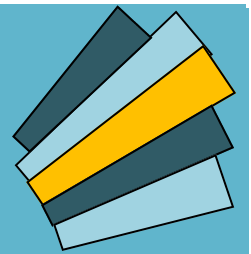


FMFC FLYER

The Fort Myers Flying Club NEWSLETTER



May, 2012

The FORT MYERS FLYING CLUB

President's Message

by Terry Voorhees

Hello Again FMFC'ers.

With this issue of the Club's newsletter we are announcing an enhanced member recruiting program. And while the various facets of the plan are important to understand, it is equally important that we understand the "why" of the initiative. The "Why" is related to the economy. The general economy may have made the corner and is heading towards recovery, but General Aviation lags that curve. In our case that is in part evidenced by reduced new member activity. Every organization has "churn"....members leave for many reasons, and new members sign on holding membership levels generally steady. In our case the cost of flying – at an all time high – has cost us members. Additionally, the upfront cost to join FMFC is proving to be an economic barrier to new members. So your Board of

Directors is taking steps to address those issues and keep our Club healthy. Please read the details on page 2. You can help. And be rewarded nicely as well!

Recently I attended a FAA Safety Team (FAAST) meeting which profiled the considerations and potential dangers associated with night flying in SW Florida. I was really impressed in that a number of the presenters were professional pilots who shared their experiences and practices related to staying safe. Let me know if we should bring these guys in. (teraldv@comcast.net)

If you have not looked at the new web site (www.fortmyersflyingclub.com), please do so. It has loads of helpful information related to the Club, our aircraft, Club documents and a host of other helpful material. Our Webmaster, Sherrie Lorenz, has done an excellent job on reconstructing our site. Great job, Sherrie!

The weather continues to be excellent (and benign). Time to go flying!

See you at the Field.

Terry

APRIL STATS

Aircraft hours:

3521Q	41.4
944CC	41.7
9490X	13.4

Top Flyers for April:

Greg Frost	11.3
David Burns	11.2
Randall Henderson	7.3

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General Meeting

- * General Meeting
Tuesday, May 8th @
7:00 PM, RSW Training Center
- * Great interactive program on RSW and FMY airspace and their challenges!
- * Always informative and fun for everyone!
- * See you there!

Fantasy of Flight Aviation Museum

Ever wonder how old aircraft get put back together, restored to original condition, or if all those old warbird aircraft really do fly?

Well, wonder no more because Fantasy of Flight, World's Greatest Aircraft Collection has activities all day long that let you experience the history of aviation at their authentic 1940's airport village...



Be sure to checkout the Club website at www.FortMyersFlyingClub.com!

Fantasy of Flight (Con't from Page 1)

Located in Polk City, not far from Orlando, The stunning art deco facility is a perfect setting to display this priceless collection of rare vintage aircraft. Housed in three huge hangars are over 40 airplanes, many of which are restored to original flying condition.

Visitors can see a Short Sunderland, the last airworthy flying boat and have a close encounter with the only B-26 Marauder still flying in the world. Other notable aircraft include a B-24 Liberator, a Curtiss TP40 and two P51 Mustangs.



There is also a display that allows you to climb aboard an authentic B-17 Flying Fortress and feel the excitement and tension of a World War II bombing mission.

The Fort Myers Flying Club does plan group trips on occasion, or you can check out the availability for yourself by calling (863) 984-3500, or visit their website at www.FantasyofFlight.com. It's a fascinating and very enjoyable place, well worth the visit!

New Club Membership Program



Effective June 1, 2012, FMFC will launch a new member initiative.

On that date the initiation fee for new members will be discounted by 50%. Specifically, pilots will come aboard for \$200, and students will have \$150 as their initiation fee.

As an incentive for current members to bring in new applicants for membership, members who submit a signed and approved new member application to the Membership Chair Steve Hall. (stevhall@naples.net) will receive a \$100 credit to their Club account. The Club gets a new member and you go flying, purchase a

couple of Club shirts or whatever 100 bucks gets you.

This is a 90 day program ending August 31, 2012.

To properly launch the program we're having breakfast. That's right, pancakes and the trimmings with the EAA at their facility at Page Field. On Sunday, 3 June bring your family, friends and most importantly, potential members to the EAA breakfast, 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

The delicious breakfast is only \$5 per person. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Larry Denmark at (239) 229-8759 or email at L.Denmark1954@gmail.com.

Our aircraft will be on display and Club volunteers will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Hope to see you there!

FMFC CALENDAR

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

FMFC General Meeting
Tuesday, May 8th, 2012

RSW Training Center, 7:00 PM

Tailor made interactive program regarding RSW and FMY airspace and the challenges they present to pilots.

Presented by Dean Martin and Skip Bentley

OTHER AVIATION EVENTS

Marvel of Flight Fly-In
Saturday, May 19th 7 AM-1 PM

DeFuniak Springs, FL (54J)

The DeFuniak Springs Municipal Airport is hosting their 2st Annual Fly-In – Marvel of Flight on Saturday, May 19th from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Aircrafts Displays. Car show. Helicopter and airplane rides. Kids Activities. Food. Live Music. Prizes for registered guest. The DeFuniak Springs Kiwanis Club will be hosting a pilots pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. The DeFuniak Springs Rotary Club will be hosting a hamburger/hotdog lunch. Other food vendors will be providing pulled pork sandwiches, sausage dogs, funnel cakes, fried Oreos, and more! For more info check their website:

www.projects@defuniaksprings.net



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

CONGRATULATIONS to David Burns! He recently passed his check ride and is our Club's newest Private Pilot! Way to Go David!

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Big CONGRATS to Waner DelRosario! He recently flew his first solo in thr Cessna 172. Awesome job Waner!

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Want to know the latest tips and tricks for using you iPad in the cockpit? You can attend one of the Club's seminars, and you can also check out this website:

www.iPadPilotNews.com

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CLUB NEWSLETETER ARCHIVES! The Club website now has a full page dedicated to the Club's previously published Newsletter Flyers, going all the way back to 2008. Check it out!



** Private Pilot Ground School*

Tuesday Nights 6-9 PM

Ida S. Baker High School, Cape Coral

8-21-12 through 11-27-12 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

8-23-12 through 11-27-12 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

9-10-12 through 12-10-12 Fee \$125 + Text

Contact Ed Fink, CFII at 239-489-0443



"Glad You Asked!" Members Forum

MEMBER QUESTION:

"The pre-flight checklists for the Club aircraft direct that I inspect the tires and check pressures if necessary. Where do I find those numbers?"

ANSWER:

"Tire pressures are in the POH. That said they are not always that easy to locate. And when one is trying to go flying, digging through a POH can be a pain. There is an urge to skip it. So the answer is to find that information in advance and record it on your checklist. For reference, here are the tire pressures (PSI) for our current FMFC aircraft:

AIRCRAFT

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Mains</u>
N3521Q	28	34
N944CC	26-28	18
N9490X	42	49

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

Maintenance by Charlie Carroll

3521Q:

- 100 Hour check
- New Nav light switch breaker
- New taxi light switch breaker

944CC:

- 100 Hour check
- Rear co-pilot window replaced

9490X:

- Prop re-built and reinstalled
- Panel lighting upgraded
- Lighting Rheostats replaced

Planes are in great shape, thanks to all your calls. Pick up a friend

take them for an introductory flight and have fun
Charlie

"IN-FLIGHT" PHOTOS

N944CC Approaching Boca Grande Pass



N944CC Flying the Poker Run

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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H Ron Black	586-703-7751

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

