

Valley Fliers July Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:31

Present: Steinman (presiding), Meyer, Smith, Vader, 2 members, and 1 potential member.

Excused Absent: Clapp, Dewitt

Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Nick moved to accept as corrected. Jake seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Alan was not present so no financials were reviewed.

Maintenance Officer's Report

9MA Had a large nick in the prop blade. It is not clear when it happened. A mechanic came and dressed the prop, but it required removal of so much material that it needed both static and dynamic balances. The prop had to be removed and taken off field for the static balance, then replaced and a dynamic balance done. It should come back online tomorrow and will get a fresh oil change before it flies to Oshkosh. It will need a new engine in about 500 hours. Nick guesses it will need that engine in about a year and a half. The fuel imbalance squawk was worked by adjusting a fuel vent and replacing one fuel cap. The seat rails on the right side were also replaced. The audio panel issue was discovered to be a broken screw on one of the electrical connectors.

117 The right door was reported not working today. Nick checked it and it worked just fine. Pitot static was done on it in late June. The Dynon is putting up startup events and will not allow them to be cleared. A restart will make it work. Updating to the latest firmware did not help. ADs are ok for now.

727 The vacuum pump failed and was replaced. The autopilot had some issues reported but seems ok. We will have ADs in 56 hours and a mag inspection around the same time. Nick will take the plane offline to have that work done. The magneto is very special and Nick has been quoted \$2200 for an inspection by Hartzell but has found someone else who quoted \$800. There is a deposit down on a new engine with Western Skyways. It is a \$40k engine. Nick noted there are potential upgrades if we have leftover money. There are electronic magneto replacements (though they are pricey). Powerflow is also a possibility, but requires frequent prop rebalances. The interior plastics are on hold. Commenter from the floor noted Jon may still have some club parts.

63S 25 hours left on this oil change. It seems to be doing well. The last eight flights all exceeded 440 degrees on the number 3 cylinder. Question from the floor: Is it all about ducting? Nick says yes, he thinks so. The baffles are all old, but have been checked twice. Commenter from the floor said it may be worth swapping the probes around to see if it is just a bad probe.

Safety Officer's Report

Geoff said it was a clean month for him. The stripes are all down. He may extend them another 5 feet or so.

New Business

Potential New Member Hanan Ali, Andy's former co-worker was here last meeting and was present this meeting as well. He got his private in March. He worked for Andy for several years. He would like to work on his instrument. He is an aircraft controller in the Army Reserves. He is a drone pilot for the police department. He is looking forward to flying with us and completing an airport passport. He flew to Orcas with Andy in the cardinal. Nick moved to accept Hanan. Geoff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jake shared that Tacoma Narrows just lost another controller, so the tower there is likely to close more often.

Pierce County will also be closed for runway lengthening and other repairs.

Old Business

Tools

Jake asked Nick if we had bought him tools yet? Nick is still working on a list. He thinks we could easily spend \$1000 on tools.

Free flight hour won by: Scott Glassmyer

Meeting adjourned at: 7:17

Next Meetings: The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 12 at Trotters with food at 6:00 PM and business beginning at 6:30.