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Newsletter

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By-Laws: There is another clarification to our Operating Rules. Add the following to paragraph 2. ELIGIBILITY, sub-paragraph j. "In addition, new pilots to the club if desiring to fly in one or both of the four-seated airplanes shall be checked out in a Cessna 172 and/or the Cherokee 180 as appropriate by a Corporate instructor." This is due to the different procedures and configurations between the two airplanes (electric fuel pump, electric versus manual flaps, fuel management, low wing versus high wing landing techniques, etc. This requirement was informally followed in the past by our instructors but is now a club rule. If there are additional errors or possible clarifications, please let me know (219-352-xxxx)

Safety Program: Don Hales with the South Bend Flight Safety District Office (FSDO) provided another Safety Seminar for the MFC on 5 April. He presented several video tapes on ground incursions, airport markings and the FAA Wings Program. He also talked about maintaining pilot currency and answered many flight and safety related questions. There were only nine MFC members present. This is not a very good showing...only 12% of the membership pilots. Thanks to those that came for the seminar and supporting our safety awareness program. Also, myself, Bob Domke and Dan Christman received a presentation and training as FAA Safety Counselors.

Maintenance Report:

4269T – The Cherokee is good-to-go. No squawks noted but keep an eye on the engine oil leak.

12874 – This airplane is airworthy. However, keep an eye on the left wing fuel drain cock.

4378Q – The new metal parts are slowly being painted. This past week the left wing was being painted. The next step is to reassemble the parts, perform an annual to include checking the altitude indicator and inserting a new battery. Hopefully the airplane will be ready for the Annual Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, 9 June 2001. Many thanks to Bill Willard and John Cash for their diligent efforts in restoring the airplane.

3607V – No squawks on this airplane.

9442U – No squawks on this airplane.

Hanger & Equipment Status: The Pancake Breakfast signs are done and ready for mounting.

Club Event Calendar:

1. The annual Pancake Breakfast and fly-in will be Saturday, 9 June 2001 and will start at 0700 at the main hangar. There is a sign-up sheet on the office door in the main hangar. There are many slots not filled yet and we will need your help. Please stop by the hangar and sign-up in an available slot. We will need a photographer. Do I have a volunteer?

2. Our second FAA Safety Seminar is scheduled for 18 October 2001 at the MFC hangar.

Club Meetings: Our next member meeting is set for 1900 Hours, 18 May 2001 at the hanger.

President's Comments: Our IFR ground school is going great. We have already had Three sessions and a quiz. Thanks to Dan Christman for his time and effort.

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