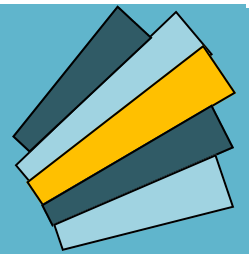


FMFC FLYER

The Fort Myers Flying Club NEWSLETTER



June, 2012

The FORT MYERS FLYING CLUB

President's Message

by Terry Voorhees

Hello Again, FMFC'ers!

I'm very pleased to tell you about some recent decisions made for our Club aircraft!

(1) Install a Garmin 430WAAS GPS system in our Skyhawk, N3521Q, and (2) To upgrade the existing Garmin 430 in our Sky-lane N9490X to WAAS capability.

As you may know, in addition to all the GPS functionality, WAAS (or Wide Area Augmentation System) provides vertical approach guidance at ILS precision levels. This is immensely important when flying instrument approaches. With these changes, each of our aircraft will have G430 WAAS equipment and capabilities.

MAY STATS

Aircraft hours:

3521Q	47.2
944CC	12.0
9490X	9.9

Top Flyers for May:

Steve Petrikas	11.8
Jack Palmer	8.5
Mark Youngblood	6.4

min system; they were unhappy with the KLN 94 in 21Q (which had some screen damage) and lobbied for the change-out at the right time. Next, it was determined that having GPS consistency across our fleet presented simplified training and encouraged cross aircraft usage and enjoyment. Think about it...a student pilot who starts their training in 21Q is exposed to the GPS system he/she will use as long as they are in our Club. Finally, it was concluded that WAAS capability in any aircraft increased its value. So when a used/refurbished G430W was found to be available, the Board made the decision to reinvest in our aircraft and install the Garmin systems.

To round out this initiative, there will be a couple of Garmin GPS seminars scheduled. Watch for those dates.

Thanks to Eric Graham and Larry Kirchner for their extensive research work on this project.

BTW...don't touch those GPS screens!

See you at the Field...

Terry



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General Meeting

- * General Meeting
Tuesday, June 12th @
7:00 PM, RSW Training Center
- * Mike Strukel, ATC from RSW will be our guest, sharing stories and answering questions. Don't miss it!
- * Always informative and fun for everyone!
- * See you there!

A.C.R.O.N.Y.M.S.

by Sherrie Lorenz

We live in a world of abbreviations! And we're surrounded by acronyms! From text messages like "LOL" (Laughing Out Loud) with your "BFF" (Best Friend Forever), to a "TGIF" (Thank Goodness Its Friday) and there's a "BOGO" (Buy One Get One) sale at the mall... The list is endless...

But aviation has always had a whole barrage of their very own acronyms. These abbreviations were not only born from the need to convey a lot of information quickly, they also



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serve as memory joggers and quick mental checklist guides, helping pilots multi task and try to keep themselves mentally ahead of their airplane. Of course, *these should never take the place of certified education*. You should always contact a CFI for any and all flight training, and know your POH (Pilot Operating Handbook) for the airplane you plan to fly! But having said that, here are a few popular and well-known acronyms that you may find useful:

Required Flight Docs

ARROW

A - Airworthiness Certificate
R - Registration (Int'l - No Pink)
R - Radio License (Int'l Only)
O - Owners Manual/POH
W - Weight & Balance

Pre-Landing Check

GUMPSS

G - Gas (Fuel Pump On)
U - Undercarriage (Gear Down)
M - Mix (Full Rich)
P - Prop Pitch (Full Forward)
S - Switches (Lights On)
S - Seat Belts (Secure)

Required Inspections

AVIATE

A - Annual Inspection
V - VOR (Every 30 Days for IFR)
I - I00 Hour (All For-Hire Planes)
A - Altimeter & Pitot/Static
T - Transponder
E - ELT

