



FOX FLYING CLUB NOVEMBER 2019



A VIEW FROM THE TOWER

Tom Mason Chairman

NOTAMs

Fox Flying Club Board Meeting
Thursday November 7, 2019
7:30 PM DuPage Flight Center

Fox Flying Club Members Meeting
Thursday November 14, 2019
7:30 PM DuPage Flight Center

Congratulations Joel Broughton !!
★ Joel passed his ★
instrument checkride on
October 14, 2019

The deadline for article submission
and club information for the
December edition of
THE COMPASS
Monday November 25, 2019

What's the difference between Fox Flying Club and an FBO?

It's the mission.

The mission of an FBO is to build a profitable aviation-related business that rewards its owner.

The mission of FFC is to promote aviation safety, education and fellowship through meetings and social activities, and to provide aircraft for our members. In other words, the mission of FFC is to reward you.

As a board, virtually everything we do is aligned with that mission, even during the typically lousy-for-flying winter months. Look for an upcoming announcement about our slightly rowdy (for pilots, at least) Holiday Party in December.

January is when we go on our annual pilgrimage all the way to Itasca – by way of the Addison IHOP – for the Chicago Aviation Expo, where we've already reserved our display table.

Whether you're a VFR pilot, an IFR pilot or someone's flying companion, the Expo is a great way to spend a Saturday while your college basketball team loses to some unranked cupcake.

If you haven't recently attended a club event, like a membership meeting or plane wash, you've been missing out on one of the best benefits of membership in FFC: shooting the breeze with someone who doesn't care (unlike you-know-who at home) that you bring every topic back to flying.

So show up, eat up, tell some stories and learn something new.

You'll be fulfilling the mission of our club.

TAILWIND

Henry Southam Secretary



- A. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Board and all meetings of the membership.
- B. The Secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accord with the provisions of the Bylaws or as required by law.
- C. The Secretary shall be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation.
- D. The Secretary shall keep a membership list showing the name and post office address, email address, and phone number of each member, which shall be furnished to the secretary by the Membership Officer.
- E. The Secretary shall publish the Club newsletter and process changes in, and maintain, the official copies of the Bylaws and Rules.
- F. The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the Office and such other duties as, from time to time may be assigned by the President or the Board.

What does all that mean to you, the Fox Flying Club members? Providing a record of Board actions and rule changes is a small yet necessary part of the job. Providing members, a place to learn about the direction of the Club, and more importantly, to give each of you the opportunity to participate in the news is the overriding goal.

So, here is your "new and improved" newsletter, brought to you by Editor in Chief, Charley Soumar and the Fox Flying Club Board.

For any of you that have read this far, you know this is the place where the hook is exposed. I won't disappoint. Just as essential as your care and upkeep of our fleet of planes, is your participation in the newsletter.

Let us know what you, as members of this club want and don't want. What you like and don't like. Where you've been, and where you're going. Tell us about that "Never Again" moment, or that perfect sunset flight.

After all, this is your newsletter.

Tailwinds both ways,

The Sec

THE RIGHT SEAT

Highlighting our Club CFII's



Tom, Catherine, Allison and Andrew
enjoying Buckingham Palace

Fox Flying Club Member and CFII
Tom Winsor

Tom, his wife Allison along with their two children Catherine (15) and Andrew (13) live in St. Charles IL. Tom is originally from Appleton Wisconsin where he started his aviation adventure by taking flight lessons while he was in High School. He earned his Private Pilot Certificate in 1989. He then attended Southern Illinois University where he completed the rest of his Certificates and Ratings.

Today, Tom is a pilot with Southwest Airlines. The certificates he holds are: Airline Transport Pilot (SF340, LR-Jet, G200, B737), CFII/MEI, Flight Engineer-turbojet, Ground Instructor-Advanced/Instrument

Tom has been a member of Fox Flying Club since 2016. His reason for becoming a member: "I wanted to get back into General Aviation after a long break. I was lucky that Fox Flying club was taking new applicants because as a "club novice" I had no idea how great a club this really is."

