

THE HFC NOTAMS
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The Hillsboro Flying Club NOTAMS is a quarterly newsletter to keep you informed on issues, plus offering articles that are of general interest. You are encouraged to submit articles.



EVENTS

- The HFC monthly meeting on the **2nd Tuesday of the month**. The Board meets at 1800 hours and the general meeting starts at 1900. HFC is working on important issues that will affect the club's future fleet and membership. Please attend to provide your input.
- The "Budget Committee" will reconvene in October 2010 and work on the club's 2011 budget over several months. The committee currently consists of Fred Hostetler, Greg Zeuthen and Chris Girard. If you would like to participate contact Fred Hostetler.
- The annual HFC dinner is on Jan 23, 2010 and is already at our allowed attendance capacity. The event is at the Grand Lodge in Forest Grove.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Many families write a page or two of what happened in their lives over the past year and include it in their Christmas cards. I thought that it might be fun to review 2009 for the HFC.

Membership: During 2009 the overall membership in the club dropped for two significant reasons. First, the economic recession hit some club members and they had to re-prioritize their discretionary income. Second, several members purchased their own airplanes and no longer flew club aircraft. On the positive side the club added four new members that were active flyers. On balance the new members added flight hours to the planes, which is good for the club, the members and the airplanes.

Finances: The overall finances of the club were very positive! In fact the final figures were so good that the Budget Committee recommended that the dues be lowered and electronic upgrades purchased for the fleet. Much of the success was based on increased flight hours, but we must give credit to the Budget Committee and the Treasurer for such a thorough job.

Board Members and Officers. The Board and General Membership nominated and voted in officers for 2009. The Board and Officers are as follows:

- Don Brown: Maintenance Officer
- John Halbert: Membership
- Fred Hostetler: Vice-President
- Joe Kelly: President and Editor of the HFC Notams
- Shannon Miller: Treasurer
- Greg Zeuthen: Board Member at Large

The **Budget Committee** included:

- Fred Hostetler
- Chris Girard
- Greg Zeuthen

In November 2009 elections were held for the 2010 calendar year. The same officers volunteered to maintain their offices in 2010 and were then unanimously voted in by the Board and Membership. Thus the names and positions listed above hold true for 2010.

Activities, Participation, and Events: The year 2009 was an active one for the club as a whole and for individual members in particular. Items include:

The HFC Annual Dinner: The year 2009 started off with the HFC Annual Dinner which was held in mid-January at the Otto & Anita's German restaurant in Multnomah Village. The dinner was well attended and included guests, and "significant others". Good food was enjoyed and stories were told for everyone's enjoyment. The club thanks **Don Brown** for taking the lead on this event.

A Private Tour of the Evergreen Flight Museum: Don Brown arranged for a private tour of the museum in early 2009. Many members and guests attended. Fellow pilot, museum volunteer, and hangar-neighbor **Ross Phillippi** provided information and comments throughout the tour. Ross has been part of Del Smith's MMV Aviation Museum for a long time, not as administrator, but as (his words) "wrench turner & aircraft mover."

KHIO Tower Tour: As part of a safety activity, the club was granted a tour of the Hillsboro Airport Tower. The tour was arranged by **Fred Hostetler** and it was attended by members and guests. **Lyle Johnson**, HIO Tower Manager provided helpful information throughout our visit. The gathering was part of our club's commitment to safety and was appreciated by all. Without except every club member learned something that will help in our safety and the use of KHIO.

Angel Flight West: The Angel Flight West program operates in 13 western states. It's a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization that arranges free, non-emergency air travel for children and adults with serious medical conditions and other

compelling needs. A network of pilots throughout the 13 western states donate their aircraft, piloting skills, and all flying costs to help families in need, enabling them to receive vital treatment that might otherwise be inaccessible because of financial, medical, or geographic limitations. Pilots give freely of their time and money, restoring health and hope to those whose lives have been disrupted by illness, disaster, or other life-altering events. Their only reward is the joy of knowing how much of a difference they've made. Several HFC pilots volunteered their time and money for this worthy cause.

