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## Fuel Costs and Hourly Rates

*Steve Loyer*

At the September meeting, it was decided to put off raising the hourly rates until the November meeting. The hope was that the spike up in the price of avgas was a temporary situation due to hurricane Katrina. At the time of the decision the price for 100LL at Stellar was \$3.10. As of September 20<sup>th</sup> the price at Stellar was \$3.59! Needless to say such rapid changes make it very difficult to nail down what our hourly rates should be. One of the things that the club may consider is instituting some sort of fuel surcharge to be added to the hourly rates. This could be set on a monthly basis based on fuel receipts from the previous month or perhaps the fuel price at Stellar on the last day of the month. In any case, I'm sure that this will be a topic of much discussion at the next couple of board meetings.

### Calendar

Plane Wash and Fly-In Dates:

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

For Octobers wash, we will meet at 6:00 a.m. to wash. When we are finished, we will fly to Coolidge for pancakes.

Cooper State Fly-In: October 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed to man our booth. Contact Steve Loyer if you can help out.

Next BOD Meeting: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Offices of Network Analysis at Stellar Airpark, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

## Club Etiquette

*Miss Manners*

Gentle reader, I'm including this as a guide to our newest members and also as a reminder to those who have been around awhile. Any similarities to pilots, past or present is purely coincidental.

The Clodbusters historically have maintained a fairly libertarian viewpoint regarding rules and regulations. After all, we are all adults who at some point were intelligent enough and motivated enough to earn our pilots certificates. Since we don't have a lot of rules and regulations, getting along with our fellow members requires a certain amount of etiquette and general understanding. So I'm passing these little nuggets along as suggestions. Most should be common sense:

- 1) Don't hog the schedule. Reserve an aircraft only if you are seriously planning on flying that date. This is especially true for weekends.
- 2) Be flexible. If you have a plane reserved and someone asks you to give up all or part of the time, consider carefully their request. If you really had your heart set on flying, consider inviting them along to share the flight time.
- 3) Don't be shy. If someone has a plane reserved, ask him if they plan to use the entire period. Often what gets planned as an all day trip, turns into a couple of hours.
- 4) State your intentions. If you have a plane scheduled, but have to cancel at the last minute, let everyone know, so that someone else can use it. The same goes for unused portions of a long reservation. Conversely, if you must extend your reservation, or some mechanical problem makes an aircraft unavailable, please make every effort to contact the next affected pilot(s).
- 5) Clean up after yourself. Keep the planes nice for the next guy. Please pay special attention to the leading edges and the

- windscreen. It is far easier to remove the bugs while they are fresh than after they have baked in the Arizona heat.
- 6) Be responsible. If you see something that is not right, say something.
  - 7) Be diplomatic. When communicating with fellow members, be mindful that email is the worst possible media for dealing with sensitive issues. Potentially contentious issues are better dealt with over the phone or better still, face-to-face.

### **Welcome New Members**

Welcome aboard to Ron Chase, Brad Ewalt, Jim Lawson and Paul Wendorff. Their arrival brings our membership to 37. 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*

**N2493Q:** Replaced both main tires and right brake lining. Repaired aux power connector. Hard wired the push-to-talk switches into the audio panel.

**N428DW:** Replaced EGT sensor and replaced right tire.

**N6693M:** No maintenance required.