



MEETING MINUTES

Landmark Aviation

January 11, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Jim Ambrose, Eric Austin, Mark Banac, Teri Elia, Joanne Engle, Jeff Kleinwaks, Jim Mignogna, Jim Mostrom, and Kevin Walsh,. Guest: Michael Wells

Mr. Austin opened the meeting at 1836. Introductions were made.

Mr. Ambrose presented a challenging **aviation knowledge quiz** and paired off teams of novice and experienced members of the group to take it. The answers were then reviewed. Dr. Mostrom and Ms. Elia achieved the highest score (and split the “pot”). All gained in knowledge while wracking their brains. The popularity of the exercise will likely assure a rematch.

The **minutes** of the November 9, 2006 membership meeting were reviewed and approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: E. Austin

Mr. Austin reviewed the proceedings of the Board meeting held immediately prior to this membership meeting.

1. **20C** has been advertised for sale in 5 issues of Trade-a-plane (TAP), and there have been two enquiries so far, one from a company structured to show up early in Google searches and with inexpensive advertising rates, the other from a private pilot from the Endicott area who is interested in “moving up” to a higher performing airplane. Mr. Walsh is fielding this latter inquiry, and the Board approved advertising with the other firm.
2. The **SFC Holiday party** was held at Jim Ambrose’s home on December 21 in lieu of the monthly meeting. The food, company and cheerful surroundings were enjoyed by all. Mr. Ambrose was thanked for his gracious hospitality.
3. When **parking at Hangar 1** in snowy conditions, the planes must be kept at least 20-30 feet from the entrance to the hangar door due to ice/snow dropping from above. Actually, whenever you park on any ramp, look around to ensure that the plane is not parked where falling ice/snow/branches could cause damage.

4. Winter is due to show up any time so be careful of icing conditions aloft and frozen taxiways/runways on the ground. Take corners slowly when taxiing to avoid sliding and be selective of your run-up areas.
5. The **Utica Airport (UCA)** is NOTAM'ed to close on 1/11/07. All FBO operations have already moved to RME (referred to as Griffis) but the tower will continue to operate at UCA until 1/12/07. Griffis only has runways 15/33 but has 11,820 feet in which to land...and take off...and land...and...well, you get the picture. They have an ILS and VOR there, as well. Note that **Rwy 33 requires right traffic.** (Ed. Note: ATIS and tower frequencies are the same as at UCA)
6. Lastly, Galaxy Aviation (and their Laser Grade Testing Center) is located in the same building as the FBO.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Mignogna

Mr. Mignogna reviewed the financial reports. The bank account balance is currently \$25,322, of which \$8,000 is set aside for engine reserves. Receivables approximate \$5,000. Mr. Mignogna is currently reviewing fuel bills to apply for a sales tax rebate.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Current Membership: 25 Regular + 2 family = 27 active.
Recent Activity: Mssrs. Burnside, Roach, LaRussa, and Luckwaldt have all gone inactive. Mr. Kubinieć recently joined.

CHIEF CFI REPORT: J. Ambrose

1. **AOPs** are complete and will be combined with the revised SOPs and By-Laws (when they are finished and approved) onto a CD that will be issued to each member and instructor. These will then be used in training situations.
2. **New instructor prospects:** Frank Romeo may be interested in re-joining the ranks. Carol Hoffman is another potential candidate.
3. Mr. Ambrose is in the process of organizing a **Wings program** for Syracuse to be scheduled in May (tentatively the 5th). Landmark will be providing hangar space. The club will need to provide seating, some light refreshments and an honorarium for the speaker. Otherwise the Rochester FSDO is covering his other expenses. A table will be set up with Club materials. This should be an excellent draw for potential new members. There was general enthusiasm for this program.

PLANE CAPTAIN REPORTS:

N6320C: E. Austin

A new fuel cap has arrived and will be painted along with the other one and an inspection plate by Landmark. The left rheostat for the panel lighting is not working and so the CDIs are not well lit. ExecAir Avionics will be asked to check into this when (bad) weather permits.

N8198V: J. Mostrom

The plane had an oil change last month. The left main tire has been replaced. New visor retainer cups have arrived and will be installed. The LEDS are flickering on the *new* Nav radio. Mr. Walsh will contact the avionics shop in Batavia where it was installed, as it should still be in warranty.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

See Chief CFI report regarding upcoming **Wings program** in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 1950.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Mostrom
Secretary