

Purdue Pilots Inc. meeting  
September 23, 2009. 7:00 PM. Physics 111  
Attendance list is below. Please send corrections to Rick at [westerman@purdue.edu](mailto:westerman@purdue.edu)

Important note: As of Oct. 1, 2009, our rental rates will be raised by \$5.00 per hour. This means that the Warrior will be \$86/hr and the Archer \$95/hour.

President Grayson Steding led the meeting. There were no new ratings or certificates. We did have two new people who are interested in joining PPI.

#### Events

ASOR is having a photo contest with prizes. The deadline is, I believe, not until December but if you are interested then get your camera clicking.

The Niswonger Aviation Technology Building dedication is Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 until 7:30 PM. Aviation students *and PPI members* are invited from 5:00 until 7:30. There is a lot going on. A BBQ. Other aviation groups selling items. Many planes on display including a Phenom 100, a Challenger 601, some Cirri (possibly Purdue's new training fleet?) and not least our lowly bug encrusted Archer. If anyone wants to help Grayson spiffy our baby up before the dedication then please get hold of him. There will also be 40 alumni and many of the top brass of the University at the dedication so it can be a good chance to say 'hi' to them.

#### Treasurer's report

(Hannis was absent but left notes). Our current membership is 35 plus some people who have joined but who are not on the most recent roster. We are probably close to 40 members. We flew a total of 70 hours July and August which is normal due to people not being around. However we are running in the red for the year; roughly \$3000. Overall we flew less last year thus our fixed costs (insurance, annuals, etc.) have to be spread out over fewer hours. Hannis recommended that we raise our rates by \$5/hour for the upcoming year. If we do fly more then we can lower the rates next year. After the general meeting there was an officers' meeting where the rate change was approved beginning Oct. 1, 2009.

#### Maintenance report

(Ryan was absent but left notes). '862 had its annual. The DG was replaced. '394 had an oil and tire change. Chris mentioned that he thought that '394 was burning (or losing) more oil than previously. This was based on a 3 hour flight. The loss is within specs but could be a concern. The comments from the rest of members indicated that this was probably not a problem – '394 seems to burn/lose oil when it is over 7 quarts. It is also getting close to its engine overhaul.

#### imclubs.org

Grayson told us about a new group of clubs – imclubs.org – that was mentioned in AOPA online. This group encourages instrument flying via designing 'missions' (or challenges) of various difficulty for local pilots to complete. There are different ranks in the club based on how many of the missions have been completed. Chris mentioned that this reminded him of some soaring clubs. Grayson want to see how many instrument-rated pilots at Purdue would be interested in forming a chapter of imclubs – this organization would be separate from PPI.

#### Potential video

Grayson was contacted by video producers. The upshot is that we may take them up flying next Wed. Sep 30<sup>th</sup>. We will try to get both planes up so that they can have interesting photo shoots. They

would also like to interview 3-4 PPI members. The details are unknown and in any event may not occur. Grayson will keep us informed. He will also get hold of the University News Service in order to see if there are any potential problems. What we may get out of this is a professionally made video that we can put on our web site.

#### Presentations

We had a short slideshow of the Plymouth fly-in that 5 our members and both of our planes attended. There were some nice in-the-air shots of the planes. Then Grayson showed some pictures of the space shuttle being ferried back to its launching pad.

Next meeting is Wed. Sep 23, 2009, usual 7:00 PM in Physics 111.

Sep 8, 2009 Attendance roster (people with stars are new to my list)

Catalfame, Michael (\*)  
Clifton, Chris  
Cooper, Jim  
DeRosa, James  
Fenstermaker, Kevin (\*)  
Hades, Ari (\*)  
Huang, Rosemary  
Juliano, Thomas  
Leverenz, Larry  
Morrisette, Dallas  
Polivka, James  
Schmitt, Fabian (\*)  
Schirmann, Michael (\*)  
Schumann, Peter  
Steding, Grayson  
Stein, Daniel (\*)  
Westerman, Rick