



MEETING MINUTES
North Syracuse Public Library

February 13, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Mark Banac, Hiroshi Higuchi, Deidrich Towne, Eric Austin, Yun Chase, Jim Ambrose, Jeff Kleinwaks,

The meeting began at 1830 with an FAA Wings Event: Wake Turbulence Avoidance presented by Jim Ambrose. The session included lecture, group discussion and workshop exercises. It was well done, as usual and all in attendance received Wings credit.

The general SFC meeting was opened at 1915 by Eric Austin. Introductions were made.

The **minutes** of the January 10th meeting were reviewed and a motion to accept was made and seconded.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A Board meeting was held on February 11th. A significant portion of the meeting was focused on the status of the new aircraft (discussed below). Other topics included:

1) Elections for three Board seats will take place during March. The seats of Kevin Walsh, Teri Elia and Eric Austin expire this year. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Board to help steer the organization, please let any of the Board members know.

2) The most likely financial organization to be used for our new aircraft is Empower FCU. They have offered a 15yrs loan with an extremely competitive rate. We've found that all other banks wanted an individual to personally guarantee the loan but Empower does not.

3) The restaurant at FZY has been re-opened since November 2007. The young man running the restaurant now still serves up good food for a reasonable price. However, business has been very slow so if you can patronize the restaurant, it may help keep it open.

4) The annual for 98V came in at a little over \$2,000. Keeping the cost down was a credit of approximately \$1,000 was given the Club for 20C maintenance issues that caused us to reduce the selling price.

5) We need to have 12 item orders before we can order the SFC apparel. Teri is doing her best to promote and will coordinate the orders.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

We have a balance of approximately \$90,000 in the Club's checking account. A portion of that is committed to 98V's engine reserve. The Club will be able to use up to \$60,000 of this money to apply to the new aircraft.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Not Available

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR REPORT:

We now have five instructors available to teach in our aircraft. They are:

- Jim Spaller (full time)
- Gopi (full time)
- Rob Belesario (full time)
- Pat McGarity (full time)
- Jim Ambrose (part time)

The Club will sponsor a Wings Event on May 4th at the Landmark FBO. The Club will provide coffee, donuts, tables and chairs.

The GPS requires some work in order to understand how to use for GPS approaches. The quick reference guide in the plane walks you through the procedure.

PLANE CAPTAIN REPORTS:

N8198V:

GPS is not yet IFR current as we work to get the subscription and hardware needed to perform the updates.

We can not use the GPS as a second VOR when doing VOR checks. Therefore, we must do the checks at a test station or via an airborne test. A list of local options for checking the VOR will be placed in the plane.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Aircraft Status: We are gathering more details on two aircraft that seem to fit our requirements. We're in the process of getting copies of the logbooks and will ask the Flight School to review them for us. If they pass this inspection we will prepare a pre-purchase agreement (Mark Banac) and present it to the owner. If that is accepted, we'll schedule a pre-buy inspection as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting was adjourned at 2000.