Tom's interest/hobbies outside of flying are:
"Herding Teenagers"

Tom has flown: "Cessna's, Pipers, Beechcraft, Lear's, Gulfstream and Boeings (no... no Cirrus)



The Winsor Family on their way to
Mackinac Island this past August

Tom sees his future getting back into more flight instruction. "You never know how little you know until you try to teach it." His flight training philosophy is: "Keep is Simple Stupid. Oh, and the 3 unusable things in aviation are the sky above you, the runway behind you and the fuel you left in the truck"

One of Tom's favorite Hanger Stories!

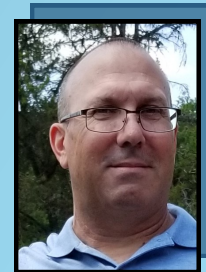
"After getting coddled in the airlines with the support and infrastructure of commercial aviation, I found myself furloughed in 2001. The next thing I knew I was in the right seat of a "DME equipped" Lear Jet on a VOR-C approach inside of the final approach fix in IMC with the throttles at idle, gear and speed brakes out, breaking out of the clouds with mountains to the left and right, landing in Aspen, CO.

Fun approach. If you're 20."



GROUND CONTROL

Dennis Wiater President



About four and a half years ago, I was introduced to Fox Flying Club. At first the benefits of joining were all about the great rates and well-maintained, hangered aircraft. What I soon learned was the true benefits of joining FFC, was all about the shared experience of flying and camaraderie of the members.

The first club event I attended, which happened to be the spring plane wash, I struck up a conversation with a fellow member that was essentially at the same point I was at in my experience as a pilot. Not long after that, we started flying together for the occasional breakfast/\$100 hamburger, Pilot and Paws mission and some valuable experience as an IFR trainee safety pilot. Because of that connection, I ended up getting a chance to fly way more than I would have, had I stuck to flying out of an FBO.

I have now flown with several club members and each time gaining a greater appreciation for the true benefit of being a flying club member.

The value of the shared experience of flying with fellow members cannot be overstated!

Hopefully you feel the same about the benefit of being a club member. In addition to that shared experience, membership participation and feedback is needed. What kind of activities or topics would you like to cover at membership meetings? Have you read any good aviation books lately? Have you taken a trip to an interesting place, where's the best \$100 hamburger, do you share your flying experiences with other club members or other non-pilots?

Our membership meetings are the perfect place to bring your ideas and share your experiences with your fellow members. And possibly make that connection that leads to more flying for you.

See you at the next meeting.

Dennis

FLIGHT PLAN

Nafis Noorali Vice-President



I joined Fox Flying Club approximately 4 years ago. Since 2015 the club has experienced exceptional growth. The participation in events has skyrocketed as well. I love being around other like minded members and have made great friends. Everyone volunteering their talents makes Fox Flying Club hands down a fun place to be.

My personal secret mission was to upgrade the crazy mustache club logo. Outsourcing the project to an overseas artist, getting some feedback from Dennis, we accomplished this task.

Then Mike creating a new hot website and really changed the 1956 feel into the new Fox Flying Futuristic Wonderland.

Having President Trump serenade Dave Gooch was a stellar feat as well.

As far as amazing places that we've visited in the Fox Flying Club sleek piper arrow - one that stands out is island hopping from Beaver Island to Mackinaw Island. Beaver Island has 2 airports with a population of 665 people. It has picture perfect views and crystal clear water.

I highly recommend this island and of course Mackinaw.

Glad to be part of a great group of people.

CHECKRIDE

Annalise Eure CFII, Training Officer



Welcome, fellow Foxers, to our inaugural newsletter. Check in each month for the training topic *du jour*. Do you have questions, pearls of wisdom or topics you'd like to read about? Send me an email and you may just see your ideas gracing the pages of the next newsletter!

