



January 2006

BEFC Beacon

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Member

Accomplishments

Francesco Marradi earned his instrument rating privileges, on 23 December 2005, with Flight Examiner, David Tiday. Francesco plans to train for the Commercial Pilot certificate around March or April. Francesco instructor is Frank Newman, CFII.

Club members Rainier Alfonso and Rodney Bajnath passed the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test in December after completing the BEFC-instructed Aviation Ground School Courses at Cowley County Community College. Both are taking flight instruction from Brian Harrison. Congratulations!

Fuel Cost

The BEFC cost for AVGAS is \$3.39/Gallon. Cross-country fuel will be reimbursed up to \$3.89/Gallon. This includes all taxes and fees. Fuel receipts must be turned in within 63 days. This is effective 1 January 2006.

Engine Oil Usage

Members are requested to document when oil is added to the engine on the flight log. Please put the quantity in the "Oil" column. It is not a "Yes" or "No" entry

From the President

As spring approaches (hopefully), I would like to remind you that weather can be tricky in the spring with sudden gusty winds and rain showers. Don't forget to check with flight service before every flight to determine whether there are any TFR's that apply to the area where you plan to fly. Spring rains reveal leaks that could affect your flight. Fuel caps that leak allow water in the fuel. Always take time to verify that the sample being evaluated is indeed fuel and not water. We have had the fuel caps leak to a degree as to allow six full fuel sample cups of water before any fuel was drained while taking the fuel sample. Do not forget that as a club member, you are a joint owner of the aircraft that are owned by the club. Operate the aircraft as if you do own them and wish for them to be serviceable for a long time. Never initiate a take off with the windshield obscured. Always allow any frost that is on the plane to melt before taking off. Flying time has been reduced in recent months. We know that the weather is partially responsible. Plan to fly as the weather improves.

Bob Collins - CFI
BEFC President

Aircraft Usage

December Aircraft Usage	
N2234E	16.6
N5221E	19.4
N5087K	22.7
N747BF	1.7
N8316M	5.3

Membership

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- 1 New Members
Duane Davis
- 0 Resignations
- 0 LOA
- 0 Returns from LOA
- 4 Current LOA
- 3 Contacts

Membership Info

Members are asked to verify their street address, telephone (home and work), mail code, e-mail and send any corrections to our membership officer Dave Reese. ext-dave.reese@boeing.com This information can also be included on the return portion of your monthly statement.

City Wide Hanger Party

Mark your calendars for this annual event. It is always a good time, with good food and good friends. Tentatively schedule 22 April 2005 at the Cessna ATD Hanger. More to follow

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