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Newsletter

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Presidents "Air Space": We are the proud new owners of the hanger next door to the Mentone Flying Club hanger for \$6000 (North of the hanger, not South). Officially we plan to take possession on 26 October 1998 but are already working the removal of four aircraft or parts of aircraft and a farm tractor from the building. We purchased the 40' by 40' building from Ms. Helen Thompson (wife of Gene Thompson) of Rochester and plan to park the Cessna 150s in the hanger and save the T-hanger rental charged by the airport.

The members present at the last meeting voted to have a drawing for one hour of flight time at no charge at the monthly meetings. You must sign up at the meeting, be present to win and a current student or certificate'd pilot.

Any member of the flying club with access to the Internet and/or email that would like to have the meeting minutes email'd to them please email our secretary, Jim Cook at the following address:

JimCook546@aol.com. Thanks Jim.

Congratulations to John Delworth and Dale Melton on their recent "solo experience". An experience that every new pilot never forgets.

Safety Program and Issues: While flying in the vicinity of an airport, a pilot flies over a marker beacon that transmits a continuous audio identification of two short dots followed by a pause. The white marker-beacon light flashes similarly. What does this signify? See answer on Page 2.

Aircraft Status & Maintenance: 69T is down for major engine repairs but should be back on line after a long wait for additional parts this coming week (28 Sep 98)--just in time for its new paint job.

874 has been experiencing a 200 RPM drop in power during take off (2300 RPMs). Full power should indicate 2500 RPMs. Keep an eye on this and compute your weight and balance accordingly--computer a 9% drop in performance. Don Walls is making arrangements to have this problem checked out. We suspect a possible air leak at the carburetor butterfly control rod--or just a tired engine needing a tune up?

42U and 07V are in good shape according to our maintenance director Don Walls.

Hanger & Equipment Status: We are putting the new hanger door on the "back burner" at this time because of 69T maintenance costs for the engine and paint and because of the purchase of the new hanger.

Club Event Calendar:

17 October 1998, Saturday, 0800 Hours at the hanger, Trash pickup day # 4 with a rain date of 24 October. A very successful club project I might add. Keep up the good work.

20 October 1998, Tuesday, 1900 Hours at the hanger, air safety seminar be there.

24 October 1998, Saturday, planning to have a new 1998 Cessna Skyhawk on display after 1000 Hours at the hanger, Fulton County Airport, Rochester. Point of contact is Ron Fearnow at: Work 317-510-5163 or Home 219-352-2826.

27 October 1998, Tuesday, Annual Club Dinner located at "Mrs. Yoders" which is West out of Napanee, Indiana to County Road 100 North then Right; drive about Two miles. There are limited number of seats so get your reservations in no later than 16 October 1998 which is our regular monthly meeting for October.

Club Meetings: Next member meeting is set for Friday, 16 October 1998, 1900 Hours at the hanger. Agenda: read and confirm meeting minutes, financial status, new member applications status, aircraft status, nominations for 1999 officers and board members and up coming events.

Answer to Safety Question: It is the back-course marker that indicates the location of the final-approach fix of a back course ILS approach and the point at which the final-approach descent should begin.

Ron Fearnow, Master Pilot of the Universe
...keep your airspeed correct.