Winter is coming. Tired pop culture taglines aside, there's no stopping the relentless march of time. As the temperatures plummet and the arthritis settles in, there comes a glimmer of hope. Our little fleet will perform so well you'll feel like you've climbed aboard a Saturn rocket. Before you enjoy the fruits of density altitude, let's review some hot topics for winter operations.

Heaters are installed in the 172, Archer, and Arrow and will be plugged in when the temps drop below freezing. Also make sure to pop in the cowl plugs and tuck the plane in with the blankies provided to keep the warm air close to the engines. Stay tuned for Cirrus updates and refer to Section 4 of the POH.

Always select your fashion choices with tact. Our onboard heaters work well enough to melt the soles of your boots, but plan your attire as though you will be exposed to the elements for an extended amount of time. Hats, gloves, warm socks, jackets – you know the drill, hardy Chicagoans. Mylar thermal blankets are a toasty and efficient treasure to stow in your flight bag. And don't forget your water; dehydration happens in the winter, too! Thirst is not a reliable indicator of dehydration in cold temps, so stay ahead of the power curve on this one. Water with a small amount of table salt and a squeeze of lemon is a great electrolyte replacement and sugar-free alternative to sports drinks.

And lastly, a quick refresher about the sneaky threat that is carbon monoxide. We all know that our onboard heating systems draw warm air from the muffler and that any aging or cracks can lead to carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide (CO) is an insidious little (non)stinker that causes anemic hypoxia, or lack of oxygen in the blood. During business as usual, the hemoglobin molecules in your blood will scoop up the oxygen you inhale and hike it on over to your cells. But once you start breathing in exhaust fumes, CO enters the scene. CO is like the hot girl at the party and hemoglobin swoops in, leaving homely little oxygen to dance by herself in the corner. While you're breathing perfectly adequate partial pressures of atmospheric oxygen, it's being replaced by CO in the blood while the cells starve for oxygen and start to flip out. So to wrap up this medical moment, if you smell exhaust or have the heater on and find yourself or your passengers with a raging headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, or confusion, you know what to do: shut off the heater, crack a window, and land safely as soon as practicable.

Questions? Concerns? Want to keep up with being the most proficient pilot you can be? Just drop a line to your friendly neighborhood CFI, any one of us is glad to assist.

DUPAGE AIRPORT PERFORMS FULL-SCALE DISASTER EXERCISE SIMULATED PLANE CRASH TESTS EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES



HOME BASE



Daniel J. Barna, C.M.
Operations and Capital Program Manager
DuPage Airport Authority

On October 17, 2019, Representatives from more than a dozen local and federal agencies took part in a live emergency exercise of a simulated plane crash Thursday at DuPage Airport (DPA) in West Chicago.

Participants in the emergency preparedness exercise included the West Chicago Fire Protection District, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), DuPage County Coroner's Office, Central DuPage Hospital, the Salvation Army and several area police and fire departments.

"We are committed to the safety of our users, employees, neighbors and first responders," said Stephen Davis, Chairman of the DuPage Airport Authority. "This drill provides a great opportunity to work alongside our federal and local agency partners to ensure we are all prepared in the event of an emergency on or near airport property."

The simulation backdrop involved a commercial airliner making an emergency landing at night – the first time DPA has performed a nighttime drill. The exercise was strategically designed to test response protocols, mobilization tactics and coordination among emergency crews with the backdrop of a nighttime crash.

To make the scenario as realistic as possible, officials used a burn prop and school bus to create an airplane fuselage with controlled flames. Crews extinguished the fire, triaged injured passengers and treated and transported numerous victims to local hospitals.

Officials from the DeKalb Airport, the Village of Schaumburg and the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management observed the drill to evaluate the exercise and provide feedback to participants.

"These live scenarios are a crucial component of our emergency preparation and response training," said Chief Patrick Tanner of the West Chicago Fire Protection District. "Our crews value any opportunity to work alongside local partners and other first responders to prepare for critical incidents that may happen at the airport."

