

Purdue Pilots Inc. meeting

February 23, 2009. 7:00 PM. Physics 110

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

As usual there is pizza and bad financial news. Grayson reports that the Dow is at 12 year low.

No new certifications or ratings. Although Grayson will be having his instrument checkride tomorrow on the 24th. We wish him good flying!

The Aviation Flight Team is having a fund raiser at Hanger 5 with Larry Gross bubbleheads, Nalgene bottles and shot glasses.

As a reminder, the Fly in is April 18th.

The Indiana DNR (department of natural resources) is having public comment on opening up all Indiana waterways to be legally seaplane accessible. At the moment there are just a handful of our waterways that can be used by seaplanes.

Treasurer's report. Lafayette Aviation is behind on getting bills to us and thus the report is not completely up-to-date. During January we had \$1000 more in expenses than income. We have about \$3000 in cash reserves not counting the \$31,000 we have set aside for an eventual engine replacement in '394. The insurance has been paid for 2009. It was the same rate as last year: \$17,810. We have flown 461.3 hours for the year. This is way behind the normal and our ultimate goal of 1000 hours for the year. The lack of hours has a major impact on our per-hour cost especially in regards to fix costs such as insurance. As an example if we fly only 500 hours in the year our fixed cost for insurance is \$35/hour where if we fly 1000 hours our fix cost is about \$18/hour. So go flying and have fun!

Maintenance report. '862 had new brake pads. There was a report that '862 is veering to the right when on the ground. Matt Gasper (head instructor at LafAv) was in the plane at the time. However the mechanic reports everything is ok. So just be careful. '394 had 100 hour checkup, 500 hour magneto check, ELT checked. New landing light, alternator belt and hardware on the prop. '394 EGT looks good.

A Purdue plane went off the runway today. The pilot just powered the plane back onto the runway. But please do not do this in our planes since, after being off the runway, there may be mud in the engine, flap, problems with fuel, etc. Just get out and stand by the plane. The tower will send somebody out to help and check over the plane.

The web page has been updated. Meeting notes are now on the site. We have enrolled as a club in Purdue's "Get Involved". See:

<http://www.getinvolved.purdue.edu/Community?action=getOrgHome&orgID=273>

David Rozovski, a PhD candidate in Industrial Eng. presented a very informative talk about the development of 787.

Next meeting, Tuesday, March 10

Feb 23, 2009 attendance roster. Let me know if you were there but did not sign the roster.

Beeby, Todd
Choudhry, Namman
DeRosa, James
Duncan, Scott
Elangan, Dylan
Jasti, Kumar
Juliano, Thomas
Huang, Rosemary
Lazur, Daniel
Lulich, Tyler
Pfiefer, Bill
Polivka, James
Reddy, Michael
Rozovski, David
Shumann, Peter
Steding, Grayson
Thompson, Hannis
Visharia, Chintan
Westerman, Rick
Zink, Bob