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Aircraft Locations

Comanche 9014PCHD
.....T-Shades, spot #2

Archer 47601.....CHD
.....T-Shades, spot #10

Arrow 31386.....DVT
.....West Hangar #7-12

Archer 30749.....DVT
.....East Hangar #9-9

The next rotation of the Arrow and Comanche will be in early April.

Annual Meeting and Banquet

RICK RIDENOUR

Reminder! If you plan to attend the annual meeting and banquet and have not returned your RSVP, please do so today! If you have lost your RSVP form or if you did not receive one, please contact Tom Lessor at 602-788-4751 or email him at treasurer@phoenixflyers.org.

This year's Annual Meeting and Banquet has been scheduled for **Friday January 16, 2004**. The dinner will be held at the University Club of Phoenix, located at 39 East Monte Vista, Phoenix, AZ 85004. A cash bar reception starts at 7pm with dinner to follow at 7:30pm. The annual meeting will be held at the conclusion of dinner.

Member Resignations

TOM LESSOR

Three long-time members of the club resigned in December. We bid farewell to Warren Fry, Stephen Fox and Andrew Dumbrell. We wish them bright skies and clear sailing in whatever the future has in store. Take care and best of luck to all three. We're glad you were able to be a part of the club.

Maintenance

BOB SKALKA

30749

- Annual inspection completed.
- Seat height adjustment fixed.
- Landing light replaced.
- Transponder inoperative (Mode C never works and Mode A is intermittent). Westwind is trouble shooting.

31386

- No new information on oil consumption. The plane is not flying much as we have not yet put 10 hours on the engine since the problem was first noted.
- Gascolator cover replaced.
- 500-hour inspection of magnetos completed.
- Installed new static wicks.
- Adjusted cowl latches.

47601

- Seat height adjustment still inoperative.

9014P

- Prop governor control cable replaced. The old one had limited travel most likely due to fraying of the inner cable.
- Oil and filter changed.

The Safety Corner

AL GALVI

The road to safety has two main branches, proficiency and currency. So what is the point? Archer pilots use those planes quite frequently. Arrow and Comanche pilots make less frequent use of those aircraft. N31386 and N9014P need a lot more exercise to keep those pilots both proficient and current!

Let's look at the Arrow first. Here is a plane whose panel is almost a clone of the Archer; except for one little lever that make the big wheels go up and down. Ideal for transitioning by Archer pilots, fast enough to yield virtually the same cost per mile for travel!

Whether you have never flown a retractable, or you may aspire to an advanced rating, the reward in flying the Arrow lies in the deep satisfaction of becoming a more accomplished pilot while having fun doing it! I'll have more on the Comanche next month.

Think retractable, and ...

Happy Flying

Work Parties

BOB SKALKA

The December work party was held at DVT on December 20th. Rick Ridenour and Jim Rumbo cleaned up hangar 7-12. Additionally, Jeff Quackenbush and Mike Tremose changed oil in 749 and cleaned up hangar 9-9 on December 13th.

The next work party is scheduled for **CHD** on **Saturday January 24th** at **9AM**. Please contact Bob Skalka if you would like to participate.

City of Phoenix Looks to Regulate Flying Clubs

RICK RIDENOUR

The City of Phoenix has notified all tenants at Deer Valley, Sky Harbor, and Phoenix-Goodyear airports that they are planning to update the rules that govern flying clubs. The Board of Phoenix Flyers is currently reviewing the proposed rule changes and will submit written comments to the City prior to the January 9th deadline.

The proposal is available on the Phoenix Government Web site at <http://www.phoenix.gov/aviation/deervalley/>, under the "Request for Public Comment" menu item.

Wings Qualifying Safety Meeting

TOM LESSOR

The AOPA Air Safety Foundation and the Scottsdale Flight Standards District Office Aviation Safety Program are sponsoring a Safety Seminar at the Mesa Community College on Monday, January 26th, at 7:00 PM in the Kirk Center Navajo Room. The topic will be *Maneuvering Flight - Hazardous to Your Health*. This is an FAA Wings qualifying event and can count toward the club's annual safety meeting requirements. The Mesa Community College is located on the southeast corner of Southern Ave. and Dobson Road.

Next Board Meeting

TOM LESSOR

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Phoenix Deer Valley in the Westwind pilot's lounge on Tuesday, February 24th, at 7:30 PM. As always, members and guests are welcome to attend.