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## 428DW Engine Overhaul

*Steve Loyer*

The engine in 428DW has reached the manufactures recommended time between overhaul of 2000 hours. While an overhaul is not required when reaching the TBO limit, the board feels that putting it off would be unwise. To that end we have scheduled the overhaul to be performed while the aircraft is in for its annual inspection at the end of June. It is anticipated that the aircraft could be in the shop for the better part of a month. Also, once the new engine is installed on the aircraft, it will require a period of break-in during which the type of operations that will be permitted will be limited.

## 93Q LORAN Replacement

*Steve Loyer*

As most are aware, the LORAN unit in 93Q is no longer functioning. Since that type of navigation equipment is now obsolete, it would not make sense to pay for the cost of repair. The board of directors has been exploring our options for replacing the unit with a panel mount GPS. The best option, from a functionality standpoint, would be to replace the LORAN and King radio with a Garmin 430. Unfortunately, the installed cost of between \$11,000 and \$14,000 doesn't fit within the club's current budget. We have also considered installing a GPS only / VFR only

unit. However the \$5000 cost doesn't seem reasonable when a handheld unit with much the same functionality can be purchased for a couple thousand dollars less. To that end we are exploring the possibility of having a portable GPS unit available for anyone flying 93Q who needs one.

## Watch Those Wings!

Over the last month, we had two incidents where club members taxied aircraft into stationary objects. The cause of these incidents was pilot distraction and inattention. It is sometimes easy to forget how far out those wings really stick. Even when taxiing on the yellow line, care must be taken. Bob McKinion, the club's safety officer, offers this advice: "If there is a space between the shadows of the object you are taxing past of your wing, you are going to miss."

## Member-At-Large

James Whitely has resigned from the club. This leaves his position as board member-at-large open. Anyone who would be willing to help the club out by filling this position is asked to attend the next board meeting.

### Calendar

Plane Wash and Fly-In Dates:

July 15<sup>th</sup>

October 7<sup>th</sup>

January 6<sup>th</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Next Board Meeting:

May 8th, Beginning at 7:00p.m.,  
Offices of Network Analysis,  
Stellar Airpark. All members  
and guests welcome.