DPA's on-site aircraft rescue and firefighting station is staffed 24/7/365 in order to facilitate a quicker and more efficient response to any potential emergencies. In recent years, the airport has also undertaken runway widening, lengthening and rehabilitation projects that help to ensure the facility can safely accommodate the more than 100,000 flight operations it serves annually.

CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF

Welcome New Members

Mark Vanderheyden



Mark joined the Fox Flying Club this past September. He and his wife Dina have been married for six years and currently live in Naperville.

They have two children, Max (3.5 yrs old) and Amelia (6 months old). Mark enjoys family trips and activities, fishing, hunting and golf.

Mark acquires and operates small to mid-size businesses when he is not at the airport flying! He began his aviation experience while he was an undergraduate business student at Purdue University.

Mark holds a Private Pilot Certificate and has flown C-152, C-172, PA28-161 and PA28-181. His future goal is to obtain an Instrument Rating.

“Organized organization, great culture and impressive condition of the clubs aircraft” is what drew Mark to the Fox Flying Club.

When asked about his favorite Hanger story, Mark replied, “Honestly, I haven’t flown much since getting my certificate and just got back into flying after 10 years of not flying”.

Welcome to the FFC family Mark, I’m sure you will have many stories in the years to come.



Arnold Rosas

Arnold is from Manila in the Philippines. He now resides in Hoffman Estates.

Arnold enjoys Basketball, Sport Shooting, Volleyball, ping pong, darts, bowling and pool.

Arnold joined FFC in September 2019

His friend David Berenson introduced Arnold not only to the Fox Flying Club, but to aviation here at DPA.

Arnold was excited to share his first flight with David,

“My first flying experience was last August 2019. It was the coolest experience ever! David Berenson is a great pilot”.

Arnold is now flying left seat in 773SP and working on his Private Pilot Certificate.

Wow! in one month, Arnold went from his first flight to his first training flight!

How exciting!

Welcome and good luck in your flight training Arnold!

Blue Skies and Greased Landings always!!

ABEAM THE NUMBERS

Jerry Borkowicz Treasurer



The club has completed and paid for 2 engine overhauls and 3 ADS-B installations this past fiscal year. As we start the new fiscal year the club has the funds set aside for the overhaul of the engine in N773SP, it will be the 3rd engine with an estimated cost of around \$28,000.

Also, we will complete the installation of the final ADS-B for N700ZG which is scheduled in November. These are the 2 planned major expenditures that will occur in the next few months. Also, we will have the cost of annual inspections coming up after the 1st of the year.

Our insurance renews December 8th. I have begun the process of requesting quotes for insurance from Assured Partners (AOPA), Avemco, and Marsh & McCellan Agency (Our current broker).

Please be advised that the deductible for our airplanes is:

Not in Motion (NIM): \$500

In Motion (IM): \$2000 for Single Engine Fixed Gear

\$5000 for Single Engine Retractable Gear

Each pilot who has the plane logged out for a flight is responsible for the deductible amount if damage occurs while you have possession of the airplane. Some members have a renters policy to cover these deductibles.

Monthly Total Cash Received from Dues, Fines, Rentals: \$27,271

Monthly Total Disbursements: \$24,123

Fuel \$10,000; Maintenance & Supplies \$10,100; Hangar Rent \$1520; Loan \$1145

End of Month Cash on Hand \$53,056

Total Allocated \$45,147:

Engines \$33,937; Propellers \$5939; Parachute Repack \$1375; Upgrade Fund \$5271

Remember that if you have any questions regarding your bills, payments, credits, flights please feel free to contact me at treasurer@foxflying.com or at 630-479-5719.

I would also like to stress that when using PayPal to pay the club, you need to pay the club as a friend to avoid incurring any fees from PayPal.