Required VFR Flight

ATOMS ATOMS FFLEA

A - Airspeed Indicator
T - Tach (Each Engine)
O - Oil Temp (Each Engine)
M - Magnetic Compass
S - Seat Belts
A - Altimeter
T - Temp Gauge (Each Engine)
O - Oil Pressure (Each Engine)
M - Manifold Pressure (Var. Prop.)
S - Shoulder Harnesses
F - Fuel Gauges (Each Tank)
F - Flotation (Over Open Water)
L - Landing Gear Indicator (RG)
E - ELT
A - Anti-Collision Lights

IFR Pre-Flight

FAWDR

F - Fuel Planning/Minimums
A - Alternate Airports
W - Weather Information
D - Delay Plans
R - Runway Lengths (&Appch Mins)

Required VFR Night

FLAPS

F - Fuses
L - Landing Light
A - Anti-Collision Lights
P - Position Lights
S - Sufficient Electrical Power

Again, these are only a few commonly circulated acronym/memory aids. A refresher bit of ground school with a CFI can provide you with quite a few more, and can also certainly help any pilot brush up on checklists, required equipment, and emergency procedures. And summertime being the off-season, it could be a great time for a fun and informative tune up. The skies are blue, and our Club planes are in great shape and just waiting to be flown!

Fly Safe, and Keep The Blue Side Up!

New Club Membership Program

Effective June 1, 2012, FMFC launched a new member initiative!

As of that date the initiation fee for new members was discounted by 50%. Specifically, pilots can now come aboard for \$200, and students now 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 (stevehall@naples.net) will receive a \$100 credit to their Club account! The Club gets a new member and you can go flying, purchase a couple of Club shirts, or whatever 100 bucks gets you... Exciting Stuff!

This is a 90 day program, and will end August 31, 2012, so take advantage of it!

FMFC CALENDAR

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

FMFC General Meeting Tuesday, June 12th, 2012

RSW Training Center, 7:00 PM

Mr. Mike Strukel, ATC from RSW will be speaking to our Club, sharing stories and answering any and all questions. Having the honor of a visit from ATC folks is always fun, informative and enjoyable, so make plans to attend...

This will be a great meeting!

OTHER AVIATION EVENTS

Women's Air Race Classic (ARC) June 19th through June 22nd, 2012

Start: Havasu City, AZ 6/19

Finish: Batavia, OH 6/22

Check the website and follow along with the 2-person pilot teams in this annual women-only Air Race Classic. The race is a time-distance rally style event and there are almost 60 teams competing this year!

Follow their progress, see photos and read blogs from participants and observers at:

www.AirRaceClassic.org

This year's Race Route



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

CONGRATULATIONS to Jack Palmer! After a very long wait and a lot of hard work, he has made his First Solo Flight!! Way to Go Jack!!

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

CLUB NEWSLETTER 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

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"Glad You Asked!"

Members Forum

MEMBER QUESTION:

"When I prepare to fill out the log in the airplanes, I often find that the pen(s) are missing. Is there some way to ensure that pens are left in the aircraft?"

ANSWER:

"Let's be clear here. We do not want ink PENS in Club aircraft. Ink pens mean ink marks and stains on the upholstery which look terrible and are costly to remove. So we ask that all our pilots instead use pencil(s) for those pre-flight, in-flight and post-flight writing duties. BTW, periodically we put mechanical pencils in each aircraft. But they have a way (it's magic) of disappearing so we recommend pilots bring their own. Using pencils instead of ink pens will help keep our aircraft interiors looking nice and clean."

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

Maintenance

by Charlie Carroll

3521Q:

Auto pilot fixed
Steering dampener fixed
Landing light replaced
Plane washed and waxed

944CC:

Plane washed and waxed

9490X:

430 WAAS installed & test flown
50 Hour
Plane washed and waxed
Both main tires replaced

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

We are upgrading 3521Q to a Garmin 430 with WAAS as soon as we get it from Garmin. The 430 WAAS is more intuitive than the KLN94, and this final upgrade will put the same GPS's in all the Club planes.

Have fun-Go flying! ----Charlie

"IN-FLIGHT" PHOTOS

N9490X on Final Approach into Key West, Mother's Day Weekend
Pilot: Kim Stephens



N944CC Near Rotunda, enroute to Venice

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

