

Purdue Pilots Inc. meeting

April 6, 2009. 7:00 PM. Physics 110

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

As usual there is pizza up front. No new ratings for this meeting.

The Fly-In is April 18th from 700 to 1200. A big turnout is expected. \$6/adult, \$3/child for all of the pancakes you can eat. There will be a dunk tank for professors. We should have enough volunteers but if you want to stop by and help then please do so.

Treasurer's report: None.

Maintenance report. The Warrior ('862) had the right fuel gauge INOP. The right fuel sump was replaced. No problems have been reported for the Archer ('394).

Dues to increase. Semester dues will increase from \$40 to \$50. This is the first change in about 20 years. This should raise about \$700/year for the club which can be used for maintenance, dream flights, and so on.

KLAF controller at the next meeting. A controller will talk at the next meeting (April 28). There is a card to sign in the front. The card will also be at LafAv. We are presenting them with a shirt. This is a great way to learn something and show our appreciation for the hard work that they do.

Problems with Dream Flights. We seem to be having people abuse our policy on dream flights. Especially on weekends when the normal staff are not present to look after our interest; e.g., making sure that Purdue people have a chance to check out the club. Our price is lower than LafAv's. We plan to raise it to \$40 from the current \$20. Also we will have people fill in a form with their contact information and relationship to Purdue. Spouses and friends will still be allowed on the dream flights as a way to support the potential pilot.

Presentation

Grayson gave a presentation on short dinner flight from KLAF to KEYE in Indy. The return trip was in darkness. There had been a new moon the night before. Strong crosswinds were present in the north/south direction. Since the lights are only lit on 10/18 Grayson had to land on that runway and ended up doing a couple of go-arounds. Eventually he made the decision to land at Delphi which has a runway more in line with the wind. Even then the landing was more like a dark time aircraft landing. Moral is to do go-arounds if something feels uncomfortable. Also be ready and able to land somewhere else. If you do land off-site then secure the airplane and call Grayson or another officer. We can always get the airplane back home. Second moral is to think through all potential possibilities. Grayson could have landed more in line with the wind on 5/23 if it wasn't pitch black. He could have headed to Delphi in the first place. Or he could have just stayed in Indy until later.

Apr 6, 2009 attendance roster.

Let me know if you were there but did not sign the roster.

Beeby, Todd
Cooper, Jim
Corner, Robert
DeRosa, James
FERENCE, Kevin
Hades, Ari
Huang, Rosemary
Juliano, Thomas
McCrary, Ryan
Polivka, James
Reddy, Michael
Rozovksi, David
Shumann, Peter
Steding, Grayson
Stuart, Kate
Tatineni, Prashant
Walthall, C. J.
Westerman, Rick
Zink, Bob