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Aircraft Locations

Arrow 31386CHD
.....T-Shades, spot #2

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

Comanche 9014PDVT
.....West Hangar #7-12

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

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

Maintenance

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30749

- No new activity.

31386

- LT magneto repaired.
- New gasket installed on RT fuel tank inboard sending unit.
- Underlying stringers damaged on RT wing

47601

- No new activity.

9014P

- Fuel system inspected because of report of strong fuel smell when fuel pump turned on. No problem found.
- Strobe unit power pack replaced.
- Windshield and door leak during flights in rain.
- Flaps do not lock in up position.

Work Parties

There are no work parties planned for December.

Annual Checkrides

In accordance with Section 5 of the club *Operating Procedures*, all members are required to receive an annual flight check by a board approved CFI between December 1st and March 1st.

Members must also show proof that they have attended a minimum of two safety seminars during the past year. New members that have been in the club for six months or less require at least one safety seminar. Alternatives to the two safety seminars include completion of a CFI renewal course or any FAA Wings phase for airplanes, earning a new or additional rating, completing a BFR or taking an FAA required Part 135/121 checkride. Completing an AOPA Air Safety Foundation online course will qualify as one seminar as well.

The aircraft lock combinations will be changed in mid-April and only those members that have successfully completed the annual checkride will receive the new combinations.

New Members

We would like extend a big welcome to the two newest members to the club. Hutchinson Persons and Jeff McTaggart joined our ranks in November. The membership currently stands at 53.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Deer Valley Municipal Airport in the Westwind pilot's lounge on Tuesday, December 28th, at 7:30 PM. As always, members and guests are welcome to attend.

Arrow Wing Repair

We have received two quotes for the work that will be required to repair the RT wing underlying stringers on the Arrow. Chandler Aviation will likely get the job because of their experience with Piper aircraft.

The Safety Corner

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This is the fifth in a series on how mental attitudes can relate to accidents. While pessimists will not have a problem with this one, assuming most pilots are optimists it may apply. The problem is wishful thinking.

In the middle of a flight an unexpected, scary scenario arises. Optimism feels better than pessimism so we con ourselves into thinking the original plan will work out. What if it may not? Bite the bullet and think out the safest plan.

Regarding the new insurance requirements, please be sure, instructor or not, that you meet the total PIC or dual flight hours plus the make and model retractable gear times.

Happy Flying

Annual Meeting and Dinner

Our operations officer, Jeff Quackenbush, is finalizing the plans for our annual meeting and dinner to be held at the University Club of Phoenix on Friday, January 14th. Put the date on your calendar and look for the formal announcement in a couple of weeks with all of the details including dinner menu and price.

Board Elections in January

In accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the club *By-laws*, election of three board members will be held during the annual meeting in January. The positions are currently held by Mike Tremose, Bob Skalka and Neil Tracht. Members interested in serving on the board should submit their names to Neil, our club secretary. Club officer positions are filled by the board at the February board meeting.