These are the steps to pay your bill via PayPal without incurring a fee:

1. Create your own PayPal account. You will need to verify your email address.
2. Link your checking account to your PayPal account.
Note, You will need to link a checking or savings account in order to avoid a fee, if you list a debit card or credit card you will still be charged a fee, it will be added to your payment
3. To pay the club without a fee - Click on the link on the PayPal login Home page "Pay or Send Money"
4. Select Send money to family and friends.
5. Then enter: "foxflyingclub@gmail.com" as the account to which you would like to send money.
6. You then will be asked to enter the amount to send.
7. PayPal will ask you "How want to pay?". This where your registered checking or savings account will be listed. Select one.
8. You can add a note to your payment.
9. Finally you will need to confirm your payment information.

When using the PayPal app the steps may be different but the key is pay the club as a **"Friend or Family"** to avoid fees.



EVENTS

“Belly Wash” and “Plane Wash”

October 3rd and 5th



All it takes are some hoses, buckets, rags, towels, spray bottles, ladders and a lot of pizza, drinks, donuts and coffee! Before you know it, members start to gather and are ready to crawl around the hangar floor, get dirty, spray, wash, rinse and polish our amazing fleet of aircraft.

After greeting old and new members, everyone gets to the job at hand. Within two hours the set up, washing and clean up are amazingly complete.

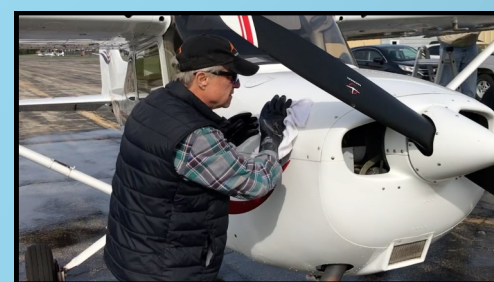
Not only do we have the most well equipped and maintained fleet of aircraft at DPA, they are once again the cleanest!

Thank you to all who found the time to gather at the Echo hangars and share a few stories, hang out with some great pilots, get a belly full of tasty pizza and donuts and were not afraid to use some elbow grease!

See you all at the next Fox Flying Club event!

Don't Forget!

Always clean the leading edges, cowling and windscreen after each flight! The aircraft and the next pilot will appreciate it!



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Do you have some amazing stories about any of your flights?
Do you like to share those stories with your friends and family?
Do you like to take photos before, during and after those flights?
Do you often take videos before, during or after those flights?

Well Fox Flying Club is interested in those stories, photos and videos!

Fox Flying Club is ready to develop and create a YouTube Channel and we need your help!

Let's share our events, guest speakers and all of your amazing flights and stories with not only each other, but with your friends, family and the World!!

For more information and how to participate,
email: Charley Soumar bigstostudios@gmail.com

 YouTube

NEWSLETTER

This is your newsletter!

To help keep this monthly publication vibrant, informative and fun,
we need your involvement.

This is the place for questions about the Fox Flying Club, sharing of information, places and flights you might feel the other members would enjoy hearing about.

Our newsletter is to create a community within the membership. Meeting new people, learning from experienced pilots and just getting involved with the passion we all know as "Aviation"

Please don't feel like a novel or professionally prepared article needs to be created. A simple outline or idea is a great place to start!

Our EIC will help prepare and answer any questions.

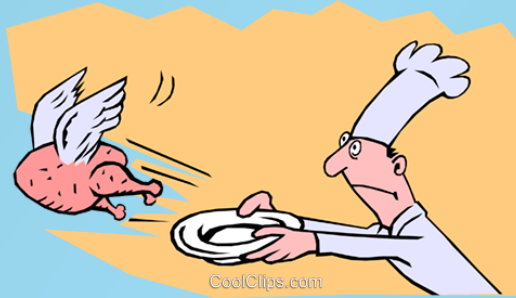
Photos are always welcome! "a picture is worth a thousand words"

We hope you enjoyed this first edition of THE COMPASS

Blue Skies...

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Happy Thanksgiving

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