

February 2015

ACAC Beacon



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Winter is still here, but we are starting to see more daylight hours and warmer temperatures. You are probably excited about getting more opportunities to fly.

Make sure to knock that winter rust off your flying skills with your friendly CFI. Our club is privileged with excellent instructors that are here to serve you and to help keep you safe. See the club's website for a list and contact info.

Upcoming Events

- CFI meeting at Watermark Books (Douglas and Oliver) in the Autograph Room. Date & time will be announced.
- Hangar Flying on Thursday, 19 Mar at 5 to 7pm. Location will be announced.

Reduced Rate for N2234E



The base wet rate for N2234E is still **\$65** per hour until further notice. This is an excellent rate for a Cessna 172. Enjoy it.

No Fuel Surcharge



Aviation fuel prices are still below the baseline of \$5.50 per gallon. Therefore, there will be no surcharge for the month of March.

Billing Note

All payments must be received by the last day of the month. Members using bank bill pay must process payment earlier enough for the draft to reach club mail box by the last day of the month. Please alter your bill payment mechanisms to make checks payable to "Air Capital Aviators Club."

Aircraft Usage for January:

Aircraft	Month	Year
N2234E	13.0	13.0
N5221E	15.8	15.8
N5087K	11.1	11.1
N747BF	0.7	0.7
Total	40.6	40.6

One Month Dues Credit

Any member (except the membership officer) shall get a credit of one month's dues if that member is able to get an applicant to send in an application with initiation fees and 1st month dues. See the membership officer for rules and more information.



New Private Pilot

Jeffrey Breedlove completed is Private Pilot check-ride successfully on 18 Feb 2015. Bob Collins is his instructor. This is a significant accomplishment that required a great deal of time, effort, and resiliency. Congratulations, Jeffrey!

Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12 Mar 2015 at 1700 hours at Watermark Books (Douglas and Oliver) in the Autograph Room.

Fleet Maintenance Report

N2234E -- Nose wheel shimmy - replaced bushings and bolts. Taxi light replaced. Replaced static wick on rudder. Replaced tail navigation light.



N5087K -- GPS database update. Replaced primer seals. Cleaned primer injector.

N5221E -- GPS database update. Replaced left main tire.

N747BF -- GPS database update. Annual inspection completed.

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Call for Aviation Stories



One of the best parts of general aviation is the cool stories we get to tell about flying. If you have an interesting personal aviation story you would like to share in the newsletter, please send them to the club's secretary (secretary@befc-wichita.us). The author of the story will not be revealed unless requested.

Letter from the President (Andy Baker):

Fellow ACAC members-

It's my pleasure to write my first news update as the president of the ACAC. To start, I'd like to recognize our outgoing board members. Steve Martz, our past president, pushed the process of updating and approving our charter documents as an independent club. Jim Wagner, our previous secretary, kept the records of our club's activities. Jeff Matson, our past membership officer, led our membership drive and marketed the club at several companies around town. Finally, Bob Collins was re-elected our operations officer, giving the club a lot of his time to keep our planes maintained. Thanks to all of these gentlemen for volunteering their time and talents so we can all enjoy the benefits of our club.

Already, the board is investigating several ideas to improve our club. Our vice president, Chad Raney, is organizing several social meetings for club members. And in addition to our traditional contests, we're working on some safety-related workshops. Responding to some member ideas, we are investigating basing an airplane at ICT, improving our website, and looking into different payment methods. I think it will be the beginning of an active year for ACAC.

From my perspective, our club is going through a transition. We started as an employee group—our common bond was our company. If we didn't run into each other at the airport, we would see each other in the cafeteria or at the all-hands meeting. Now that we include several companies and several unaffiliated members, our common bond is our enthusiasm for flying. To foster that bond and the strength of our club, I'm asking you to join your fellow club members at an event for an



Landing at KAAO on Rwy 36 in N5087K

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hour or so. Come compete or help us judge the spot-landing contest, or have a beverage with us at a hangar flying session. Together, we reinforce our appreciation of airplanes and flying, and build the bonds that will carry ACAC into the future.

Happy and safe flying,
Andy

Letter from the Vice President (Chad Raney):

Thank you to all who were able to attend our first ACAC Hangar Flying social event at the Hill on February 19th. Our goal in 2015 is to try and make sure that we have at least one event each month that will give us a chance to get together as a group. We feel this is important for several reasons. First, to share our passion for flying and enjoy time swapping stories about our experiences. We hope it is fun! Second, for the board, it helps us understand the club membership needs and desires better. Third, education. A lot of flying experience can be shared in the hangar or across a table. The more opportunity we have to interact, the more we can learn from each other about our aircraft, local flying and good (or not so good) decision making. In the end the lessons learned on the ground help us be safer pilots in the air. Flying is one of the most enjoyable experiences in life, but it comes with the responsibility to always be learning.

Look for information on next month's Hangar Flying social on March 19th, location TBD.

Chad



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