

PPI Meeting Minutes – September 15

Attendees: Bob Zink, Rick Westerman, Daniel Lazur, Jacobo Koenig, Hannis Thompson, George Adams, Scott Duncan, Rosemary Huang, Larry Leverenz, James Polivka, Brian Hibbert, Kevin Ference, Tyler Lulich, Ryan Fruchte, Ian Barnard, Paul Shepson, Dallas Morisette, Ho Wing Kit

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

*Aircraft maintenance: *

Oil cooler on N31862 has been fixed

*Treasurer's report: *

Still waiting for August bills. In July, 91.2 hours were flown on PPI aircraft.

Checking account: \$8814.29

Equipment account: \$16240.00.

Engine replacement funds: \$28513.47. N38394 may need an engine replacement by spring break, 2009.

Insurance: \$11145.00

Membership: 29 current members as of noon, September 15, 2008.

*PPI Leadership:

*Grayson has assumed the role of acting President. Many thanks to Joel for his hard work as President. There are no plans to fill the vacant Vice-President seat before the business meeting in November.

Club Rules:

Confusion over the aircraft washing policy was brought up. The PPI rules regarding aircraft washes will be updated for more clarity. Several other rules are also being reviewed for clarity and/or applicability.

*Other business:

*A local startup named Swift Enterprises (<http://www.swiftenterprises.net/>) is working on a synthetic biofuel replacement for 100LL aviation gasoline.

Among the predicted benefits are:

15-25% improvement in cruising range

20% decrease in pollutant emissions

15% increase in volumetric energy

Lead-free

No engine modifications necessary

Grayson met with the board of Purdue Student Pugwash (<http://pugwash.student-orgs.purdue.edu/?q=>), an organization promoting social responsibility in science and technology. PPI and Pugwash are planning a joint meeting that will host a presentation by Swift Enterprises. An informal survey taken in tonight's meeting found broad interest in Swift's presentation. It may also be possible to arrange a tour of Swift's facilities.

This weekend's windy weather and its impact on flying prompted search for YouTube videos on exciting crosswind landings.

George shared his photographs from this year's trip to Oshkosh with Jim Cooper. Among the highlights were the P-51 Mustang "Quick Silver," the first ever AirCam and George's flight on a Breezy,

Hannis has only four PPI polo shirts left for sale at \$20.00 each. There are three black shirts and one white shirt left.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.