

PYFC News

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In Brief

- Back issues of the PYFC News newsletter are available on our web site at www.pyfc.org in the "Monthly Meetings" box.
- Prospective new members are:
 - Alex Fitzgerald
 - Eric Marelli

Quiz

Who was the first president PYFC?

Weekend Manager Schedule

Jeff White Bill Whittaker	12/4
Andrew Wright	12/11
Gordon Young Raul Zambrano	12/18
Santa Clause The Elves	12/25
	1/1
Matt Abraham Ruben Alconero	1/8
Fred Ames Neil Atkins	1/15
Eric Baxter Tom Bogojevski	1/22
Howard Bozenhard John Bradley	1/29

Happy Birthday PYFC!

There can be a number of days that can be counted as the beginning of the Penn Yan Flying Club, however, December 4th, 1940 can be counted as one of the most important days in the beginning of the club. On that day, the original Certificate of Incorporation was signed, which created PYFC, Inc. A bit of history is in order, in the fall of 1939 a few Penn Yan residents got together and decided they wanted to learn to fly. Throughout the rest of 1939 and up until September of 1940, plans were developed. In September of 1940 a meeting was held at the 4-H club in Penn Yan. At that meeting the decisions were made to lease a portion of a farm for an airfield, build runways, hire an instructor and buy an airplane. The result of that meeting led to the formation of the Penn Yan Flying Club, Incorporated. It can be noted that there was a bump in the road to incorporation, which was the rejection of the original incorporation papers by the New York Department of State due to the fact that the articles of incorporation called for seven directors and the incorporation papers only listed six directors, this after all the listed directors had signed the papers, the papers had been notarized and approved by the Supreme Court of the Seventh Judicial district.

There were 32 members who formed the club and the original directors were Roswell Smith, Marvin Allison, Sidney Reed, John Barden, Frank Bentz, Lynn Hurlburt and Layton Bailey. Layton Bailey was the club's hired instructor.

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At the Clubhouse

Our combined Board of Directors and regular membership meeting will briefly be held on December 16th at 6:30. We will also forego the mini-safety meeting so you can look forward to Dave Shaw reviewing carburetor icing at the January meeting, honest, this time he really will present! This will leave a lot of time for our annual Holiday Christmas party. Family, friends, acquaintances and anyone else who might be interested are invited. Please bring your favorite holiday party fare or beverage to share. We hope to see you there.

Standard Briefing

Land on the spot

We all learned about pitch, power and airspeed during our primary training. So here is a bit of a refresher. When you are on final and it looks like you are going to undershoot your chosen landing spot (you did pick a landing spot didn't you?) what do you do? Without thinking some pilots may pull back to pitch the nose up a bit, hoping to stretch the descent to "the spot". Oh, but now look, we are beginning to bleed off airspeed, hmm, now it looks like we are still going to undershoot the spot, better pitch up some more. Uh oh, there goes some more airspeed, and so on. What needs to be remembered, when you pitch up to shallow the descent, you need to simultaneously add a bit of power. Keeping a constant airspeed in a stabilized approach sets you up so you are in control in those final moments of the approach and landing. The result is smoother, more consistent landings. This doesn't mean that every approach and landing will be perfect, but it will set you up to be more consistent. Whatever your view of the interrelationship of pitch, power, airspeed and altitude, coordination of pitch and power for a stabilized approach is the key to the safest and most accurate approach possible.

Happy Birthday, continued.

The foundation on which our club is built can be found in the first two paragraphs from the Certificate of Incorporation.

First: The name of the proposed corporation shall be Penn Yan Flying Club, Inc.

Second: The purposes for which it is to be formed are: to advance the science of aeronautics, to encourage interest in aviation, to develop aviation, to provide economical flying rates for its members, and to bring to more people the social benefits and pleasure of flying activities.

These two paragraphs sum up the purpose of the flying club. After 70 years it is good to be able to say "Happy Birthday PYFC"

Landings

By the time you are reading this, PYFC will be the proud owners of a 2006 Cirrus SR20. As you may know from some of the email letters that have been distributed the PYFC Board of Directors debated quite a bit about this purchase. If you missed the November meeting there was a lot of questions and discussion about the purchase of this particular aircraft. While some members may agree with the purchase and others may disagree the general consensus is that at least we are trying something new. As with all things, the hope is that interest will be renewed in flying the club airplanes, people will gather at the clubhouse to debate or discuss flying in general and the new airplane in particular. Remember also, the Board of Directors is always looking for input from you on what the club can do to promote learning to fly, flying in general and interest in aviation. This is your club. Safe landings.