



President's Corner:

Some thoughts on the Boeing Announcement

The flying club is incorporated as the **Boeing Employee's Flying Club** - so the club owns the name and there is no real reason to change now, it may later.

The Flying club has not received any financial help from Boeing for several years, so we are self-sustaining and will exist after Boeing leaves town.

Approximately 25% of the club are Boeing Employees. The big question will be how many of these members will be with the club after Boeing leaves town, one thing for sure, the club will not be doing any big spending (like new airplanes) in the near future.

Basically, the final chapter on Boeing in Wichita has not yet been written. I just think the club is in a position to adjust to whatever happens.

Results of the recent BEFC flying club elections

- Mark Ross for Vice President
- Frank Newman for Safety
- Bob Hunter for Treasurer

The term for the new officers begins Jan. 1, 2012 and ends Dec. 31, 2013.

Congratulations to all who helped with the election and also a big "Thank You" to Brian Harrison, Jack Sargeant and Steve Palmer who agreed to run for office.

I also would like to personally thank Steve Martz (Safety) and Bob Harden (Treasurer) who served in these positions for the past two years, and Frank Newman who is switching roles from Vice President to Safety.

Tim Wehman
Club President

Accomplishments:

Kiran Pippalapalli soloed on 10-23-2011 in N5087K at Jabarra airport

Aircraft Usage:

For Dec 2012:

Aircraft	Month	Year
N2234E	1.2	110.6
N5221E	40.8	398.3
N5087K	18.5	216.5
N747BF	5.4	152.4
Total	65.9	877.8

New Aircraft Rates:

C-172	\$75 / hour
C-182RG	\$145 / hour

Fuel Reimbursement and Aircraft Rate Discussion:

Your BEFC Board met on January 12, 2012 to review our current aircraft rates and fuel surcharges (Fuel Cost Index). Over the past nine months (May 1 - January 1) the fuel surcharges have remained fairly steady at \$10.50 per hour for the 172s and \$19.50 per hour for the R182, with some spikes occurring in June, July, and September of 2011. After this review and much discussion, your BEFC Board has decided to roll these fuel surcharges into the aircraft rental rates to give members a truer picture of the rental cost of each aircraft model. Effective January 1, 2012, the aircraft rental rates are adjusted to \$75 per hour for the 172s and \$145 per hour for the R182. In comparison, Yingling rents their 172 at \$149 per hour and their Skycatcher at \$98 per hour. No fuel surcharges are anticipated unless the cost of fuel reaches \$5.50 per gallon or higher, a new trigger point established by your BEFC Board. Even if fuel costs reach this new \$5.50 per gallon trigger, a new fuel surcharge will not be automatic, as your Board intends to evaluate the situation and decide if a new fuel surcharge is warranted or if your club can coast a little without an immediate surcharge. As before, fuel costs will be evaluated on the 25th of each month and a fuel surcharge decision made.

Mark Ross
Club Vice President

Meetings:

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9 January 2012, 1700 hours at Yingling Aviation ICT.

Seminar Details and Registration

Below you will find the details for this seminar. You may register by clicking the "Register" link. ([Print-friendly version](#))

Title: Wanted: Alive!

Topic: Reining in the Fatal Accident Rate

Date and Time:

Thursday, February 9, 2012 , starting at 7:00 pm [Download Calendar File](#)

Speaker(s):

AOPA ASI Presenters

Brief Description: The general aviation accident rate is not dropping. Despite advancements in technology, pilots continue to find themselves in the same accident-causing scenarios that have been plaguing us for years. Be part of the safety conversation as the Air Safety Institute digs a little deeper into the most common accident causes.

Select Number:

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Location of Seminar:

Yingling Aircraft Inc.

2010 Airport Road

Mid Continent Airport, Maintenance Hangar

Wichita, KS 67277

Pictures of the month



Bill Roberts----Big Bear California

If you have a favorite aviation related picture that you would like to share with club please send it to a board member. Be sure to include a tagline and who took the picture.

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