Challenge Air: The "Challenge Air" program is a not-for-profit organization, offers flying experiences to physically challenged children and youth. Rick Amber founded Challenge Air with the belief that, "every disabled person should see the world from a different view...out of their wheelchairs and crutches and from the sky." In 1993, he realized he was in a unique position to share his love of flying with "kids on wheels". He invited a small group of physically challenged children to take them soaring over the city's skyline. The endeavor was a huge success and, based on the enthusiastic responses he got from the children and their families, Amber became instantly committed to creating Challenge Air so he could provide the experience of flying to children wherever he traveled. In 1993 Challenge Air was born. Named the "Crusader" after the jet he flew as an officer in the navy and for his passion to bring his experiences to children. In Challenge Air 2009, HFC pilots, **Shannon Miller, Adam Stites**, with support from **Don Brown** gave numerous flights to the thrill of disabled children. The Oregonian newspaper featured a report on the event and HFC's participation.

Annual KHIO Air Show: The Hillsboro Air Show is held each year in August and it is a three day event. The 2009 Air Show was enjoyed by 84,750 spectators and numerous highly skilled participants. The Air show included military flying demonstrations, the Golden Knights Army parachute team, the Thunderbirds, and our own Oregon National Guard in their F-15s. HFC members attended the event, displayed one of its aircraft and passed out information on the HFC.

The KHIO Open House: The 9th annual Hillsboro Airport open house was held on Oct 24 at the Hillsboro Airport Terminal Ramp. KHIO celebrated 74 years as a public-use airport. Owned and operated by the Port of Portland, KHIO is Oregon's second busiest airport and offers opportunities for business and recreational flying, flight training, medical response, and aircraft maintenance, fueling and storage. HFC volunteers **Chris Girard, Don Brown, Jonathan Polonsky** and others prepared our fleet for display (wash, wax, etc.) and offered information on the HFC as well as general aviation. The open house is an opportunity for community members to learn how this general aviation airport continues to support the region's economy and well-being.

Awards: In late March 2009, the HFC instituted a "friendly competition" for five different categories and the competition ran from April 1, 2009 through December

31, 2009. **Fred Hostetler** was in-charge of the competition and awards, with support from **Joe Kelly**. The categories and winners were as follows:

- The most hours flown in club aircraft. It makes no difference how many club aircraft you use as the hours are totaled to determine the winner. The hours that are tabulated are from the flight logs in each airplane. The winner was **Shannon Miller** with 52.49 hours.
- The most hours flown in an individual club aircraft. The hours are taken from the flight logs in each airplane. The winners were:
 - C172: **Mark Fryburg** with 27.6 hours.
 - C182: **Joe Kelly** with 41.02 hours.
 - Debonair: **Shannon Miller** with 46.59 hours.
- The longest flight from KHIO as calculated by AirNav, which calculates in a straight line. The winner was **Don Brown** who flew to KBFF a distance of 864 nautical miles from KHIO.
- The most number of Oregon airports that you have landed at, of the 57 “approved” airports. We eliminated dirt/gravel airports, airports that were too close to KHIO and thus frequently visited, and those that were very narrow and/or short. The winner was **Joe Kelly** with 25 airports logged in.

Fleet Upgrades: The Board recommended an upgrade to the panel on our C182 and it was approved in a unanimous vote. The upgrade selected was a Garmin GPS Model number GNS-430W, cooling fan, and RC Allen electric AI. The installation will probably be complete, along with N1228M's annual inspection, by the time you read this newsletter.

2010

If our present positive trend continues, the members of the Hillsboro flying Club can look forward to an exciting and rewarding year. Membership is forecasted to grow and our finances are in excellent order. Club aircraft are well maintained and are being upgraded. The Board hopes to add a few more club events in 2010 to promote flying and to enhance our flying skills.

Always remember that this is your club and we are all hopeful that you will participate where you can to enhance our enjoyment of aviation.
