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Newsletter
February 1998

Presidents "Air Space": Dan Christman was our "Pilot of the Year" for 1997. He helped on many club projects and spent many hours at the hanger on Saturday mornings helping out on what ever he could. Congratulations to Dan and thanks for your participation. Dan will receive one hour of free flight time and a plack for his dedicated service and interest in Flying.

Only 36 members have signed for a copy of the new club By-laws. If you haven't picked up a copy, please do so. Copies are available at the hanger. There are several changes to the By-laws that everyone needs to be aware of.

I have two Internet addresses now: Work is rfearnow@cleveland.dfas.mil and my personal address is rfearnow@juno.com.

After 15 years in the job, Steve O'Dell has resigned as our Secretary. Steve is overwelmed with work and personal commitments and needs to step down. Thanks Steve for serving for all those years. We appreciate it and wish you luck. Also, you are welcome to run for the job again if you become availble in the future. At this time, we are asking for a volunteer to take the job and associated responsibilities.

Safety Program and Issues: I have asked Harrison Crabill to head up our club safety program for 1998 with the first training meeting sometime in the spring and a second training meeting in the Fall. No status yet from Harrison.

This months safety tip:

Aircraft Status & Maintenance:

07V: Has a questionable mag (right mag?). The aircraft can be flown but be aware of the mags on 07V. The aircraft is being scheduled for maintenance.

42U: Good to go. No problems reported.

874: Good to go. No problems reported.

69T: The Cherokee still has an oil leak problem. We have asked Chad Baxter at the FBO to look at the problem when he gets a chance in the next few weeks. We would like to fix this problem before we get the aircraft painted.

Aircraft annuals scheduled for the following:

February	69T
April	42U
June	874 and 07V

Reminder: Check the sticker on the tachometer for the next "50 Hour" oil change schedule on each aircraft- make the check as part of your walk-around inspection and pre-flight planning . If the aircraft is due for an oil change, please get help and change the oil/filter and make the appropriate maintenance log entries. If your schedule does not permit or you can't get help, leave a note on the Schedule Board that there is an oil change due for the aircraft.

Hanger & Equipment Status: John Cash, a club member and fellow pilot, has access to some metal shelving that might be available for use at the hanger. Thanks John. We sure could use them.

Club Event Calendar:

11 April 1998, 0800 at the hanger, first road-side trash pickup. Rain date: 25 April.

13 June 1998, 0600 to 1200 (Noon), annual pancake breakfast and flyin at the Fulton County Airport. This outstanding event is in conjunction with the "Round Barn" Festival and Celebration, Rochester, Indiana.

Club Meetings: Next member meeting is set for Friday, 20 February 1998, 1900 Hours at the hanger.
Agenda:

Results of the board meeting held on 16 Jan 98.

1. Members present:

Ron Fearnow
Brent Prior
Phil Krider
Harrison Crabill

2. Discussed Doug Dickerhoff as Secretary. Ron Fearnow to contact. Contacted on 17 Jan 98. Doug stated that he "would think about it and get back to me".

3. Subject: Refurbish (exterior only) and paint 69T. Voted 4-0 to obtain estimates and go from there. The board members agreed to go with a high quality paint prep and application. Harrison to contact John Sajarrdema about an estimate.

4. Subject: 69T Air Conditioner in the aircraft: Voted 4-0 to not remove it from the aircraft.

5. Subject: Roadside pickup. Voted 4-0 to keep the program.

6. Subject: Liability insurance coverage for corporate aircraft. Voted 4-0 to drop liability insurance to the state minimums; \$50,000 and \$500,000 PL/PD.

Keep your air speed up. Ron.