



The WFC Flyer



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General Meeting

Feb. 12, 2009
7:00 PM, Clubhouse

Board Meeting

Mar. 5, 2009
7:00 PM, Clubhouse



Is this old airplane is safe to fly? Just how in the world do you think it got to be this old?

Election of Officers will take place at the Feb. general meeting.

President:

Joe Ebert

Vice President

Lance Merritt

Treasurer

Bob Herloski

Secretary

Tom Henderson
Bob Robideau

Director

Bill Bach
Glenn Steed
Michael Shippers

From The President by Pam Tarkington

Let's get down to business first: there are still some of you who have not submitted all of the necessary paper work for hanger lease - and this was due by Dec. 31st. We need your signed lease agreement as well as a letter from your insurance company naming the Williamson Flying Club as an additional insured. Please get the necessary forms to the Secretary ASAP.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish to thank all of you for the privilege and honor of allowing me to be your president for the last two years. Thanks to you, we have accomplished a lot together: safety seminars, scout day, accelerating the payment of the Nicoletta loan, getting a new maintenance business on the field and several other activities that brought the members together. None of this could have been accomplished without your support. This is what makes our club so great: we do things together and only together we can continue to be such a good club.

I realize that there are certain things that tend to divide us (owners vs renters, insurance, etc).

Although it may be hard to do so, we should place the union of us all (WFC) above our individual gains—in doing so, we shall all come out ahead.

I sincerely believe that we should not divide ourselves into difference groups but forge together as one.

The elections will take place at the next general meeting. As there is only one candidate running for the offices of president, vice president and treasurer this will be done by a show of hands. The offices of secretary and board member, as there are more than one candidate, will be done by ballot. I have been asked to do so by a number of members as they believe that a show of hands will open their intentions and they do not wish to do so publicly. Hence, there will be a 15 minute break to count the votes before we have the show of hands vote.

Again, my sincere thanks and gratitude to each of you. Please give the next administration your very best support.

Pancake Breakfast - Bill Bach

It's that time of year for us to start planning for our 2009 WFC Fly-In Breakfast. The first meeting with all Committee co-chairs will be Thursday, February 12th, 6:30 P.M. at the clubhouse. For those members who are new since last year's event, I will be available at the regular

club meetings to explain how it works and answer any questions you may have. Also feel free to send me an email if you cannot be there in person.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Herloski

At the February membership/annual meeting, I will give the formal annual report. As required by statute, the report will contain:

- (1) assets and liabilities of the corporation at the end of the fiscal year, and changes in such,
- (2) revenue and expenses of the corporation during the fiscal year,
- (3) number of members of the corporation, and changes in such during the fiscal year.

I will be available after the meeting to discuss any details of this financial information with any members, if desired. I will also present an updated 2009 budget and

5 year plan. As mentioned last month, the projected net income of the corporation for 2009 will not meet the total needs for net income usage in 2009 (primarily Nicoletta loan payments and engine fund transfer). The Board has agreed to use some of our reserve funds to cover the 2009 shortfall. The reserve fund usage is a one-time situation; the structural budget shortfall will have to be addressed for 2010 and beyond. If any member is interested in being part of committee to review club financial information and provide recommendations to the Board in terms of spending reductions and/or revenue increases, please let me know.

Flight Rx by Dr. Pam Tarkington

YOUR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

TO GET TO THE SKY: BE HONEST ON THE GROUND

There are some unfortunates who are afraid to fly - then, there are those pilots who feel that the loss of their medical certificate is a fate worse than death. It has been known that some pilots are less than honest in reporting visits to medical providers or that they "forget" about medical conditions or drugs that they are taking. Remember, many medical conditions can be certified.

Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (section 67:403) states that you are forbidden to lie on your Airman Medical Application. If you do lie, the penalties can be loss of your medical and pilot certificates, fines of up to \$250,000 and even jail time of up to five years. Going to jail is rare: however last year a pilot who lied about having diabetes was sentenced to 16 months in jail and 2 years probation after being involved in an accident.

In a review of fatal accidents between 1993-2003, evidence was found that of the more than 4000 fatal accidents about 10% of the pilots involved had a serious medical condition that they "failed" to report.

There is a case of a pilot doing air surveillance on wild animals who experienced a fatal crash. The NTSB found that he failed to report his history of diabetes and congestive heart failure and that the accident was a

result of his incapacitation due to this history.

Remember that by signing your application for a medical certificate you give the FAA permission to look at the National Driver's Registry for violations about drug and alcohol convictions. Recently the medical application also includes a question regarding receiving any form of disability compensation. The question came about because Operation Safe Pilot revealed cases in which pilots who were receiving disability benefits failed to report said disabilities on their medical application form.



As I've said before, the FAA has become much more lenient about pilots flying with certain medical conditions: today pilots who have diabetes, MI, deafness and even heart transplants are flying and legally doing so.

What can you do if you think you have a problem? Your AME can help. The FAA has a valuable website (<http://www.faa.gov/pilots/medical>). Members of several organizations (AOPA, EAA, etc) have medical certification units that can help you.

As always, any questions please call.