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Important Dates:

December 13, 2007
7:30 PM, Clubhouse

Board Meeting

January 3, 2007
7:00 PM, Clubhouse

Upcoming Events:

Wings Program
January

Aviation Day
February

Snow Removal



Keep in mind during the winter, to keep the snow in front of your hangar clear by shoveling it. The plows can only get so close to the building.

If not cleaned quickly, the snow will turn to ice and be very difficult to remove.

Do not open your hangar door unless the snow/ice has been removed, as it could tear the seal or damage the door or motor.



Assemblyman Robert Oaks, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Sodus Supervisor Steve LeRoy, Water Project Manager Sean Kennedy, Grant Administrators Jack Fuller and Wes Somerville at the December 8th ceremony at the Williamson-Sodus Airport. (photo by Rick McCutchan)

December, 2007

From The President by Pam Tarkington

Before anything else, I, as well as the BOD, wish all of you the very best for the Holiday Season.

Last week saw a lot of activity for the club. On Saturday, December 8, Senator Nozzolio, Assemblyman Oaks and Supervisor LeRoy were at the airport to officially open our gas and water lines, and were welcomed by about 40 Club Members. Thanks to all who came out.

On the same evening, we had our yearly Holiday Party. As always Bob and Ellen did a fantastic job - as has been their tradition. What would we do without them?!

Our by-laws require that I appoint a nominating committee. The members are: Fred Haas, Jake De Groot and Doc Malchoff. As I believe that no one can impune the integrity of these gentleman, they shall also be the vote counters.

If any members are interested in holding a club office, please contact one of these gentlemen. The Nomination process



The Main Valve is opened on the new water line by (L to R) Senator Nozzolio, Assemblyman Oaks, Sean Kennedy, Wes Somerville, Town Supervisor Steve LeRoy (partially hidden), Pam Tarkington and Jack Fuller. (Photo by Bob Fratangelo)

is explained on Page 2. This year the following positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and one Director position on the Board.

I'd like to let you all know that Mike is planning an FAA Wings Seminar for January.

In addition, the 2nd annual Aviation Day will be in February. Please let us know if there are any specific topics you'd like to have covered.

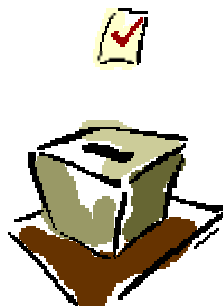
Happy Holidays!



Sean Kennedy opens hydrant for dramatic show. (Photo by Rick McCutchan)

Elections at February General Meeting

Elections, held at our February General Meeting, require candidates for office. The Nominating Committee will provide a collection of candidates for the offices that are open for election.



Club members are allowed to nominate qualified Active or Permanent Members

for any office. Additional qualifications require that a person nominated must have attended at least 6 General Meetings in the previous Year (February through January). Nominations for office will come from the floor at the January Meeting.

The following Active and Permanent Members qualify as of the printing of this newsletter: Denny Ankrom, Bill Bach, Glenn Barlis, Mike Bebernitz, Gary Crawford, Jake DeGroot, Joe Ebert, Frances Englund, Ron Foti, Jack

Fuller, Jim Guild, Fred Haas, Bob Herloski, Floyd Johnson, Chris Karpenko, Doc Malchoff, Rick McCutchan, Mick McKee, Eric Mehserle, Lance Merritt, Jim O'Donnell, Bob Robideau, Mark Rynearson, Scott Sawdey, Corky Schoeneman, Mike Shippers, Duane Sims, Wes Somerville, Gary Stevens, Marv Stewart, Pam Tarkington, Ed Wilkonski.

The following members have attended 5 meetings: Dave Guild, Jim Markovitz, Kathy Sanger, Jim Swan, Jim Wilkins and Archie Woodworth.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Herloski

If you've been in the clubhouse within the past week or so, you might have noticed that we have a new credit card reading machine. The old machine has been having more frequent issues with the printer not working; the new machine has an integrated thermal printer. In addition, by the time you read this, the machine will be enabled to accept debit cards.

Why does this matter?

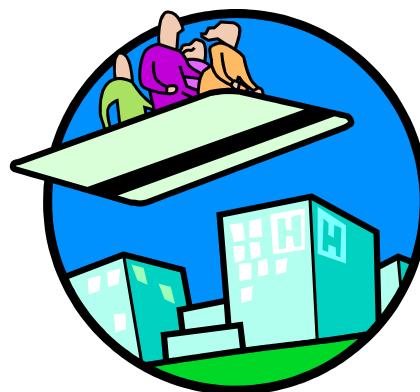
Business that accept credit cards as payment pay a fee for each transaction. The fee is between 2% and 4% of the transaction value, depending on the type of credit card used. For example, if one has a "rewards" or "points" card, the transaction fee we pay is 1% or

more larger than normal (what, you thought the credit card companies paid the rewards themselves?)

However, if one uses a debit card with a PIN number, the transaction fee is a flat amount that is somewhat less than \$1. So if your transaction is more than about \$35 or so, a business will pay less in transaction fees if you use a debit card. The club pays, on average, about \$90 a month in credit card fees for transactions (including bill payments) run through our card reader. Even if only half of our transactions (bill payments) are switched over to a debit card, we'll pay for the cost of a new credit card reader

in much less than a year.

Let me know if you have any questions about the operation, or anything else, regarding the new credit card reader. The club provides credit card service to our members (and walk-in customers)



Some point out that the true force that keeps aircraft aloft is...money.

as a convenience.

Rental Price of N3442R to be Temporarily Reduced

After substantial examination of the use of N701DT, N9855W, N3442R and N4355F, it has been discovered that 42R and 55F aren't flying much, while 55W and IDT are in the air quite a bit.

Many club members who used to fly 4CF now find that they can't fly either 55W or IDT because they are used heavily by students. Those comfortable

with the rental price of 4CF may be balking at 42R's cost. N444CF was priced at \$70/hour. In order to get more members flying, the Board of Directors has agreed to reduce, temporarily, the rental price of 42R to \$74/hour. The price was arrived at by determining that 42R burns 1 gallon more of fuel per hour than did 4CF, and that extra gallon was factored in.

This price adjustment is only temporary, and it will be reexamined on an ongoing basis.

Your Board hopes this allows more folks to get into the air, especially until we find a replacement aircraft for 4CF.

Happy Flying!