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Summer Reminders

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With the high temperatures forecasted to be near 110 this weekend, it goes without saying that summer is upon us. I wanted to remind everyone of a couple of things that pertain to operating our aircraft in the summer.

The first thing is density altitude. Even here in the valley its not unusual to experience D.A. of near 5000ft during the hottest days. One need only look at our aircraft performance charts to see what kind of effect that has on take off run, etc. Something else to keep in mind in this regard is loading. If you're loading restrictions will require you to have less than a full tank of gas when you arrive at the aircraft, please plan ahead and ask that those flying before you don't fill the tanks.

Next, on hot days, proper leaning becomes important to prevent spark plug fouling. Generally speaking the aircraft should be leaned aggressively during taxi and leaned for best power prior to departure.

Please be aware of the correct hot start procedures for 8DW. Failure to follow the correct procedure will result in prolonged starting cycles which is hard on both the starter and the battery especially when the ambient temperature is +100. The hot start procedure is given in the POH.

Finally, be sure to chain the aircraft securely after flight, especially as the monsoon approaches. Also, please make sure all vents and windows are closed to prevent the cockpit from filling with dust.

Member-At-Large

Greg Clouse has volunteered to replace James Whitely as member-at-large on the club's board of directors. The board voted to appoint him at May's meeting.

Calendar

Plane Wash and Fly-In Dates:

July 15th

October 7th

January 6th

April 7th, 2007

Next Board Meeting:

June 12th, Beginning at 7:00p.m.,
Offices of Network Analysis,
Stellar Airpark. All members
and guests welcome.