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Newsletter of the West Michigan Flying Club, Inc., KMKG, Muskegon, Michigan

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Flight Hours and Financials

Flight Hours		2018	2017
JULY		YTD	YTD
C150	23.7	122.9	84.7
C172	37.8	275.5	298
C177	67.7	152.5	128.3
PA32	37.2	97.8	156.2
Total	166.4	648.7	667.2
Fuel totals			
		Total	Avg. per
	Gallons	cost	gal.
	1404.73	\$6,805.37	\$4.84

2018 Elections at September Meeting

2018 Board elections will be held at our September meeting. The Board positions presently held by Brandon Bolde, Greg McCabe, Peter Redder, and Dave Froster are up for election. Club officers are selected by the Board members following the election. Please notify the Secretary if you want to be put on the slate for election.

Aircraft Maintenance:

C-150:

Plane running well. PTT Co-pilot inop. Right Pedal doesn't turn nose wheel.

C-172 Skyhawk:

Getting lots of use. Running well. Co-pilot PTT switch inop., Primer inop.

C-177 Cardinal:

The co-pilot push to talk switch is inoperative. New intercom should be installed by next newsletter.

PA-32R301 Lance:

Running well. Cowl fastener flew off. Parts on order.

Flight Circle:

Our payment processing application has been approved. We will soon be setting up the physical machine to capture card swipes to give us a lower operating cost.

Our goal is to offer an automatic billing of monthly

membership fees to a credit card, and then show Net end of month for balance. If someone goes over 30 days on receivables, we reserve the right to charge the balance to the credit card as per our membership agreement.

**Next meeting Monday, August 13 th, 2018
7:30pm at hangar.**

Fuel Reimbursement Reminder:

Tom Harrison reminds us please enter your gas receipts into Flight Circle when checking in. It will be the second page of the "Check-In Page". Please also fill out a yellow fuel slip and staple your receipt to it.



EAA Oshkosh Air Show:

We organized 2 excursions to Oshkosh this year. On Tuesday July 24th, Mark Collard piloted us in the Lance to Sheboygan, WI where we parked then rented a car. OSH was at capacity for A/C parking.

We came into Oshkosh the back way avoiding a lot of traffic, parking the rental car at the Seaplane Base. It turns out this route was a very efficient way to get into OSH. Busses transported us to the main entrance. As usual, the show was spectacular with Military flyovers, and lots of acrobatic demonstrations.

On Friday July 27th, Brian Leale took the helm and got a few 10ths of IMC getting us over to OSH. We shot the RNAV 27 straight in from MKG. Luckily we only taxi'd around 1/2 the airport. Parking was better on Friday.



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As usual, the airshow was first class. Ratan Khatri flew us home in record time.



If you would like to go next year, contact Paul Medenbach to get on the list.

Hanger & Plane Cleanup:

Rich Klassen and Eric Binnendyk formed the "Appearance Committee" and organized a cleanup on Wednesday August 8th, 2018. All planes were washed, interiors vacuumed, and hanger power washed. We had a fantastic turnout. Eric B. fired up the grill and cooked some Dogs & Brats. Wayne Siemer brought some "Green Grenades", AKA Rolling Rock to finish off the night.

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Attendees Included: (If I missed anyone, I'm sorry)

- Kes Bennett (& Mom)
- Michael Tuniga
- Mike Sterenberg
- Alex Medenbach
- Greg McCabe
- Brian Leale

- Dale Carlson
- Scott Herlein
- Wellington Santos
- Rich Klassen
- Eric Binnendyk
- Dave Froster
- Paul Medenbach
- Gerry Larson





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Hanger Roof Replacement:

The shingles on the meeting room side of the roof need replacement. We will also install a new storm door on the west side of the meeting room. Andy Stroup has volunteered as a contractor to manage a team of club members to help replace the roof. We're targeting September 8th to perform the job. Please contact Paul Medenbach to volunteer. We will need 6-8 people to do it quickly.

New Members:

Michael Tunega, a Private Pilot from Holland has joined the club. Working with Scott Herlein on his Instrument rating.

Cooper Lawrence has re-joined the club after going inactive.

Waiting List:

We are at a 70 active member cap. We have 5 applications pending. Several have tendered checks awaiting approval.



Joe Masvero Solo

Joseph Masvero solo'ed in N704DZ. Photo by his instructor Greg McCabe. Congratulations to both.

Survey Results:

We have attached the survey results below: A copy has been posted on the bulletin board of the club.

-48 members completed the survey.

-81% of the members have issues with aircraft availability. 13% can't say, and 6% do not.

-96% of the membership believes we should get a new aircraft, while 4% does not.

-56% of the members would like a Skyhawk or equivalent aircraft, while 44% would prefer a larger/faster aircraft.

-More specifically; 48% of the membership would like a C172, 19% wants some version of a Mooney, and the remaining 33% is pretty mixed.

-35% of the membership believes this new aircraft should be added to the fleet for a total of 5 aircraft. 22% say replace the C150. 21% to replace the C177. 15% to replace the lance. And, 6% to replace the C172.