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Annual Meeting Scheduled

Last month we told you to hold the date and hopefully everyone has since received the special mailing announcing that we have scheduled the annual meeting and lunch for Saturday, January 20th, at Garduño's of Mexico Restaurant & Cantina in Scottsdale. Judging from the replies so far however it doesn't appear as though y'all are big fans of Mexican fare. If you're planning to attend you need to RSVP to the treasurer by Saturday, January 13th. We have to give Garduño's a final tally by Monday the 15th. If for no other reason you may want to show up for a chance to win a Target gift card! We turned in some of our credit card reward points and have four gift cards to give away to members attending the meeting; two \$100 cards and two \$25 cards.

Proxies

Of course if you can't attend the meeting you can assign another member to act as your proxy. Proxy cards were sent with the special mailing for this purpose. As stated in our mailing there will be a couple of cleanup amendments of our by-laws to be presented and voted upon but the biggie will probably be another amendment relating to assessing the membership to replace one of our existing aircraft and amending Article IV, Section 6 to reflect the assessment.

Board Elections

Elections for three board positions will also be held at the annual meeting. Board terms are for two years and the tenure is split so that half of the board is elected at each annual meeting. This year the positions held by Jeff Quackenbush, Bob Skalka and Neil Tracht are expiring. Club officers are elected by the board, from board members, at the first board meeting following the annual meeting (which, according to the by-laws should be immediately after the annual meeting).

Hellos and Goodbyes

We had one member leave and another join in the past month. Inder Verma purchased his own aircraft recently, a 2000 C172, "... with all the bells and whistles", and resigned in December. We wish him the best and lots of fun flying his new acquisition. And say hello to our newest member, Bret Wingert. Bret is a Private pilot getting back into the swing of things and will probably be flying primarily out of Deer Valley.

DVT Work Party

A work party? What's that? It's been awhile since we scheduled a work party and we may have forgotten how to pull one off, but we're going to start the New Year off right by giving it a shot. 749 is in *serious* need of a wash and wax. It will be first in the wash rack however we plan to do 386 as well. And hangar inspections begin at DVT on January 22nd so we'll be getting the hangars spiffy as well.

We're going to need a good sized crew to get everything done so come on out on **Saturday, January 13th, between 12:00 and 4:00 PM** and lend a hand. This effort is being coordinated by the treasurer so drop him a note and let him know you can make it. We'll be meeting at hangar 7-12 at noon.

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. There was an error in last month's newsletter. The lock combinations will change in mid-March (not mid-April). Members that have not completed the annual checkride by March 1st will not be getting the new combination with their February statement. Of course after that time you can get the combination from the club instructor that provides your checkride.

Aircraft Stuff

Locations

Chandler T-Shades

Archer; N47601.....TS-10
Comanche; N9014PTS-2

Deer Valley Hangars

Archer; N30749.... East 9-9
Arrow; N31386 . West 7-12

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



Maintenance



30749:

- Overhead light cover is missing
- Cracked interior plastic in several areas – replacement parts on order
- Flaps sticky on retraction during preflight – will be fixed during annual inspection later this month
- One main-gear tire replaced and the other flipped over to even tread wear
- Complaint of engine stopping at cold idle did not repeat

31386:

- Nosewheel strut resealed

47601:

- Oil changed twice
- Pilot side sun visor repaired – and reported broken again!
- Repaired pilot side headset jack which was shorted to frame
- Stabilator jackscrew lubricated
- Engine oil leak located and repaired

9014P:

- Windshield still leaks
- Flap position indicator only shows half down when fully extended

The Safety Side

One could get lost on the Internet just navigating the vast amount of information available on aviation safety. You could spend hours on the AOPA site alone!

Recently one piece of email came in from the AOPA following their Expo in Palm Springs. It pointed to one of the Sporty's Safety Quizzes on their site which contained those general aviation questions most missed by pilots attending the Expo. Think you can 100%? Take the challenge by visiting the AOPA web site and following the Air Safety Foundation links to archived quizzes. The one you're looking for is titled ASF Pilot Challenge: Expo 2006. Of course once you're there you find yourself following links to other safety articles and features. This is the site after all, that features many of the FAA Wings courses that satisfy the seminars required in our Operating Procedures.

An article in the Arizona Republic led to browsing the Lockheed Martin AFSS Pilot Information Portal (www.afss.com). Looks like this will be the home page for the Flight Service Station functions that Lockheed Martin recently took over. Their flight planning isn't available yet but they offer some tips on how and what to request for a weather briefing.

And speaking of weather briefings, the amount of weather information available on the Internet is truly overwhelming! NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) has free aviation weather. You can find them from the link on our web site! Graphic weather maps are available on DUATS and AOPA (through the member-only section however).

There's plenty of accident and incident information on the NTSB and FAA websites. Some of it's difficult to glean anything more useful than "don't fly into clouds" but it's worth a look-see.

Anyway, the point is surf, search, read and learn. And if you get lost? Close your browser!

Happy Flying

Board of Directors and Officers

Club Officers are elected by, and are members of, the board of directors.

PresidentJeff Quackenbush
Secretary Dan Streufert
Maintenance Officer Bob Skalka

Vice-president/Safety Officer Neil Tracht
Treasurer..... Tom Lessor
Operations Officer.....Damon Kelling