

**Aircraft Locations**

- Comanche 9014P .....CHD  
.....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.

**Board Selects Club Officers**

The board of directors selected the club officers at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 24th, 2004. All of the positions remain the same with the exception of President and Operations Officer.

- President.....Mike Tremose
- Vice President .....Al Galvi
- Secretary.....Neil Tracht
- Treasurer.....Tom Lessor
- Maintenance.....Bob Skalka
- Operations.....Jeff Quackenbush
- Safety.....Al Galvi

**Farewells and Hellos**

TOM LESSOR

We bid adieu to Rob Kocak who resigned from the club in February after finding his newly purchased Twin-Comanche is keeping him fairly well occupied. And although we're losing a board-approved CFI with Rob's departure, we welcome three new members to the club, two of whom are instructors.

We welcome Cliff Wiener, Mike Bredimus and Jim Lawson to the club. Mike is a previous member returning after taking time off to finish law school. He and Jim are the instructors. Cliff joins us as a student pilot.

**Monthly Dues to Increase**

TOM LESSOR

The board of directors approved a motion at the February meeting to increase the monthly dues to \$70 per month effective April 1st, 2004. As noted at the annual meeting in January, our fixed fees are starting to lag behind our fixed expenses.

Several options from the annual meeting were discussed prior to the vote including increasing the club membership and opting for a lower rate. None of the options allowed for capital improvements however. Our fixed fees not only cover our fixed expenses, but also provide for necessary capital improvements, like the new radio in the Arrow and repainting 601.

At the annual meeting we were projecting a \$1,700 shortfall in our fixed expenses for 2004. With this increase we will cover our expenses and have \$5,100 for capital improvements, still short of the \$10 per member per month that the board believes necessary.

Members can view the monthly treasurer reports from the Members Area of our website.

**Membership Email Update**

TOM LESSOR

As expected my efforts to install and use MojoMail in February for our "members" email was less than successful. Our site host now suggests I use their forum to see if any other user has a solution.

In the meantime, I suggest you continue to use the email function available on the reservation system to mass-mail the club membership. For those of you that keep trying the link on our Web site, I will continue to forward them along through the reservation system.

**Maintenance**

BOB SKALKA

**30749**

- ELT repaired and replaced. Includes new battery.

**31386**

- Tach cable repaired.
- Annual inspection and KX155 installation in progress by Arizona Air-Craftsman in Prescott. Engine cylinders in need of major repair.

**47601**

- No new activity.

**9014P**

- New mufflers installed.

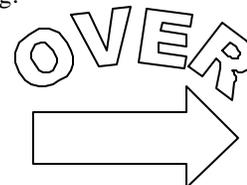
**Fuel Prices and Maintenance**

TOM LESSOR

At the February board meeting, the board reviewed the impact increased fuel pricing is having on our hourly operating costs. Over the past twelve months fuel costs have gone up an average of \$2.50 per operating hour. Maintenance has had a major impact to the overall cost as well.

And although maintenance and fuel increases have contributed to the increase in hourly operating costs, the board also noted that the decrease in total monthly flight hours also has an effect. We've seen a significant decrease in the total monthly hours flown through most of the year. Although 601 seems to always be going strong. Hopefully with all the new blood we've added to the club the past couple of months, the hours will be going up.

As always the board will continue to evaluate the cost versus rates at each meeting.



### **The Safety Corner**

AL GALVI

Safety depends upon the decision making process as much as it does upon stick and rudder technique. A recent article in *Flying* offers the views of noted psychology professors that have a direct application to piloting.

"Loss Aversion: People faced with certain loss will do anything to avoid that loss, leading them to become high-risk takers." Don't allow the possibility of the loss of a trip, a vacation, or your ego to cause you to take unnecessary risks.

"Regret Theory: People feel upset if they make a serious error in judgment." Don't regret flying into adverse weather or marginal conditions. Avoid the situations!

Until next month, keep thinking of adding to your skills or staying current in the retractable-gear aircraft.

Happy Flying

### **Annual Club Checkrides**

TOM LESSOR

Hopefully all of the members have completed the required annual club checkout with a board-approved flight instructor by now. The deadline was March 1st. If you haven't completed a checkout with a club instructor you are not club current and cannot fly any of the aircraft until you complete your checkride. To do so violates the club Operating Procedures and therefore the insurance requirements.

The lock-box combinations will be changing in April. Only those members that have completed their checkride will receive the combination in the next statement.

The new members that have joined since December are not affected. Your initial checkout fulfills the annual requirement.

### **Work Parties**

TOM LESSOR

Real work got in the way of the planned work party at DVT on Saturday, February 21st. Most of the "normal" crew was unable to attend and with only a crew of two on hand the decision was made to postpone the fun for another day. It also didn't help that we lost the wash-rack to a *really*, big twin and were going to be waiting for quite a spell to get our turn. Thanks go to Ben Erickson for showing up anyway. Ben is one of our few inactive members and I finally had the opportunity to associate a face with a name.

Bob Skalka will be unavailable the last three weekends of the month. So unless someone volunteers to gather the clan in Chandler there will be no work party in March. If someone does step up we'll let you know by email.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Chandler Municipal Airport in the pilot's lounge on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 7:30 PM. As always, members and guests are welcome to attend.

### **DVT Flying Club Proposals**

TOM LESSOR

Regarding the minimum standard proposals for DVT that we wrote about in last month's newsletter, a note in the DVT newsletter states that they " ... have received a large number of questions and suggestions and are giving consideration to all of the responses submitted. As promised, we are working diligently to incorporate those suggestions and find resolutions to outstanding issues. Please watch our website for the latest information available." And so we shall.

### **New Tower for DVT**

TOM LESSOR

Deer Valley is expected to begin construction on a new tower facility in a few months. The tower will be 132 feet to the floor of the cab with an overall height of 155 feet. The tower will be located on the north side of the airport and the goal is to have it completed by Christmas 2005. The rotating beacon will be on top of the tower.