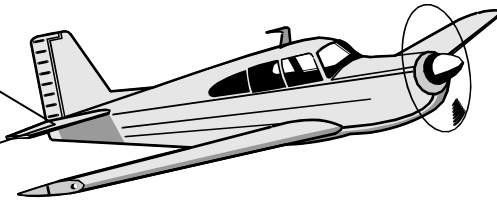


SKYWRITING



March 2008

February Flight Time

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Last Annual</u>	<u>www.netexpress.net/~flyingcc</u>	<u>Local ASOS Numbers</u>
N5303L	10.9	April 2007	<u>January Surcharge: \$1.20/gal</u>	
N80213	13.7	June 2007	Moline	309-799-7096
N8114F	14.1	May 2007	Davenport	563-388-2154
N2516V	3.3	September 2007	Clinton	563-243-8934
N7008F	1.3	July 2007	Muscatine	563-263-0902
Total Hours: 43.3		(Up from 22.2 in January)	Dues Paying Members: 55	

The Next Plane Wash is Saturday, May 3, 2008

New Member

Please welcome **Tom Brozovich** to our club. Tom joined at our Annual Shareholder's Meeting on February 16th, and is raring to go. Tom is a Chiropractor in Rock Island, and has wanted to start flying years ago, but didn't. He will be a student pilot, so please help Tom learn our culture and feel welcome.

Also, a big "welcome back" to **Paul DelVecchio** who has been inactive for a while. Paul will be working on his IFR ticket.

CAP Benefit

Put **Thursday, March 6th** on your calendar. **Playcrafter's Barn** is presenting "**Anybody for Murder?**" a play directed by **Patrick Adamson**. The tax deductible tickets are \$10, and are available at the door. Proceeds go to support the **Quad City Cadets of Civil Air Patrol**. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and the play starts at 7:30 pm. For more information call 309-797-1588.

Annual Meeting

Joe Gallagher and **Gary Hardy** were re-elected as Directors for the next three years at the Annual Shareholder's Meeting in February. **Dick Kvach** was elected Alternate Director for one year. Gallagher and Hardy have served on the board for several years, and Kvach has served off and on as a Director or Alternate over the years.

Other highlights at the meeting were discussions about how to lower insurance

expense, and a growing consensus to sell the 6-300 sooner than later.

Plane Wash Date Set

Please mark **Saturday, May 3rd** on your calendars. That is the next plane wash. Hopefully, the weather should be good that time of year, and we'll get a lot done.

Cherokee N7008F Update

On Sunday, February 24th Gene Fildes showed the 6-300 to a prospective buyer, Don. The trouble began when he got a call the day before that the fellow was flying in Sunday morning! It was too short of notice to find someone to pick the man up at the terminal, so Gene was forced to let him cool his heels until about noon. Don's flight out was later at 4:35 pm.

They went to the hangers, and found the hanger door frozen shut, a sheet of ice on the floor, and the airplane was in less than spit and polish condition.

Then the real fun began. They removed the top cowling to look at the engine, and as they were inspecting the engine Gene discovered one of the metal intake tubes feeding air to a cylinder was completely off the cylinder. A quick call to Jim Goetsch and after a while Jim came by with new bolts. Once the tube was installed there was only about 35 minutes remaining to do a test flight.

Gene got the flight in, and the man over to the terminal in time for his flight out, but Gene said it was a quiet ride to the terminal. We don't

know if the prospect will buy the airplane, but we weren't optimistic

Thanks to Gene for his great effort to put a smile on bad situation.

However, after talking with our broker it turned out the cosmetic things were the biggest concern to the buyer. He still may make a counter offer.

Since the weekend another offer came in from another buyer, so now we at least are seeing some action.

Team Work!

After the weekend problems with the hangers and the 6-300 not being prepared, **President Gene Fildes** called for some team work to get the airplane ready for the next prospective buyer. People responded.

Gene went to work on polishing the airplane to make it look good. **Tim Leinbach** and **Dennis English** switched the 6-300 and Cardinal RG over ice ridges 6 inches thick so the 6-300 would be in the maintenance hanger. Tim glued the medallion onto the yoke so it was presentable. Dennis worked on chipping ice away from hanger doors and helped Tim squeegee water out of E-6. Mike Smith de-iced the C152 hanger. Tim de-iced the Archer II hanger, and Dennis de-iced the C172 hanger. **Mark Conner** came out and got the air cleaner access plate, and painted it.

In all of this we discovered one of the 96" light fixtures is causing a breaker to drop, so it is unplugged. The fixture may have to be replaced.

Winter Woes Continue

Tired of winter weather? I think you're in the majority if you are. We're all tired of icy ramps, icy hanger floors, and hanger doors stuck to the ice. We're tired of digging out the hangers.

Well, it should be coming to an end very soon. The last week in February we got another taste of freezing rain and snow, but March will bring change. Hang in there pilots!

TFR's Will Abound

Remember this is still an election year. Make sure before you go on that flight that you know for sure you won't penetrate any TFR's along the way.

It's Our Fault!

There will not be an FAA funding bill this year "based on the GA community's inability to compromise," said Sen. John D. Rockefeller (D-

W.Va.) during a Feb. 28 Senate Commerce Committee hearing. "I blame it on them because we can't work it out." Rockefeller is a proponent of a \$25-per-flight user fee for turbine aircraft that he says is necessary to pay for modernization of the air traffic control system. Rockefeller also contends that GA is not currently paying a fair share of the costs of operating ATC. But his colleague on the committee, Sen. John Sununu (R-N.H.), disagrees. (AOPA ePilot)

Gotta Have Plastic by 2010

Still hanging onto your paper pilot certificate? You'll need to upgrade to a plastic pilot certificate by March 31, 2010. The FAA released its final rule Feb. 28, announcing the required switch to the certificate it deems is more counterfeit resistant. When the FAA proposed this mandate in 2005, AOPA members overwhelmingly supported the move to a more secure certificate. If you are attached to your paper certificate and original issuance date (the plastic certificate will have a new one), don't worry. You can keep your paper certificate for nostalgia; you just can't use it to fly. (AOPA ePilot)

(A tip: If you request a new license, because your current one has your Social Security number on it, the FAA will issue you a new plastic one free. Otherwise it will cost you a small amount.)

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