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Aircraft Locations

Comanche 9014PCHD
.....T-Shades, spot #2

Archer 47601CHD
.....T-Shades, spot #10

Arrow 31386DVT
.....West Hangar #7-12

Archer 30749DVT
.....East Hangar #9-9

The next rotation of the Arrow and Comanche will be in early April.

Annual Meeting and Dinner

TOM LESSOR

Reminder! If you plan to attend the annual meeting and dinner and have not returned your RSVP, please do so today! You can also email your reply to Tom Lessor at treasurer@phoenixflyers.org. Please specify the number attending and menu choice, either sirloin or salmon. Members will be billed for the dinner with the February statements.

This year's annual meeting and banquet has been scheduled for **Friday January 14, 2005**. The dinner will be held at the University Club of Phoenix, located at 39 East Monte Vista in Phoenix. A cash bar reception starts at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow at 7:00 PM. The annual meeting will be held at the conclusion of dinner.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Chandler Municipal Airport in the pilot's lounge on Tuesday, February 22nd, at 7:30 PM. As always, members and guests are welcome to attend.

Maintenance

BOB SKALKA

30749

- Alternator replaced in Tucson
- Engine overhaul in progress

31386

- See article Arrow Wing Repair

47601

- No new activity.

9014P

- GPS range switch difficult to "increase"

Work Parties

There are no work parties planned for January.

Our Aging Aircraft Fleet

MIKE TREMOSE

Our aircraft are aging and the board is in the process of evaluating an aircraft replacement plan. One of the deciding factors in putting a plan together is what we want the club aircraft to look like in 10 years. A variety of options are being explored; an all fixed-gear average fleet, an all fixed-gear fleet average and high-end fleet, an average mixed fleet and a high-end mixed fleet.

Various plans are being developed that will address how the club could achieve each of the configurations above. The plans will be presented at the annual meeting and banquet and we encourage member attendance in order to provide feedback on what you would like to see. Please take some time to ponder the above scenarios and then join us on January 14th to share your thoughts.

The Safety Corner

AL GALVI

This is the last of a series on how our attitudes can affect the safe outcome of a flight. It blends the five previously mentioned temptations into one.

In summary, when confronted with any flight glitch which may threaten getting to our planned destination we may con ourselves into believing the easiest way out is the best. Forget the easiest way! Focus on the safest way!

Happy Flying

Arrow Wing Repair

The wing repair work reported on 386 last month gets only better. Originally we were only doing the underlying stingers which support the wing-walk area. Upon further investigation, Chandler Aviation determined that the spar cap was damaged, possibly as a result of the repair work done following the mid-air experienced awhile back.

As a result, 386 has been down longer than expected. At last look it was sitting at Chandler Aviation with both wings removed. Hopefully it will be returned to service by the time you are reading this newsletter.

Of course with no hours flown against 386 so far in the current fiscal years we can only expect good numbers as far as the hourly rates go.

New Associate Member

We extend a warm welcome to our newest associate member. Bob Ballou has sponsored his son, Brian, as an associate member to the club. Brian is 13 and has already earned some glider hours. Welcome, Brian.

Section 1 of the By-Laws and Section 12.3.6.5. of the Operating Procedures specifies the requirements for associate members.