

# PYFC News

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## *Quiz*

In a METAR what does the symbol PY stand for

Answer: As a weather phenomena under obscuration it means spray.

Next month's question: When flying a flashing green light gun signal means what?

## *Weekend Manager*

Bob Horton 5/7

Lin Hough

Rick Ingram 5/14

Earl Innis

Ben Keltz 5/21

Rob Kinyoun

Dale Kramer 5/28

John Macca

eEric Marelli 6/4

Bob Mattick

John McBride 6/11

Lance McFetridge

Paul Middlebrook 6/18

Hunter Mollin

Loyal Namestnik 6/25

Woodrow Nepa

## **At the Clubhouse**

Our combined Board of Directors meeting and regular meeting will be held on May 19th at 6:30. The mini-safety meeting topic will be Go/No Go decisions presented by Ruben Alconero (I think).

Marty would like to thank all the members that showed up for the Spring Work Bee. A lot chores got taken care of in one morning. Special kudos to Dave Shaw for organizing the task lists.

And speaking of volunteer opportunities, the Rochester WINGS Expo is June 10th and 11th and the Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to man a booth at the event. We will hopefully have the Cirrus on display. A sign up sheet is available in the clubhouse.

Congratulations to Eric Marelli for his first solo flight in N73450 on May 6th.

Please note that since July 4 is on a Monday, we are going to do the setup on Saturday the 2nd instead of the usual weekend before. First draft of duty roster will be out in a few weeks.

## **From the scrapbook**

From the week of August 7th, 1941 there were six students signed off to fly solo. In addition the hourly rate with an instructor was \$5.00, solo time was \$2.50.

The club also planned to hold a membership drive starting in September. The plan was to have the new members pay \$1 a week for 30 weeks. During each week of the drive someone would receive a payed up membership.

Finally, the week of September 4th, 1941 an Ercoupe landed on the field. Club members were impressed with the tricycle landing gear, twin rudders and metal fuselage.

## **Standard Briefing- To share or not to share**

FAA is very sensitive to pilots carrying passengers under a broad set of circumstances that make the flight "for hire". While anyone holding a Private ticket or higher can legitimately share costs with passengers, the flight might be in question or actually in violation if the full cost is not equally shared, if the pilot has no interest in the purpose of the flight and appears to be simply providing transportation, and especially if there is any appearance of soliciting passengers. So if Joe and two friends go to the EAA Convention at Oshkosh and split the cost three ways, FAA hopes they have a good time (or, at worst, isn't interested). But if Joe posts an ad and takes the same two people to the EAA Convention, spends the week in Green Bay, and charges each passenger half, FAA would be very interested. So, of course, would PYFC.

Even local rides for hire require some FAA programmatic. Transportation for hire is a much bigger deal, and if a pilot slides into the "for hire" abyss the consequences could be bad. On top of that, an accident would demonstrate Murphy's Law by voiding all insurance coverage. So don't be afraid to split costs legitimately, but be very leery of anything beyond that because minefields are a bad place to walk.

## **Clean airplanes are happy airplanes**

In case it wasn't obvious from the calendar, spring has arrived. And with spring comes, yes, you guessed it, bugs. John has put a bucket and sponge out on the ramp for cleaning bugs off the leading edges of the wings and for cleaning the propeller. In addition, the next time you go out flying, please take a few minutes either before you fly or after to clean the bottoms of the airplanes. There is a creeper, some mineral spirits and rags in the hanger to help out with this chore.

## **Landings**

Well, the clubhouse and grounds are beginning to look ship shape. The recent work bee took care of some needed maintenance in the clubhouse and the hangers. Please keep in mind that we don't need a work bee to get some little thing done that needs doing around the airport. If you see something that isn't quite right, just take care of it.

From the scheduler it looks like the flying is picking up. Let's hope the good weather is here to stay. With another first solo flight this week, we are carrying on the tradition for which PYFC formed, to provide people of the community a chance to learn to fly and to enjoy aviation. I know spring time is a busy time for most people, but, it is also a great time to book an airplane and do a little fun flying, so treat yourself to some aviation this next weekend.

Safe landings.