

PPI Meeting Minutes – September 30

Attendees in no particular order: Ted Rosworski, Prashant Tatineni, Bob Zink, Hannis Thompson, Larry Leverenz, Thomas Juliano, Matthew Ehrstein, Ryan McCrary, Rick Westerman, Grayson Steding, Eric Biedermann

Meeting called to order at 7:03

*New certifications and ratings: *Congratulations to Prashant Tatineni and Thomas Juliano for earning their private pilot certificates!

Treasurer's Report:

As of this meeting the September bill from Lafayette Aviation had not been received.

Account has \$8909.08 in uncommitted funds.

54.7 hours flown on PPI aircraft last month. 145.9 hours have been flown so far this fiscal year. PPI membership stands at 31.

The fuel reimbursement rate is now \$5.00 to better reflect current avgas prices.

*Maintenance Report:

*38394: Mick Gick, the chief mechanic at Lafayette Aviation, tested a number of keys and found one that does not fall out of the ignition switch. The aircraft will use this key for now. Please be gentle with the key to avoid undue wear. If this key begins falling out a replacement ignition switch may be required.

31862: There have been recurring problems with a sticky tachometer needle. Lafayette Aviation addressed the problem, but there have been reports of intermittent stickiness since then. Keep an eye on the needle and squawk any problems.

Headset: The PPI headset kept at the Laf Av front desk is broken. Linda at Lafayette Aviation has offered PPI a \$30 discount on a new \$150 headset. Since new student pilots and passengers frequently need a headset PPI will accept the offer.

*Club Rules & Regs:

*The updated club bylaws will be posted on the website soon. An additional update with descriptions for officer roles has been proposed. This will be posted before the new officer elections in November.

*Other Business:

*From the Student Aviation Organization round table:

Planning has begun for the Fly-In / Drive-In pancake breakfast to be held on April 18th, 2009. Last year's event was a success with high turnout despite bad weather. Volunteers will be needed for the 2009 event.

Alpha Beta Rho, the AvTech fraternity, is planning a November 26th trip to O'Hare International Airport for a tour of their new control tower before it's officially open for business. ABR has contacts at O'Hare that can arrange the tour.

A reminder that the joint PPI / Pugwash hosted presentation by Swift Enterprises is on December 2nd at 7:00 in 104 Wetherill Hall. Swift is developing an advanced aviation fuel as a replacement for conventional 100LL avgas. See <http://www.swiftenterprises.net/> for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm