

Valley Fliers September Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30

Present: Clapp, Meyer, Vader, 7 members, and 2 potential members.

Excused Absent: Steinman, Dewitt, Smith

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Alan was not present, but he sent reports and they were distributed. Andy said Alan said the club finances are in good shape. Nick noted members should buy fuel at locations cheaper than Auburn when possible. Nick also suggested folks consider not running at full throttle all the time to help keep costs down.

Maintenance Officer's Report

9MA Has a new wingtip fairing on order due to issues backing it into the hangar. It probably won't be replaced until annual. Nick asked member to be extra careful putting the planes away. Nick ordered a new sump heater for it. It seemed to fly well today.

117 The Dynon reboot issue seems not to have occurred recently. Nick is going to lower the priority of the squawk.

727 We put a retreaded tire on the right side, but that tire is bigger than the non-retreaded tires and it wore through the wheel pant on that side. We will leave the wheel pants off until we use up the retreads.

63S We have quotes for new fuel level sensors that should be more accurate than the current sensors. Fuel level indications are not accurate right now and members should be manually checking fuel levels. There was also a recent report of rough running that was due to the primer not being locked which is a potential safety problem. Nick reminded members to check that the primer is locked.

Annuals are all scheduled for between December and April. The Cardinal will get a new engine at annual. Nick reminded member to clean them up after their flights. Commenter from the floor suggested the use of Dawn might be bad for the plane's paint. Nick noted it is more gentle than the degreasers we used to use. Question from the floor: Are the door post and wing attachment issues on 9MA items on the spreadsheet due to ADs? Nick says yes, though the door posts might be service bulletins.

Safety Officer's Report

Geoff was not present so no report. Andy said we may have had a plane bust the Bravo this week and reminded members to be vigilant. He also reminded members that our insurance does not cover damage that occurs putting the planes into the hangar, and of the signs reminding members they are responsible for damage. He also asked members to please report damage as not doing so could cause a safety issue for someone else. Please ask for help if you are having difficulty putting a plane away. Nick reinforced his recent email message about grabbing the control surfaces at reinforced points when preflighting.

Commenter from the floor noted that members should watch out for cars on the airport as some of the drivers seem not to use appropriate care.

New Business

Potential New Members

Alex Hauptman - Got his private in May. He wants his instrument rating and commercial and to go to the airlines. He's looking for more avionics. He heard about us from Ed. He is an architect. He is just shy of 100 hours. Andy moved to accept Alex as a member. Nick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dzianis Siarheyau - Got his private in 2022. He has 267 hours. He flew at Rainier, then joined Evergreen Flying Club, then went to BEFA. He'd like to fly with us due to rates. He has a high performance endorsement. He has done a couple of tailwheel lessons, but didn't pursue it. He just wants to fly for fun. He is a software engineer at Google. Nick moved to accept Denis, Andy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Hunter Chumbley II - was unable to be present due to a family situation. Andy represented Hunter. No one raise any concerns. Andy moved to accept Hunter as a member. Nick seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Nick noted the fleet is much different than when Hunter was last a member, so he should do new checkouts in all the planes.

There is one last share for sale. **Jennifer Jensen** is a Ruston city council member and was recommended by Nestor. She has about 370 hours. She was not available to attend tonight. She can't start until next month. Nick moved to accept her as a member. Nick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Free flight hour won by: Brian Funk

Meeting adjourned at: 7:12

Next Meetings: The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14 at Trotters with food at 6:00 PM and business beginning at 6:30.