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Annual Meeting

Steve Loyer

The club's annual meeting was held on March 8th at the Falcon Field Park. Ten members were in attendance, as well as two inactive members, and seven guests. Captain Allan Pearlstein and Major Mel Bridges for the Arizona Wing of the Civil Air Patrol gave a presentation on their organization. Elections for the 2005 Board of Directors were held. Special thanks go to Ron Behee for bringing the projection equipment and Bob McKinion for purchasing the food and manning the grill.

2005 Board of Directors

President	Steve Loyer
Vice President	Gil Day
Secretary	James Whitely
Treasurer	Jerry Doris
Safety Officer	Bob McKinion
Maintenance Officer	Rich Kupiec
Avionics Officer	Dave Pulver
Member-at-large	Rob Smalley
Member-at-large	Jason McCrea

Calendar

Plane Wash Dates:

April 2nd, 2005

Begin at 9:00am. We will be flying someplace for lunch afterwards. Pilots will be chosen at random from the work crew. Flight time will be on the club.

Next BOD Meeting: April 4th, 2005, Offices of Network Analysis at Stellar Airpark, beginning at 6:30p.m.

Welcome and Welcome Back

A warm welcome to our newest member, Ron Greenbank. Ron recently earned his certificate in a conventional gear aircraft. Ron has already stepped up to help the club by manning our booth at the Cactus Fly-In at Casa Grande.

Tom May has decided to reactivate his membership with the club. Welcome back Tom.

New Members Needed!

The club's budget assumes a membership of 35 to 40 members, flying 2.25 hours a month per member. Currently we have 29 members and have been flying less than 2 hours a month per member. To continue to maintain our current fleet of aircraft we need to attract additional members. The club has put up flyers in all the local airports, put adds in the newspaper and attended local flying events all in an attempt to build the membership. However one of the best resources in this task is the personal contact of the membership itself. If anyone knows of someone who is currently renting, thinking of getting back into flying after an extended absence or thinking of learning to fly, they should try to sell the club as an option. We also have additional color flyers if anyone wants to put a few up somewhere.

Stellar CTAF now 122.9

The common traffic advisory frequency at Stellar has been changed from 122.8 to 122.9. The change also affects the pilot controlled airport lighting. There are signs posted at the ends of the runway and a NOTAM alerting pilots to the change.

Southwest Sportsplanes.com Simulator

Ron Behee has purchased a simulator as part of his new sport plane venture. It is a nice setup with wrap around visuals. He is offering club members an hour of free time to check it out. Ron's business partner, Sky, can be contacted at 480-250-3643 or sky@southwestsportsplanes.com for

arrangements. Also, you can check out their website at www.southwestsportsplanes.com.

Important Insurance Change Affecting Renters Insurance

Steve Loyer

A recent change to the club's insurance policy might affect members who choose to maintain renters insurance. Previously, the club's policy was written such that only the corporation was considered part of the policy. Under this arrangement our insurance company could choose to hold the member pilot responsible for damages. For this reason, the club has in the past recommended that members purchase renter's insurance to cover them in that circumstance. Our policy has now been changed to include member pilots in the coverage. The good part about this is that our insurance company cannot come after the member pilot in the event of the accident. The bad part comes in the fact that the club's rules and regulations state that the club may hold a member responsible for damages to club aircraft up to including the amount of our insurance deductible, currently \$2500. Because member pilots are now covered under the club's insurance policy, most renters' insurance policies are unlikely to pay in the event the board should hold a member responsible for the deductible. Members should check with their insurance company to find out for sure. Because of this change, the club no longer recommends that our members purchase renters insurance to cover them in the club's airplanes.