



Phoenix Flyers Newsletter

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General stuff of interest

Lock combinations to change in March

March 1st marked the end of the annual checkride period as described in Section 5.1 of the club's Operating Procedures. Members that have not completed their annual checkride are prohibited from flying club aircraft as PIC until the checkride is completed. **Lock combinations will be changed at all locations during the weekend of March 14th - 15th.** Members that have not had their annual checkride information forwarded to the Safety Officer will not receive the new combination with the March billing statement. Members that have completed their annual checkrides recently but did not get the combination because the paperwork "is in the mail" should contact the instructor that provided the checkride to obtain the combination; unless your instructor hasn't completed the checkride and he doesn't have the combination either. Another reason for not getting the combination although the annual checkride has been completed is a balance due amount of \$250 or more. Contact the treasurer for the combination if you fall into that category. Student pilots do not get the combination as a matter of policy. Contact your flight instructor for the number.



Make sure you have the new combination available if you have a flight scheduled for the March 14th - 15th weekend in the event the combination gets changed before you get to the airport or, worse yet, while you're out flying. Try the new combination if the old combination doesn't work and hopefully your flight experience will be uneventful. We'll also post a note on the reservation system when the change occurs.

CHD maintenance phone number error

The CHD maintenance contact information is incorrect on the wallet information provided with the monthly statements. Yes, it's Bob Skalka's number and Bob is really trying to get away from those maintenance responsibilities. The error wasn't caught until the statements were being printed. We'll include the corrected information again with next month's statements however until then you can update the CHD number with Ken Conteen's number and contact him with any CHD maintenance issues.

Save the date for our gala social event!

For years the club combined the annual meeting with a dinner or lunch. This always sounded like fun and members would bring their spouses or guests and a rousing time was had by all; until the actual meeting started. Then the sounds of snoring and heads banging on tables could be heard for the next several hours as the board members droned on and on about finances, maintenance and aircraft replacement plans. And that was just from the members. The spouses and guests just went comatose. This year the board decided to have the annual meeting as a meeting and plan for a social gathering separately. We got the meeting out of the way and now it's time for the social part.



Mark your calendars, put notes in your BlackBerries (is that the plural of BlackBerry or are two or more just BlackBerrys?) or Outlook Office, or just put a sticky note on the wall. Saturday, April 18th, will be the social event of the year, assuming it's the only social event you go to. Ken Conteen may have to skip his wedding at the end of March or have hell to pay trying to explain to the new bride why the club's social event is better. The event is currently planned for The Left Seat restaurant on the northwest corner of Sky Harbor Airport. The Left Seat has been given a 5-star rating on Yahoo by two residents of Phoenix. What could be better than that, eh? Our last outing at The Left Seat was one of those annual meeting/dinner things in 2002. As of this newsletter we haven't actually booked the location yet but the date is carved in stone! Hey, we didn't schedule it for Easter weekend. Further details will be sent by email and posted on the website as they become available. So save that date!

Apparently not *your* bugs!



Last month we suggested it would be wonderful if each of us would clean the bugs off the windshield as part of our post-flight procedures under the assumption that they end up there as part of the last flight flown. Perhaps the suggestion was too subtle as one of our members got to the airport and found the windshield a complete "bug fest". Certainly we can understand that if a member doesn't want to fly around looking through splotches of bug goo that member can certainly clean the windshield on preflight. But pretty soon we end up with one member cleaning bugs applied by several members. Let's try to be courteous to our fellow pilots and leave the aircraft looking the way we would like to find it when we arrive for a flight. And if you're averse to cleaning bug goo, tip the fuel guy a few bucks to do it for you. It's about love, people.

Member News

March Anniversaries

Doug Boys	4 years
Bill Greany	3 years
Jeff Lundberg	2 years
Phillip Ferrante	1 year



Member resignations

Occasionally the economy actually proves to be a benefit for some, albeit at the expense of another lost membership in the club. Paal Franzen resigned from the club at the end of February having taken advantage of great housing market and purchasing a newer home up north a bit. Paal will be missed as both a member and one of our board-approved flight instructors. We wish him and his wife the best in the new house and hope to see him back in our ranks at a future date.

Questions or comments? Drop an email to the [editor](#).