

Fox Flying Club

April 8, 2010 Second Thursday of the Month DuPage Flight Center

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<http://www.foxflying.com>

April Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting convened at 7:36pm.

Treasurer's Report

Jerry Borkowicz

Beginning Balance - \$49,866.24
 Total Cash Received. - \$7,752.56
 Disbursements - \$9,906.45
 Ending Balance - \$47,912.35

The engine replacement fund target is:
 \$34,404.84
 Current balance to payoff 81898 avionics
 upgrade is \$3,280.49
 Maintenance, including the annuals for
 N62681 and N773SP was \$4,880.02 for
 the month.

Maintenance Report

Ed Godfrey

62681

- Nothing to report

773SP

- Updated GPS database

81898

- Annual has been completed
- Replaced throttle and prop cables
- Repaired right stabilizer tip
- Updated GPS and obstacle databases

With the arrival of warmer temperatures, it is no longer necessary to keep the Reiff heaters plugged in. When refueling, fill to tabs only on N81898 and N773SP. Fill N62681 to the bottom of the filler neck. Do not fill tanks on any of the aircraft to the top. Leave room for expansion.

Use care when refueling, so the fuel nozzle or hose does not scratch the paint on the leading edge or around the filler opening. Wipe up any fuel that may have splashed on the wing immediately, so it does stain the paint.

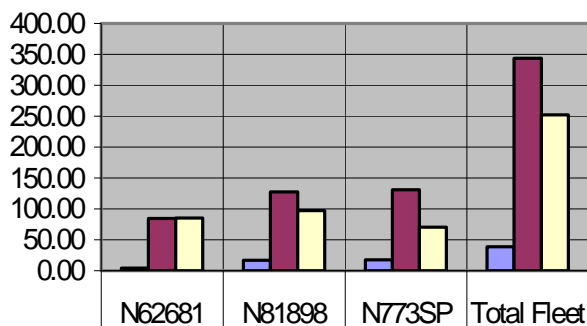
Membership Report

Rob Strickland

44 active members, which includes 2
 Flying Active Service Members:

AIRCRAFT FLIGHT HOURS

■ Current Month ■ YTD ■ Last YTD



	Current Month	YTD	Last YTD
N62681	4.20	84.50	84.90
N81898	17.14	127.70	96.92
N773SP	17.40	131.30	70.40
Total Fleet	38.74	343.50	252.22

2 Service Associate Members
1 Family Associate Member
15 CFI's: 11 CFI Only Associate Members
33 Inactive members
31 Current Check ride cards (70%) of Active and Active Service Members.
12 CFI's
1 New member
The prospective new members list stands at 21.

David Jeziorski joined the club this month. Welcome Dave!

Current members can earn, one hour of flight time at no cost, by bringing in a new member that joins the club.

The Fox Flying Club will host the International Learn to Fly, day on May 15th, from 10:00 to 11:00am at the DuPage FSDO. A free 'Learn to Fly' seminar will be offered along with the opportunity to speak with a flight instructor and tour of the FFC fleet.

If you know of someone that has an interest in flying, bring them out for this event.

Training Report

Dick Low

Checkrides must be completed by April 30.

Spring has arrived, and so have the bugs. It is time to resume windshield, nose and leading edges on the wings and struts (Cessna's) post flight cleaning. Use the paper towel's to wipe off any residue after wiping the leading edges with the sponge.

Leave props at a 45 degree angle when parking the aircraft in the hangars. This will help keep the birds off.

Old Business

The spring plane wash is scheduled for May 15th. The backup date is May 22nd. Coffee and doughnuts in the morning and burgers and brats when the planes are done.

A reminder that LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook accounts have been established for Fox Flying Club, courtesy of Rob Strickland and Chris Thomsen. Take a few minutes to register if you haven't yet, and see what these forums have to offer club members.

New Business

With flight hours already up for the year, it looks like a busy season for the FFC fleet. A couple of extended trips by members have already been scheduled for this summer.

Please be considerate of those scheduled to fly after you. If you arrive back early or need to cancel your schedule, give the next person scheduled a call, and let them know the aircraft will be available.

The board is looking into securing additional resources that may be available for club member use to supplement peak periods of use of club aircraft.

The club is looking for some fresh ideas that members can participate in, on a social basis. Some ideas discussed at the membership meeting were a cookout, either at the airport or offsite and meeting one evening at Oshkosh during the 2010 Air Adventure. Please submit your idea for a club social event to any board member.

If you know of a calendar event or a short article of interest to club members that can be included in the monthly newsletter, please submit it to Lou Camp at the email address listed below. April's program was presented by Dick Low on updates to the Wings programs and FAA.Safety.gov website.

“Meet the Member” is a new addition to the newsletter this month. It is intended to provide some insight and background on fellow club members who you may or may not have had the opportunity to meet in person. This forum is open to all members that would like to submit a brief bio and have it published in the monthly newsletter.

Chris Thomsen has provided this month’s column.

Please submit via email to Lou Camp at the email address listed below. An MS Word document is preferred.

Chris Thomsen

My name is Chris Thomsen. I originally grew up in the country outside of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, which I’m sure everyone knows is the home to EAA and the annual fly-in convention. For one week a year I used to lay in the back yard watching the air show pilots fly over and regroup for their daily routines. The War birds were of particular interest, and I hope to ride in a P-51 someday! I spent hours listening to faint transmissions over my Radio Shack scanner. My mom thought I was nuts (and still does).

One sunny October Saturday in 2008 I decided was the day I would take the first step. I drove to the airport and sat in the lobby of Travel Express Aviation. As the line attendant called multiple CFI’s, trying to get one to come out for a “discovery flight”, a furloughed United Express pilot answered the call. I waited for him to finish mowing his lawn and the rest is history. I finished my PPL in two and a half months and 60 hours. In my first year I put on about 100 hours. Not too bad for a “part time pilot”!

My day job is running operations for a large limousine company in downtown Chicago. I commute almost 100 miles a day from Plainfield to the South Loop, I love to drive! Ideally, I try to fly every other weekend, but after the birth of our first son last summer I’ve found that pace hard to keep up with.

Recently I have taken a position on the FFC Board as a Member at Large, which I view as a support position to the other officers. I try my best to offer my opinions and ideas and look forward to expanding FFC’s already glowing reputation into the premier flight club in Chicago. I’ve looked at many different “clubs” in the area, and I can say that we are the best, hands down!

One of the things that I would like to improve on is the social atmosphere. My first meeting as a prospective member (just last summer) was with Ed, Jerry and Bill. All of them have been a great help to me in the club. Ed and Jerry have introduced me to EAA’s Young Eagles, which I was lucky enough to be a part of last year and look forward to again for 2010. Its people like them that make being part of a club fun and I can only hope to take that camaraderie to a new level. If you have any ideas, questions, or just want to go flying for breakfast sometime, give me a call: 312-446-2163, or e-mail me at christhomsen@att.net. In the meantime, I’ll see you at the meetings!

Calendar of Events

Next FFC Membership Meeting is May 13th, 2010. 7:30pm at the DuPage Flight Center.

Spring Plane Wash – May 15th at 9:00 am at the wash rack on the North ramp at DPA.

International Learn to Fly Day – May 15th from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the DPA FSDO.

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