

OXFORD FLYING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

17 Feb '04

Attendees: DaSilva, Dineen, Donofrio, Green, Heidrich, Hill, Leary, Manning, Mazanowski, Richardson, Sabot, Schindler, Smith, Soares, Willenbring

General: Called to order at 7:10 PM, January minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: In good shape, 483's annual cost was ~\$7k.

Maintenance Report: N38483 is back on line and the engine break in is done. The plane is now using regular oil.

The door lock is not working and will probably need a new cylinder. It will be looked at.

N4384F has cylinder issues- the front cylinders have worn pistons, and the right rear has bad rings. These problems are possibly caused by improper preheating during cold operations or improper leaning procedures. The front cylinder piston skirts are worn; both cylinders and the two pistons were replaced. The rings on the right rear piston were also replaced. The LF & RR cylinders are just over 1 year old (last replaced in Nov '02), the RF is ~2 yrs old. The total for the repair will be ~\$4k; this includes a rebuilt carburetor. The plane is scheduled to go in for annual on 01 Mar. The windscreen is in bad shape and the windows need to be re-sealed; we will get a quote for doing this during the annual. A new battery was recently installed in the plane.

An e-mail regarding proper preheating procedures is to be sent. Discussion regarding the purchase of a club pre-heater ensued, but was tabled for the time being. A member reported that Keystone recently allegedly preheated one of the planes in 5 minutes; this is not possible. When obtaining a preheat, please be certain that they do a thorough job (~20 minutes should be the minimum!)

Safety: The AOPA seminar 'Take offs and landings' was to be presented, but was postponed till next meeting due to time constraints.

Membership: No new contacts.

Old Business: Planning committee update- Data (see attached) from the survey of the club members has been gathered and compiled. Options that may be pursued will likely be sent out as a subsequent survey. Adding a third plane would entail increasing the membership. Graphs of the survey results (raw data) will be posted on the website. Thanks were expressed to the planning committee for their efforts.

New Business: Insurance- Brian W. is talking to Avemco and to Larry Rachlin regarding our options. The policy that we currently have through Larry is a \$1mil smooth (no per-seat limits). The policy offered by Avemco is \$1mil with a \$100k/pax limit. From discussions with Larry thus far, it is expected that our costs for the present smooth policy will increase to \$21k for the two planes. A policy similar to Avemco's (w/ sub-limit) through Larry is expected to be in the neighborhood of ~\$15k. Avemco's policy would cost the club \$7300; members would have the option of increasing the per-seat coverage to \$200k by purchasing an add-on policy individually for \$250.

A vote was held and Brian was authorized to switch to Avemco or renew with Larry at his discretion and depending upon the outcome of discussions with Larry regarding policy costs.

Committee members: Dun Smith will chair the Audit Committee, which consists of Len Schindler and Larry Dineen. Brian Willenbring will chair the finance committee, which consists of Vin Soares and Geoff Green.

Adjournment: 9:00 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16th, 2004 at 7:00PM, Main Terminal, OXC

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick B. Manning