



Happy 35th Anniversary to the BEFC!

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 draft to reach club mail box by the last day of the month.

Wings Program

All members are encouraged to go to <http://www.faasafety.gov/> and participate in the wings program.

Aircraft Usage:

For Feb 2013:

| Aircraft | Month | Year |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| N2234E | 0.0 | 3.7 |
| N5221E | 16.0 | 24.3 |
| N5087K | 18.1 | 30.7 |
| N747BF | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| Total | 34.1 | 59.8 |

Fuel Surcharge

Fuel prices are \$6.14/gal. Therefore there will be a fuel surcharge of \$7/hr for the 172 and \$13/hr for the 182 this month.

**BEFC Operations Letter
– Bob Collins**

Three quick comments concerning aircraft operation.

1) Since a single tire for the 182RG costs \$300 to replace, I would like to remind members that application of the brakes on landing with full flaps extended will flat spot the tires. Because the 182 is heavier than the 172 and the tires are considerably smaller in diameter than the tires on the 172, the brakes cause the tires to lock up when they are applied excessively. If the tires are found to have flat spots during preflight inspection, the board will be considering billing the responsible pilot for tire replacement. (If during a preflight inspection the tires are noted to have flat spots, have a line attendant verify the condition and call the maintenance officer noting the reason for the call and the name of the line person who verified the flat spots.)

2) During cold weather operation the gremlins of winter bring out operational problems. Remember that the club does pay for the pre-heat on the airplanes on the first flight of the day. The temperature must be below 20 Degrees Fahrenheit. This is not optional as starting without the pre-heat creates additional wear on the engine components.

3) Because moisture collects in the bearings on the nose of the starter, problems have occurred when club members have attempted to start the planes during cold weather. To assist in preventing the sticking of the starter the maintenance officer will be lubricating the starters on a weekly basis. If you will simply engage the starter after shutting down for the day the starter teeth will remain engaged and the starter solenoid will be able to hold the starter teeth engaged to spin the engine for the initial start of the day.

New Members

James F. Badgett (Airbus)
Christopher L. James (Spirit)

Meetings

BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 11th 2013, 1700 hours at Garmin International, Mid-Continent Airport, 2140 S. Airport Rd.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

"HomeTown Buffet"

6820 West Central Ave.

Wichita, KS 67212

[\(316\) 942-4334](tel:3169424334),

Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Spot Landing Contest is scheduled at Augusta Airport as follows:

Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

RAIN DATE: Saturday, May 18, 2013

N2234E & N5087K are reserved for both dates.

If you have any questions regarding these meetings, or would like to reserve a plane during the General Membership Meeting, Call Mark Ross @ 214-1464.

Letter from the President

As I begin my term as president of the BEFC I wanted to share with you my goals for our club over the next few months. During this time I feel we need to focus on a few organizational aspects which, while certainly boring with respect to flying, should enable the club to continue to provide an economical means to enjoy the many aspects of aviation we all love.

The near term goals then are:

1. Revise the ByLaws to open up the BEFC Board to additional member types.

Presently, Article XI, Sections 7 and 8 of the ByLaws states:

Section 7. Only BSE or LM members may be elected or appointed to Board offices.

Section 8. The candidate for President must have held a previous Club office, unless approved by the Board.

(BSE – Boeing/Spirit Employee/Retiree, LM – Lifetime Member)

Our most-recent election illustrated the restrictions this places on candidacy as a mere three or four members were eligible for the office of President. With the departure of Boeing from Wichita this candidacy restriction clearly needs to change.

2. Investigate/Implement a club name change

While BEFC has not had any direct connection with The Boeing Company for quite some time, the board has seen no need to remove the legacy reference to Boeing, present in the Boeing Employees Flying Club, BEFC acronym. Again, with the departure of Boeing from Wichita, it would seem that now is the time to sunset the BEFC name. Undoubtedly this will require paperwork and most-likely some cost.

Accomplishing these two tasks will be done in the "spare time" of the BEFC board and enlisted BEFC members. Doesn't sound like a lot of aviation-related fun does it? Thus I ask you as members to do what you can to make the day-to-day operation of the club run smoothly, without unnecessary distraction of the BEFC board. Please;

- Pay bills on time
- Attend meetings/social events as they occur
- Keep your currency/training up-to-date. Use the Safety Discount opportunity to obtain a \$10 discount on your monthly flight bill.
- Be considerate of the other members flying the aircraft (scheduling, cleanliness, oil, fuel, etc.)
- Assist the Operations officer through notification of maintenance issues and offer to assist him in any maintenance problem resolutions
- Promote the club to those who wish to learn or continue to fly

And most of all –

- **FLY SAFELY!**

I'll keep you up to date on progress towards achieving the near-term objectives. As with all objectives, there are "sub-tasks".

Enjoy the warm winter we're having!

-Steve Martz

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BEFC Website: <http://www.befc-wichita.us>

Story ideas and submissions are welcome, and should be submitted to the Editor, jimjr58@gmail.com