

OXFORD FLYING CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting, September 20th, 2005

Attendees: Crabtree, DeChristofaro, Fournier, Green, Hill, Leary, Lefcheck, Manning, Noffke, Palmatier, Proulx, Richardson, Schmecker, Smith, Vecchiarelli, Willenbring, Wilson

General: Called to order at 7:00 PM. July minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: No formal report this month. An income statement/balance sheet is due at the end of the month. There will be a probably rate increase as of October 1st due to rising fuel costs. Cash is building more slowly than last year; Brian is somewhat nervous about covering insurance costs next year. The slow buildup is mainly due to high fuel prices.

Maintenance Report: N38483- Audio panel- a loaner is installed in the a/c, and the TX/RX problem seems to have abated. Our panel will likely be sent for repair. The electric trim is inoperative due to a bad servo motor. The repair cost is estimated to be ~\$500.00, and has been deferred until the upcoming (Feb '06) annual inspection. Several members have experienced a mechanical problem with the ignition switch- the lock tumblers have become worn and are hanging up, causing the lock mechanism to jam. All three lock cylinders in the a/c (ignition, door and baggage door) will be replaced. A problem with the oil dipstick access door on the cowling has resulted in it popping open in flight; repair parts are on order. The door seal will be replaced to cure a water leak. N4384F- There appears to be an internal problem with the GPS receiver; it will be swapped with the one in N38483 to isolate the problem to the receiver or the wiring in the plane. N33659- All current problems have been resolved- a defective voltage regulator damaged the ammeter; both have been replaced. A slight problem with a sticking needle on the fuel pressure gauge has been noted; tapping the gauge face will unstick the needle.

Safety: Due to the anticipated length of the meeting, the safety presentation has been postponed until the November club meeting..

Membership: Cards have been mailed. 4 visitors attended the meeting- Chris Camejo, a private pilot with ~125 hrs (submitted app, interviewed and accepted); Dave Piwowarski, a student; Brenda Carmona, a student at OFT; and Burt Stevens, an instrument rated pvt pilot with ~500 hrs (submitted app, interviewed and accepted).

Old Business: The purchase of a complex aircraft is not a viable option in the immediate future. N38483 is at almost 9700 hrs TTAF, and the value of the aircraft decreases appreciably at the 10,000 hr mark due to the approaching life limit (12,000 hrs) of certain airframe components. After a great deal of discussion, a motion was made that the club would take out a \$100k loan to purchase another aircraft. Regular dues will increase by \$50.00/mo, from \$85 to \$135. The new aircraft will replace N38483, which will then be sold. The motion carried with one 'Nay' vote.

A second motion, authorizing the board to secure the \$100k loan for the new aircraft purchase was then made. This motion also carried with one 'Nay' vote.

An aircraft acquisition committee was formed, consisting of:

Brain Willenbring- Chair
Richard Wilson
Geoff Green
John Leary
Len Schindler
Vin Soares

The acquisition committee will contact aircraft dealers and determine the trade in/sale value of N38483 and explore options regarding newer aircraft.

Summer picnic—The picnic was a success; thank you again John & Denise.

Safety Day- the safety day will take place on October 8th (rain date Oct. 15th). The tentative schedule is as follows: A spot landing contest from 9:00 to 11:00, a visit by the Lifestar helicopter between 10:00 & 12:00, lunch (burgers & dogs) between 11:00 and noon, and an FAA landing workshop to be held from noon till 2:00 PM. Further details will be worked out via e-mail.

New Business: Holiday Party- Bruce R. will coordinate; looking to schedule the event at the Olive Tree Restaurant again this year. Bruce will determine available dates and the approximate prices. Brian Proulx's acceptance as MX officer was voted on and carried unanimously. A discussion was had about obtaining a cell phone in the club's name for use by the maintenance officer; the club would pay for the phone. Scott Crabtree showed a portable TCAS unit he has purchased to determine if there is interest in obtaining units for the club aircraft. The unit may be secured to the dash of the plane, and external antennas and instrument panel mounts are available. The unit itself costs ~\$800.00, hard wired installation with an external antenna would be ~\$800 more. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. N33659 lease- The Warrior has proven to be a good VFR aircraft; extending the lease (pending approval by the aircraft's owner) for another six months was unanimously approved. Use of OFT Arrow, N2321T- OFT's Arrow has been made available to club members at a reduced rate. Requirements for flying it are 150 hrs min to solo; a 5 hr checkout if the pilot does not yet have a complex endorsement or a standard checkout if a complex endorsement has already been obtained. Ron S is approved as a checkout instructor. Raj wants to possibly assess a fee if a reservation is cancelled less than 24 hrs prior to its start; Brian will talk to him to clarify the scheduling and cancellation arrangements. The club agreed unanimously to pay for the weather station purchased as a thank you gift for Larry Dineen when he departed.

Adjournment: 9:50 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 PM, Main Terminal, OXC

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick B. Manning