

## Purdue Pilots Inc. meeting

January 26, 2009. 7:00 PM. Physics 110

Attendance list below. Please send corrections to Rick at westerman@purdue.edu

President Grayson Steding called the meeting to order. Pizza arrived shortly afterwards and I promptly got stains over my notebook. Grayson apologized for the slow start to the year (we had an unofficial meeting in early January). He also, humorously, mentioned that each time PPI meets financial havoc seems to take place: today 68,000 job cuts were announced in the USA.

There were no certifications nor ratings by members. There were 5 new members in attendance. The new semester call outs saw 25 attending, 12 the first night and 13 the second night. Michael Reddy (PR officer) put a lot of effort into the call outs. A big thank you to him!

### Upcoming events.

April 18. The Aviation Student Organization roundtable will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> fly-in/drive-in at the airport from 7:30 AM to noon. The attendance last year was around 200 people which is not bad considering that it was the 1<sup>st</sup> year and that there was poor weather that day. PPI is a member of the roundtable and we will be helping out at the fly-in. A suggestion was made to put flyers/posters in our planes for delivery to other airports.

Jan. 28. Concord captain Leslie Scott will be talking in Armstrong 1010.

Treasurer's report. We are at 419 flying hours for the year. This is a bit behind our desired 1000 hours that we want for good insurance and maintenance prices. We are changing the way fuel reimbursement will be done. Instead of a fixed reimbursement price we will now reimburse at the price Lafayette Aviation charges us on the day that the reimbursement takes place. This seems to be more fair to both the club and to the members. Our price is LafAv's posted price minus taxes (7%). Since LafAv's prices are not the cheapest in the area it is likely that reimbursements will break even for members.

Maintenance report. Everything is one piece. One person mentions that the Warrior's seat (862) is not latching. This will be looked into. The Archer (394) had a replacement of two landing gear bolts. The symptom of a missing bolt is a black hole where the bolt is normally located. This looks rather benign so be on the lookout for further occurrences. The strobe light on '394 may be going out. The EGT on '394 was not registering last Saturday. No one else has noticed the problem and it does seem to occur occasionally.

A question was raised before the meeting. Can a non-PPI member act as a safety pilot? The answer is yes. The only requirement from our insurance company is that the PPI member has to be the PIC (pilot in command) which basically means that the PPI member must be in the left seat.

A question was raised during the meeting: Is anyone getting a warning from Tower in regards to birds in the area. Answer: Yes. Tower may be more sensitive due to recent commercial incidents involving our feathered aviators.

Last semester we had a couple presentations entitled “We learned about flying from that”. These are member presentations about an incident that occurred to them and what they learned. We would like to have more of these. Or other member presentations. If you wish to volunteer then please get hold of Grayson or Eric Biedermann.

Next meeting Tuesday February 10 at 7:00 PM in Physics 110

After the regular meeting there was an officer's meeting. At this meeting we granted a 1 year exemption to rule #1 concerning multiple day cross country flights as per rule #5 in the same section. The three members had the exemption last year and we extended their exemption plus we added one member. The members who have the exemption until 2010 are Larry Leverenz, Hannis Thompson, Jim Cooper and Clifton Bingham.

The rules in question are:

1. All flights of over 24 hours, or overnight, require prior Executive Board approval.
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5. Pilots who have at least 190 hours of total time, hold a current instrument rating, have 1 calendar year membership in PPI, have made at least 3 multiple day cross country flights in PPI aircraft, and have 20 hours of multiple day cross country time in PPI aircraft may apply to the Executive Board for an exemption to rule #1 for multiple day cross country flights. This exemption shall remain in force for 1 calendar year or until specifically revoked by the Executive Board.

Jan 26, 2009 attendance roster (hope I have the spelling correct!)

Beeby, Todd	Jasti, Kumar	Steding, Grayson
Bingham, Clifton	Juliano, Thomas	Thompson, Hannis
Chanolloy, Namman	Lozousk, David	Urbancic, Mark
Cooper, Jim	Lulich, T.	Wada, Naoki
Duncan, Scott	McCary, Ryan	Westerman, Rick
Ference, Kevin	Polivka, James	Wright, Scott
Hodes, Ari	Ramsey, Burke	Zink, Bob
Jarak, Dave	Reddy, Michael	
	Schumann, Peter	