

Grasshopper Flying Club Meeting Minutes

9 October, 2019

The business portion of our meeting was called to order by the president at 19:33. There were nineteen members and three guests in attendance. The minutes from the September meeting and the September treasurer's report were accepted as distributed.

Maintenance Report/Aircraft Status:

13V	The COM2 scratchy/hiss sound issue was addressed in mid-September. The radio had a bent pin and was not making a solid connection to the aircraft. The "shimmy" on climb out is caused by a slight out-of-balance wheels. Tapping on the breaks stops the shimmy on the mains.
38E	The magnetic compass is off by as much as 25 degrees. This may be caused by accidental movement on the calibration magnets when installing and removing the sun visor. The low voltage light is being repaired. The visor was repaired and several interior lights were replaced. The hard start issue has been addressed with the replacement of a magneto and the battery.
60R	Damage assessment is complete and 13V is at Aero Mechanical for repair. The lower firewall sustained significant damage. The estimate is around \$21,000, unless additional damage is found during the repair. We are doing a fastener kit and will do the annual during the repair. We expect it to return to service in about a month.

New Business:

- **Hudson Valley Pilot's Association (HVPA):** The monthly HVPA meeting on 17 Thursday, 18:30 at Buffalo Wild Wings will focus on discussing how we fly and how we can learn from each other. The meeting is open to all with an interest in aviation.
- **Other Maintenance Items:** The exhaust gas temperature (EGT) gauge on several of the aircraft are inoperative. Would it be possible to get them all into working order? Or, should we look towards installing an engine monitor? This may be a good item to install when we replace an engine.
- **Squawk Process:** After every flight members are required to send the ending tach time, time of the next 100 seat rail inspection and the time of the next oil change. When a member squawks an aircraft, the member must call the crew chief, maintenance officer or president. The maintenance officer assesses the squawk and works with the crew chief to come up with a plan of action to address the squawk.
- **New Instrument Pilot:** Sebastian Wuerth has earned his instrument rating. Congratulations Sebastian!
- **Potential Members:** We had three potential members attend the meeting, two of whom submitted applications at the meeting:
 - Perry Jones is interested in joining as a student member. Perry works at IBM Poughkeepsie. His hobbies include cars and pet rescue through Paws for Love.
 - Michael Dotoratos has applied for membership. Michael is a police officer for the Town of Fallsburg. He earned his PP-ASEL at Take Flight in Orange County. He is married with two children and lives in Wappingers Falls. Michael is interested in earning his instrument rating. Michael was voted in as a member.
 - David Anderson has applied for membership as a student member. David is an engineer with IBM in Poughkeepsie. He is married with five sons, is a certified L2 ski instructor and raises puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. He graduated from West Point and served as an aerial observer for the U.S. Army. He is interested in earning his PP-ASEL with the club. David was voted in as a member.

Welcome to the club Michael and David!

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15