



# FMFC FLYER

## The Fort Myers Flying Club NEWSLETTER



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The FORT MYERS FLYING CLUB

### President's Message by Terry Voorhees

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Hello again, FMFC'ers!

At the next General member meeting on 13 May, our presenter is Doug White. Mr. White and his family were aboard their King Air twin when the pilot died and Mr. White, with the assistance of ATC, safely landed the aircraft at RSW. This will be a powerful program that will be of interest to all Club pilots.

Presenting quality, educational programs is an important part of the Club's mission. In fact, we have one board member whose job is to find worthwhile speakers and programs that are of interest and value to members.

For my benefit, I inventoried those kinds of programs and services we've presented over the past couple of years. Here is a partial list: Gen. Pat Halloran U2 & SR71 pilot. ~ Night flying in SW Florida.~ FAA Wings programs. ~ATC controllers & TRACON tours.~ Professional WX presenters.~ Safety equipment demos. ~ RSW/FMY Fire Dept. ~ AOPA President Craig Fuller.~ Professional pilots. Air America (CIA/Viet Nam) Pilots. ~ GPS Seminars.~ iPad Seminars. ~ Educational videos. ~ Panel discussions on a variety of

subjects. ~ Military pilots sharing their experiences. Good stuff, all.

While it is some six months away, we have a commitment from the AOPA that their president, Mark Baker, will visit us in October. We'll be asking Mr. Baker to talk to us about the issues facing GA, how AOPA intends to help us as a flying club and, as importantly, how AOPA will serve us as GA pilots.

BTW...if you have a meeting program or subject suggestion, call me or any board member.

See you at the meetings.

<b>LAST MONTH</b>	
<b>Aircraft hours:</b>	
3521Q	79.6
944CC	44.5
9490X	<u>31.9</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156.0</b>
<b>Top Flyers:</b>	
Ryan Williamson	9.6
Randy Henderson	9.1
Dale Givens	8.0

General Meeting 05/21  
RSW Training Center 7PM

**\* Guest Speakers:**  
**Doug White**  
**Dan Favio**  
**Brian Norton**  
**Landing a plane after pilot dies**

*Terry*



## Photos From Our Planes



Look closely and you can see the Sunshine Skyway bridge. Picture submitted by Skip Bentley



Ground fire about 20 miles SW of Sebring today. Pix taken from 4CC at 2500ft by Terry Voorhees



(Left) All three club planes at the Alfa Hangars

(Right) Following the Caloosahatchee to X14

Both photos submitted by Victor Bard

## Photo Contest!

Email your pictures of our planes or pictures taken from our planes!

Finalists will be displayed on our website, Facebook page and our newsletter. The winner will receive an FMFC Shirt.

Entries must be sent to [pics@fortmyersflyingclub.com](mailto:pics@fortmyersflyingclub.com)

Subject: Photo Contest 2014

Please include your name and a short description of the picture

Good Luck!



**Our General Meeting will be held on May 13th at 7pm at the RSW Training Center Sandwiches and Soft Drinks will be served starting at 6:00**

**This month we will have 3 special guests:**

**Doug White** Private Pilot who landed a twin engine at RSW after his pilot passes away in flight  
**Dan Favio and Brian Norton** The controllers who coached Doug to a safe landing.

### TECH IN YOUR PLANE

**Q.** How do you get to the nearest airport in the GPS?

**A.** There are essentially two ways of doing this

#### To View a List of the Nearest Airports

1. From any page, press and hold the CLR key to select the default NAV page. You may skip this step if you are already viewing any of the main GPS pages.
2. Turn the large right knob to select the NRST page group. "NRST" will appear in the lower right corner of the screen.
3. If necessary, turn the small right knob to select the nearest airport page

#### To Select a Nearby Airport or a Flight Plan Waypoint as a Direct-To Destination

1. Press the direct-to key.
2. Turn the large right knob to highlight the nearest airport (NRST) or flight plan (FPL) field.
3. Turn the small right knob to display a window listing nearby airports or all waypoints in the active flight plan.
4. Continue turning the small right knob to scroll through the list and highlight the desired waypoint.
5. Press ENT to confirm the selected waypoint, and ENT to activate the direct-to function.

## BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

On April 16, 2014, the board met at Base Ops FBO at Page Field.

The club continues to do well financially with 145 hours flown this month, including 26 hours for the C182, which shows a good response to the decreased rental rate for that plane.

Maintenance Officer Charlie Carroll has resumed his duties, and the Board thanks Skip Bentley for filling when Charlie was out of town.

Activities planned include the iPad seminar on May 10. The photo contest continues, with the winner receiving a free club shirt. Scot will organize a group outing to a Miracle baseball game in June.

Petrikas continues to monitor completion of aircraft log sheets and noted one problem with a bent hangar latch on A51. Members are cautioned to make sure the door latches are completely released before opening the electric doors.

Doug White will be the speaker at the May meeting and the club will provide sandwiches and drinks before the meeting.

