

## Valley Fliers December Board Meeting

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 6:32

**Present:** Eyre, DeWitt, Botezatu, Vader plus 4 members and 2 prospective members.

**Excused Absent:** Glassmyer, Neville

### Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Alan moved to approve as corrected, John seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

See Alan's handouts. Two memberships changed hands during the month. Rent will probably increase next year. There is a \$14000 check at Air Power that will be returned to us when we return the core for 9MA's engine but is currently shown as taken out of our checking account so that balance shows lower than it actually is. The cash increase for the month was largely due to the insurance payment. The asset acquisition in progress line item is accumulating the costs associated with the new engine and will be transferred to 9MA's asset account when that engine goes into service.

### Maintenance Officer's Report

See Florin's handouts.

**63S** is in good shape. The magneto overhaul is past the recommended 500 hours between overhauls.

**117** Also in good shape. The seat rail inspection also requires removal and inspection of the seat itself.

**88L** is past TBO, but has new cylinders. It will have a paper filter change when Jon gets parts from National. John noted that all the carbon monoxide sensors are past due.

### Safety Officer's Report

Richard was not present, so no report.

### Old Business

**9MA Engine** The new engine has arrived and is beautiful. The airport has been flooded in previous years, so we are concerned. Both engines are in Jon's hangar and he is moving parts from one engine to the other. The alternator mounting is different on the new engine and new parts had to be ordered. There was also work that needed to be done on the baffles. Jon also built tooling that allows the engine and new mounts to be moved as an assembly onto the plane. Jon was not present, but Florin thinks the plane should be flying by the end of the month, but it will require a ferry permit because it will be out of annual. The governor for the new propeller wasn't shipped with the new propeller. Jon believed he picked up both, but we only got the prop. The governor should be here in a few days. Alan asked whether or not the plane will be through annual by the end of the month? Florin says probably not. In addition to the annual the new engine monitor will need to be installed. John and Alan suggest we look at another mechanic for 88L's annual. Alan will check with the folks in Wenatchee. Florin will also give Alan contact information for a mechanic in Centralia. Question: will there be a mechanic at Auburn by then? Answer: maybe, but we need to better understand who they are and how well they work. Alan will call several folks about that overhaul. Alan notes we will need to plan the break-in for 9MA. The new engine monitor will allow the club to know if the cylinder head temperatures are exceeded on that plane. Florin and Jon plan to pay good attention to how the plane is treated.

**Safety Committee Report** Richard was not present. John discussed the safety committee report and the fact the pilot of the plane for the incident has left the club. We do not intend to publicly post the report. Alan moved we accept the safety committee report, Florin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### New Business

**9MA Customs Sticker** Ed Bryce has purchased the customs sticker for 9MA.

### **New Potential Members**

**Dan Anderson** Learned of the club from another member. He discussed an incident he had on an IFR flight landing a seaplane at Moses Lake. He was a partner in that plane. He set the plane down, but felt he should go around. He didn't have room to land, but found he didn't have enough room to take off again. He put the plane onto a vacant lot but wrecked it in the process. No one was hurt. It has caused him to re-evaluate his impetuosity and invulnerability. The FAA put him through remedial training. Florin says Dan will probably be our safest member. John pointed out that Dan has presented the experience to the Seaplane association. Question from the floor: is Dan still instructing? Answer: he would be willing to do some, time permitting. Dan is a retired WA State motorcycle trooper.

**Jake Archambeau** is a student pilot but plans to get his check ride next week. He has been flying a Cessna 150 since late spring and has about 70 hours. He works in the golf industry. He is part owner in a 150 at Auburn. He would like to get an instrument rating, and hopes to make aviation a career.

**Chad Ellison** used to fly the turbo Dakota that was in the same row as our aircraft. He works at Blue Origin. He owns a 120 with two other friends. He is a CFI and should have his CFII soon. He'd like to get out of engineering and fly full time. He knows Jon and has seen our engine. He has about 520 hours.

Florin noted that it seems like over the last few years we've had a fair amount of abuse of the planes. Alan and he both remind everyone we need to act as owners, not like the planes are rental cars. Alan moved to accept all three. John noted that we may only have two memberships available. Florin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Member:**

Since many of us hadn't met her, John introduced Erica Juberg. She is a private pilot and is a flight attendant for Horizon. She'd like to get to the other side of the cockpit door.

**Free flight hour won by: Ed Bryce**

**Meeting adjourned at: 7:34**

**Next Meeting:** January 8th at Trotters Restaurant, with food at 6, business starting at 6:30.