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October's Newsletter

Steve Loyer

In case you missed October's newsletter, you didn't miss it, because I never got around to producing it. Lame excuses aside, for those apt to complain about it, I have a few words for them: "Congratulations you are the new newsletter editor."

New Avionics Officer

Steve Loyer

Dave Pulver has requested inactive membership status. Because only active members can serve on the club's board of directors, his position as avionics officer is vacated. Bill McGrath has volunteered to fill the remainder of Dave's term. Since Bill was previously a board member-at-large, this position is in turn now open. We will attempt to fill the member-at-large position at December's board meeting. If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact me or plan to attend the next meeting.

LEA Alaris

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Sky McCorkle, the president of the League of Extraordinary Aviators, has made an offer to the club to allow club members to rent his Alaris for a fixed hourly rate through the Clodbusters. The League is a for-profit flying club that Sky is trying to get started. The Alaris is a two place IFR equipped trainer with approximately the same performance as a Cessna 152.

The club's board of directors is still debating the proposal. The primary advantage to

us is access to a well-equipped training aircraft without increasing our fixed costs. We have some concerns involving the fact the club would essentially act as third-party intermediary between club members who want to rent the Alaris and LEA Inc. We are also concerned about the dilution of flying hours of our present fleet. With LEA's current offer, the club would have to charge about the same hourly rate as our other aircraft to cover fuel costs and insure that any flight time taken from our owned fleet would not impact our bottom line. Please note that we are in no way entertaining the notion of selling any of our current aircraft.

To gauge member interest in this sort of thing we are trying to make arrangements for demonstration flights or perhaps an open house. As always if you have questions on concerns please feel free to contact me or any other board member. We will have further discussions at the next board meeting.

Bob McKinion

In case you haven't heard by now, the club's safety officer, Bob McKinion, was involved in an airplane accident in Mesa. The accident airplane belonged to the student pilot that Bob was instructing. The student pilot needed stitches and Bob has two broken hands. Because of Bob's injuries, he will be unable to instruct for the next month or so. Eric Durbin, the club's other CFI, has been handling club checkouts for Bob. If you are planning on flying with a club instructor anytime in the near future, be advised that Eric's schedule is somewhat less flexible than Bob's and you will need to plan accordingly.

Maintenance Report

Rich Kupiec

N2493Q: Annual inspection completed.

N428DW: Changed oil and filter and cut open filter and found no metal. Repaired the left and right magnetos. Installed serviceable engine mount, resealed nose strut and installed nose wheel fairing decals. Replaced taxi light along with beacon bulb. Replaced broken left window spring and static wick. Inspected nose wheel strut and removed steering rod to inspect

Calendar

Plane Wash and Fly-In Dates:

January 7th, 2006

April 1st, 2006

Next BOD Meeting: December 5th,
Offices of Network Analysis at
Stellar Airpark, beginning at 7:00
p.m. All are welcome to attend.

springs and adjusted tension. Replaced defective starter.

N6693M: Changed oil and filter. Cut open filter and found no metal. Oil analysis taken and report sent to Millennium Engines for warranty. Installed left and right tires and left brake linings. Removed voltage regulator and removed corrosion from terminal end.