



The WFC Flyer



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General Meeting

May 8, 2008
7:30 PM, Clubhouse

Board Meeting

June 5, 2008
7:00 PM, Clubhouse

Lunch Served

Saturdays at noon-ish



'55W is back from the paint shop (Photo: Mike Bjerga)

Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday May 18

Breakfast Committee Chairperson's Meeting

May 8, 2008
6:30PM at the club-
house

From The President by Pam Tarkington

As you all know, we now have insurance - but, it has come at a price - and, by that I mean more than just money.

We are required to alternate the club airplanes between the two shops on the field: no annual/100 hour at any shop twice in a row. You will be required to attend 3 of the 4 safety seminars that the club will present each year. As an alternative, you may substitute a Wings seminar.

Perhaps what will be the greatest inconvenience is the new airplane key restrictions on club planes. When you want to fly a plane you must be physically given the keys. To obtain the key, your BFR, club annual and medical must be up to date and you must have flown within the last 90 days. Your BOD has appointed the following members as "keepers of the keys": Mike Bjerga, Mike Shippers, Denny Ankrom, Lance Merritt and Jack Fuller. Tom Litteer is an alternate. They will be relying on your profile on Aircraft Clubs.com; please make sure that your information is current. If you will be doing a night flight, please arrange with one of these members to meet you at the airport. When

you return the plane, if one of these members is not there, please drop the keys in the secretary's box. Hopefully, if we keep our record clean, we'll be able to do away with this in a year or so.

Our disaster plan is 11 years old. Currently, this is being updated. One of the things that we'll be doing is accounting for the planes that are out overnight. There will be a notebook on the front desk. Please sign out any planes that will be out overnight and indicate when you plan to return. This includes club planes as well as privately owned planes.

Thanks,

Pam

Flight Rx *by Dr. Pam Tarkington*

MRSA

MRSA is an acronym for methacillin (an antibiotic) resistant staphylococcus aureus.

This has been in the press a lot lately and in some ways, has been the latest media hype. I don't mean to imply that it is not an important issue - as it definitely is but just not as scary as some news announcements would have you believe.

Staphylococcus (staph.) can produce a wide variety of infection ranging from mild pustules to fatal septicemia. It can cause infections of the bone, soft tissue abscess, traumatic and surgical wound infection, pneumonia, meningitis and even food poisoning. As an aside, staphylococcus played a role in the development of penicillin in 1929, Fleming noted the antibacterial effect on a culture of staph. contaminated with penicillin. Potentially pathogenic forms are carried on the skin or in the nose of 20-50% of all individuals.

Staph. has an easy ability to acquire antibiotic resistance. Fleming was mentioned earlier; penicillin came into use as an antibiotic in 1940 - by 1942 there were some staph. that were resistant to it. In the 1960's, most staph. were resistant to this drug. Another antibiotic, methacillin, made its debut in the late 1950's; by 1963 there were some staph. that were resistant to

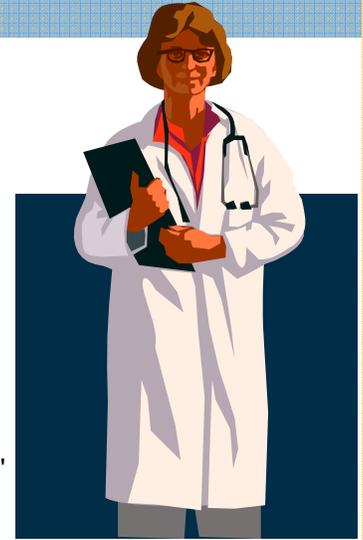
this antibiotic. In some hospitals in the 1990's over 50% were resistant.

One is predisposed to this infection by dialysis, residence in a long term care facility, those with diabetes, previous hospitalization, cirrhosis, AIDS, IV drug abuse and contact sports (due to skin damage).

The main route of transmission is via health care workers' hands. Good hand washing and the use of gloves and gowns can vastly reduce the transmission of MRSA. Getting a flu shot can help reduce the likelihood of pneumonia with MRSA.

There are also drugs that can be used: vancomycin (although some resistance has developed to this drug), linezolid, tigecycline, etc.

- Pam



Treasurer's Report *by Bob Herloski*

1. A revised pilot history on the new AIM form was due from all club pilots by May 2; we have received a short deadline extension to May 8. Please note: if I do not receive your revised pilot history form by May 8, you will not be listed on the aircraft insurance policy as an insured, and you will not be allowed to fly club aircraft.
2. There have been a number of insurance changes that especially affect family club members, club members hangaring

private aircraft (and autos, RVs, ...) at the airport, and club members receiving flight instruction from WFC in their private aircraft. We will discuss this in more detail at the general membership meeting, and perhaps at a special session soon thereafter. Please contact me if you have any questions after the discussion at the general meeting.

- Bob

Annual Pancake Breakfast *by Bill Bach*



Our Breakfast is just around the corner! This year, our hours will be 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Grill set up will be on Wednesday, May 14 a 5:00 PM. Saturday, May 17th, is the set up day for the breakfast. Lunch will be feature a delicious barbeque, courtesy of Corky and MaryLou Schoenaman. On Sunday the 18th, member parking will be in the regular parking area behind the Club House and maintenance hangars.

Members should enter the Airport from Rte. 104, as usual. At 6:30 that entrance will be closed to all traffic and you will have to enter from Centenary Road. Our parking staff will be on hand to assist. When you arrive, check in at the Club House for your assignment.

We need an all-out effort to make this event a huge success! I look forward to seeing you there.

- Bill