FMFC is hosting Dinner with AOPA President
 Craig Fuller!

Cocktails (cash bar) at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Program at 8:00 PM

Reserve Your Seat Early!

Contact Dean Martin at

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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.

From now until December 31st, 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!



FMFC CLUB SHIRTS

For those of you who have ordered Club shirts this last time around, you can pick them up at this Tuesdays meeting at RSW.

Sorry we could not have them available at the Christmas party!

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION CLASSES

* Private Pilot Ground School

Tuesday Nights 6-9 PM

Ida S. Baker High School, Cape Coral

1-17-12 through 5-1-12 Fee \$135 + Text

Contact Ed Fink, CFII at 239-489-0443



* Private Pilot Ground School

Thursday Nights 6-9 PM

Cypress Lake High School, Fort Myers

1-19-12 through 4-25-12 Fee \$135 + Text

Contact Ed Fink, CFII at 239-489-0443

* Instrument Rating Ground School

Monday Nights, 6:30-9 PM

Page Field Base Ops Conference Room

1-23-12 through 4-23-12 Fee \$125 + Text

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Vertex Standard Handheld Av Radio

- Pro V Model
- Extra Battery Pack
- AC Charger
- 12V Power Cord

\$100.00 Contact Terry: (239) 292-9231

"Glad You Asked!"

Members Forum

MEMBER QUESTION:

"I am a student pilot. I am only interested in the Club's Cessna C182 Skylane. Can I train in that aircraft?"

ANSWER:

"Sorry! But no, you cannot. The generally accepted training standard is the Cessna 172 Skyhawk and the majority of student pilots learn the basics of flying in that aircraft.

The Club's policy is that getting checked out to fly the Skylane occurs once the pilot has earned his or her PPL.

Students pilot members may train with an approved instructor in the Club's Cessna C172 Skyhawk (N3521Q) or the Piper PA28-181 Archer (N944CC).

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

Maintenance

by Charlie Carroll

3521Q:

Plane washed and wax
50 Hour-Back to regular Oil

944CC:

50 Hour-New plugs
Plane wash and wax
Annual;
Nose wheel tire and seal
Forward muffler
R&L Landing gear mounts tightened
A.D. Standby vacuum system

9490X:

Plane wash & Wax
50 Hour
E.L.T. Battery

Planes are in great shape! Please get out and fly them.

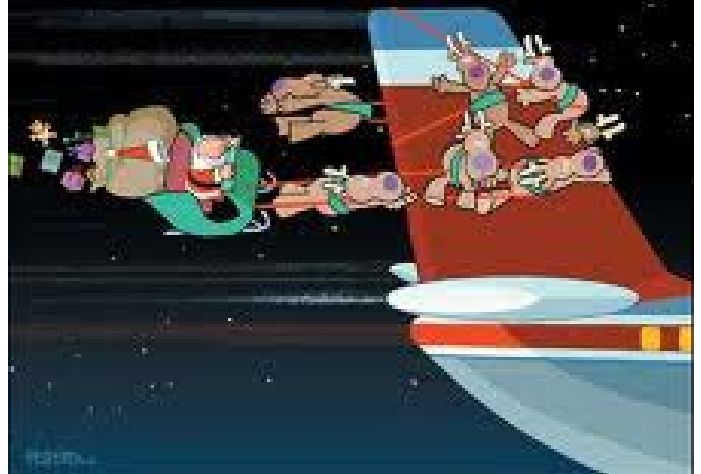
Thanks to all for your reports on the planes. NO REPORT is too much of a bother.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

— Charlie

"IN-FLIGHT" PHOTOS

Some holiday fun!



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 @
 RSW Training Center

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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

