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**Safety Program:** With respect to safety, the club is offering training on our new Garmin GPS receivers. Dan Christman is offering introductory training at the main hangar for those that missed the other dates. The final session is scheduled 6 February 2002 at 1700 Hours. **WARNING: WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU GET CHECKED OUT WITH THE NEW GPS RECEIVERS BEFORE ATTEMPTING ACUTAL IFR CONDITIONS. ALSO, MAKE SURE THAT THE DATABASE IS CURRENT FOR THE FLIGHT!** If you were familiar with the Garmin 155 (VFR) in 12874, the new GPSs are exactly the same except for the instrument approaches. A complete "Pilot's Guide and Reference" for the new GPSs is available on the club Web site.

**Airplane Status and Maintenance Report:**

4269T – The Cherokee is good-to-go. The primer is not working on this airplane. Our maintenance officer, John Cash is aware of this and has taken action. There are some minor things that need to be repaired also but this airplane is airworthy. The oil and filter was recently replaced. Also, keep an eye on the oil consumption...we still have a small oil leak that we are nursing.

12874 – A Garmin 300XL is now installed in this airplane along with a compass card and an external antenna connection on the panel. Dan Christman stated that the club needs to make 5 IFR approaches with Ed's Avionics yet to certify the Skyhawk for the clouds. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, 874 is back home at the hangar and ready for flight.

4378Q – Again we had some problems with the breaks on 78Q but have been resolved. This airplane is good-to-go.

3607V – Good-to-go.

9442U – No squawks on this airplane.

**Hanger & Equipment Status:** The old LP pre-heater was replaced by a new one. Thanks to those that contributed to its construction.

**Club Event Calendar:** At our last monthly meeting, the members present voted again to have two safety seminars at the hangar in April and October of this year. Also, we are planning on the annual pancake breakfast in June. The request for an exemption to the mandatory drug testing was submitted two weeks ago. Also at the last meeting we discussed holding another Wash n' Wax day this year. The one last year was a total success.

**Club Meetings:** Our next member meeting is set for 1900 hours, Friday, 15 February 2002 at the hangar.

**President's Comments:** We are accepting donations for the 3 GPSs again as with all of our airplane upgrades. Contact Bill Willard at 219-223-xxxx for more information. We have had at least 2 donations already that I know of. Thank you very much if you have already done so.

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