The board discussed improving the audio-visual facilities available to speakers at the club's general meetings, as the possibility of recording select speakers and making their presentations available on the website. More research will be done before recommendations are made.

The club has made a donation to the Red Cross Disaster Relief in memory of Jim Reif, who regularly gave weather safety presentations to the club.

President Voorhees met with Barry Bratton, Director of General Aviation, to discuss signage and REIL lights at Page Field. The Board will continue to monitor this situation and keep the club members advised.

The next board meeting will be held at May 21 at 6:30 PM. Members are encouraged to contact any board member with questions or concerns about club operations.

## Aviation Calendar

**FMFC General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 13th**  
 RSW Training Center, 7:00 PM

**Page Field Association User Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 14th**  
 FMY Base Ops, 6:30 PM  
 Contact Glenn Frith at [glenn@goflyaci.com](mailto:glenn@goflyaci.com)

**FMFC Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 21st**  
 KFMY Base Ops, 6:30 PM

## Recent Milestones

### Newly Minted Private Pilots

Ryan Williamson

Ted Brother

Read more about Ted's story on AOPA's website:  
<http://bit.ly/tedbrother>

Email accomplishments to  
[webmaster@fortmyersflyingclub.com](mailto:webmaster@fortmyersflyingclub.com)  
 to appear in the newsletter.

## Maintenance

by Charlie Carroll

### 3521Q:

50 Hr  
 Oil analysis  
 Front Strut re-sealed  
 Tail Nav light  
 Taxi light  
 Auto Pilot fixed  
 All three tires replaced  
 Vacuum pump replaced

### 9490X:

LH Main tire replaced  
 Brake caliper sealed  
 RH Nav light replaced

### 944CC:

Plugs cleaned  
 Throttle cable lubed &  
 adjusted  
 Nav #2 Fixed  
 RH Nav light & wiring  
 fixed

We've been working hard to keep the planes in great shape. Please get out and fly them. As you've probably noticed, we have a new type of leading edge cleaner. A little of this goes a long way, which is good because it is expensive. Your cooperation in cleaning the leading edges after flight is really appreciated. As usual, thanks everyone who calls and makes my job easier. ----Charlie

## iPad Seminar

A good turnout and lots of learning at the iPad seminar.



Download a Pilot's guide to the iPad directly from Foreflight:

<http://foreflight.com/ipad/guide/pdf>

Have an idea for an event/class/topic discussion?  
 Let us know! Contact information on page 7

## “Glad You Asked!” Members Forum

### MEMBER QUESTION:

During a recent pre-flight of a Club aircraft, one main tire appeared in need of air. I wasn't certain of what to do

### ANSWER:

From a safety and handling perspective, correct tire pressures are important. And with Summer hangar temperatures very high, tires will lose a percentage of their air every day. So pilots must carefully check the tires during their pre-flight. If it is determined that tires need re-inflating, there are two avenues for the pilot: 1. Telephone the FBO and ask that a fuel truck be dispatched. The trucks are equipped with an air system. 2. Taxi to the self serve fuel station and use the air system located there. For checklist purposes here are the specific tire pressures:

Aircraft	Main	Nose
N3521Q	28	34
N944CC	26-28	18
N9490x	42	49

BTW....Make all this easier. Put a pressure gauge in your flight bag.

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

Send your questions to

[gladyouasked@fortmyersflyingclub.com](mailto:gladyouasked@fortmyersflyingclub.com)

## Pinch Hitting Pirep:

A letter from Starr Curry

On behalf of the first ever Fort Myers Flying Club Pinch Hitter Graduating Class of 2014, we would like to thank our fearless and ever flexible instructor, Dave.

It is safe to say that many of us have flown with our partners plenty of times but now we have a new respect and admiration for our pilots who are able to think about so many things at once. This new enlightenment has changed things in the Curry home- knowing that Orv is capable of flying a plane I enlist his help in all sorts of complex tasks and remind him if he can land a plane, he can load and empty a dishwasher.

Our communication has improved as well, when he's out, I call him "OSCAR ROMEO VICTOR, IDENT" and that he is "cleared to land, full stop landing" when it's time to come home. And when I need help with the baby, I "request flight following".

My favorite part about the Pinch Hitter course was learning about the instruments and gaining confidence in using the GPS. I will be a much more helpful and engaged right seat side kick now.

I hope that Dave continues to risk his life and teach this course; I plan on taking some more lessons, who knows...

No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings -William Blake

Thank you for giving us wings, Dave.

If you or your flying buddy are interested in taking the Pinch Hitting Course, please contact Dave Bliak at [bliak1@comcast.net](mailto:bliak1@comcast.net) or 239-431-0628. You can see Dave's profile page at <http://fortmyersflyingclub.com/dave>

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**FMFC Website:**  
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**MEETINGS**

General Meetings: 2nd Tuesday,  
7:00PM @ RSW Training Center  
Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday,  
6:30PM @ Page Field Base Ops  
Conference Room

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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**  
\$75 per hour + 13 gal fuel per hour

