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Increase in Fuel Prices May Require Increase in Hourly Rates

Steve Loyer

Fuel Prices at Stellar have risen to \$2.99 per gallon in the last few weeks. Since the club buys most of its fuel there, its fuel price is used as a benchmark for determining our hourly operating costs. If memory serves, the last time we adjusted our hourly rates, fuel was \$2.59 per gallon. The difference between these fuel prices means \$4.00 has been added to the cost of operating 428DW and nearly \$5.00 to the cost of flying the 182s. The board of directors will most likely be discussing this topic at length at September's meeting.

Instrument Training Slot Open

Eric Durbin, Club CFII

I would like to congratulate Rich Kupiec on passing his instrument checkride! I now have an open slot for anyone interested in working on their instrument rating, or looking to improve autopilot or GPS skills. I prefer Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6PM, but can be available on weekend mornings as well. Email me at eric@2wired.com if interested.

New Board Member-at-Large

Steve Loyer

The club's board-of-directors has appointed Bill McGrath to complete Jason McCrea's term as member-at-large on the club's board of directors. Bill has also volunteered to act as the crew chief for 6693M.

Welcome New Members

Welcome aboard to Sam Waters and Jay Beckman. Sam and Jay bring our membership to 34. Since we would like to have between 40 and 45 members, we will continue to search for qualified pilots to join us.

Maintenance Report

Rich Kupiec

N428DW: Replaced tail recognition light bulb.

N6693M: Errors on the GPS CDI were found to be caused by a switch selection on the autopilot. Since the autopilot is inoperative anyway, it was removed. The CDI was also found to be sticking, so it was removed and sent to the manufacturer for repair. The rotating beacon power supply was sent to Whelen for repair under warranty. We will install these items upon their return.

N2493Q: Waiting for replacement parking brake cable to arrive. It is expected by August 24th.

Calendar

Plane Wash and Fly-In Dates:

October 1st, 2005

January 7th, 2006

April 1st, 2006

Next BOD Meeting: September 12th, 2005, Offices of Network Analysis at Stellar Airpark, beginning at 7:00 p.m.