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Minimum Equipment List Update

Steve Loyer

The FAA has approved our use of minimum equipment lists (MEL). Rich Kupiec, Jason McCrear and I have completed the required procedures manual for each aircraft. I am in the process of getting them printed and put in each aircraft. Instructions for using the MELs are given in the front section of the manuals. We will be having a training session in their use at January's BOD meeting. Until then, if you have any questions regarding the MEL, the procedures manual or aircraft squawks in general, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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The club has decided to go in a different direction with our aircraft scheduling system. We have begun using the website www.aircraftclubs.com. Everyone should have received an email with their user id and password. The new system is easy to use, easy to administer and comes at a reasonable price. The system has an optional telephone access system which we have not purchased at this time. Dave Pulver, James Whitely and I have administrative rights to the system, which allows us to change the schedules of other members. This will allow us to alter the schedule for anyone who doesn't have immediate access to the internet for some reason. As a rule, we will only change a members schedule at the direct request of that member.

November Maintenance Report

Rich Kupiec

N428DW: Complied with AD 2004-19-01 requiring inspection of seat belts. Replaced the ELT battery. No squawks were reported on 428DW.

N6693M: Complied with AD 2004-19-01, requiring inspection of seat belts. We are waiting for a replacement for the propeller spinner that cracked and a used spinner has been temporarily installed. The rotating beacon is

inoperative and the parts are on order. I will advise everyone when installed.

N2493Q: Complied with AD 2004-19-01, requiring inspection of seat belts. The #1 NAV was reported as inoperative. The radio was removed, the connections and antenna were checked. A flight test indicated all systems functioning.

Preflight Seminar

Bob McKinon

The local FSDO will allow us to host a Wings seminar if we follow their guidelines. The guidelines are:

- A two hour presentation on aviation stuff.
- Must stay focused on subject matter (no hanger talk).
- The FSDO will advertise this to the aviation community as a Wings program and everyone is invited.

One advantage of doing this is to attract new members. Another is to use this as an opportunity to train all our members on preflight to include the use of a MEL. James Whitely and I have been trying to put together a plan to make this happen. It is going to require a lot of work from volunteers who are interested in becoming flight instructors or need participation time in this sort of activity. We intend to get started on

Calendar

Plane Wash Dates:

February 6th, 2005

April 2nd, 2005

All begin at 9:00am.

Next BOD: January 3rd 2005,
Location is to be announced. An MEL training session will begin at 6:30 P.M. The board meeting will follow.

this soon (two weeks ago). If you want to participate, or have ideas, call James or me.

Speak Up!

Steve Loyer

One of my duties as club president is to act as the club's ombudsman. This means that it is my responsibility to address member concerns on a wide range of club related issues. I'm generally available at the phone numbers and email addresses posted on the club web site under the "Contact Us" section. I can't promise that I will always be able to resolve a given problem or concern, but I promise to listen and follow up where necessary. It's important to me that I be made aware of member issues as soon as possible in order to work toward a resolution quickly.