

## Purdue Pilots Inc. meeting

March 3, 2010. 7:00 PM. Physics 331

Attendance list is below. Please send corrections to Rick at [westerman@purdue.edu](mailto:westerman@purdue.edu)

President Peter Schumann presided over a fairly lightly attended meeting. There was a basketball game with the consequent difficult parking and reduced attendance of the BB fans.

### **New certificates/ratings**

No new ratings but we do have a new member – Andrew Lech who is in CS.

### **Events**

AT social on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.

The ASOR Fly-in is Saturday, April 17. We are trying to get a bunch of planes for static display. So if you know of anyone who would like to park their plane for display then please let them and us know.

Don't forget the callout this Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>!

The Clinton county civil air patrol (CAP) is having training this Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Frankfort airport from 10:30 to 3:30. Stop by for an hour or so if you want to see what CAP is all about. Also see Grayson's report below.

### **Treasurer's report**

Insurance has been renewed at ~\$17,000 leaving ~\$49,000 in the checking account. We have \$57,000 allocated to our reserves, which, as you may notice, is more than our actual cash balance. However according to Grayson this is normal. The numbers for February were just in thus Grayson did not have time to check them out and give them to us. However due to the winter weather the hours are probably low. We have 29 members. The weather looks great for this weekend and the planes are (mostly) free so go out and fly and have fun!

### **Maintenance report**

Both planes are in fine condition. No one reported any problems.

### **CAP**

Grayson presented a short video about CAP (see YouTube) Basically CAP was formed in 1941 just before Pearl Harbor to help patrol for U-boats. It continues its "defense of America" mission but also helps out in police duties and air rescue. It is a cost effective way for these missions to be done since the pilot and spotters (usually two – the mission observer and mission scanner) do this for free (people actually pay to join CAP plus provide their own uniforms). Additionally the plane costs are relatively cheap. As a pilot you can get free flying hours. Participating in CAP is fun and you meet interesting people. The Clinton county squad is looking for more participants. If you are interesting then dropping by their training session this Sunday would be a good chance to see what CAP is all about.

## **Black Sky – Winning the X prize**

We saw the first half of the Discovery Channel's documentary on winning the Ansari X-prize for being the first non-governmental organization to achieve two sub-orbital space flights. Personally not having paid much attention to the X-prize I found the documentary fascinating. When they trotted out the pilot – Mike Neville – I thought to myself, “this guy looks old enough to be retired sitting in his rocking chair with a grandkid on either knee.” Turns out that he **is** a grandfather and retired. But not sitting on a rocking chair. Instead at the age of 63 he was sitting on an experimental rocket boosting him to outer space at mach 2.7. Think about that the next time you feel “too old”.

**Next meeting** is Wednesday March 31 usual 7:00 PM in Physics 333. Have a good Spring break!

PPI attendance list

Date: 3/3/2010

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Catalfamo, Michael	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smidler, Derek
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chaudhry, Namman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steding, Grayson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clifton (Bingham), Chris	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thompson, Hannis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comer, Robert	<input type="checkbox"/>	Turkstra, Jeff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooper, Jim	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visharia, Chinton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cronin, David	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wada, Naoki
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ference, Kevin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Westerman, Rick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Festermaker, Kevin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheaton, Brad
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Reddy, Michael		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharp, Scott		

*Other people*

Murat Kulakmetov

Detrinidad, Isaac

Andrew Lech

