

## 2008 Annual Membership Meeting

The club will hold its Annual Membership Meeting, which includes elections for the 2009 Board of Directors, on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:30pm at the clubhouse at Sanford Airport. This newsletter serves as the official notice to the club members of the elections. The leadership and policy decisions of those who sit on the Board of Directors significantly impact how well the Club is able to weather challenges and capitalize on opportunities that present themselves.

For those unable to attend the December 16 meeting, the club will, for the first time, offer an absentee ballot process. This process is permitted by Club Bylaw Article IV Section 21, and is described in club document 3.95 on the club website.

At the Annual Membership Meeting club members will have an opportunity to hear about the Club's progress from the current board, and elect the 2009 Board of Directors.

To help you get to know those running for the 2009 board, all of the declared candidates have written personal statements about why they are running and what they hope to accomplish if elected. Along with a general description of the duties and responsibilities of each office, these personal statements are printed below.

### WCFC President

The individual who is elected to the office of Club President will, according to the Club's Bylaws, "Have the overall responsibility for the proper and efficient operation of the Club." He or she will be the face and voice of the Club. As of this writing, the following club member is running for Club President for the 2009 board:

#### Ken Williams

**Data:** Joined WCFC in 2004, completely new to flying. Private in 2005 in C152s. Instrument in 2007 in C172s. Currently flying the Mooneys.

**Experience:** Currently serving as President. Previously served on the board as member-at-large and key volunteer as auditor.

We are very fortunate to have an organization like WCFC that provides an opportunity to learn to fly and improve our flying knowledge and skills. Having started my flying experience with the club, I didn't really know just how fortunate we are. I took it for granted that this is how it is done and the type facilities everyone has. Having gotten much more into aviation and through discussions with others I have learned that what we have is much closer to a miracle than it is to simply being fortunate. My primary reason for running for re-election as President is to do what I can to help ensure that the club will continue to

be here for all of us and for all those who will follow us.

During the past year the top 3 thing the current board accomplished that I am most proud of are: 1) established a new membership category designed for pilots that own their own aircraft; 2) adding a fourth 152 to the fleet to ease some of the pressure on scheduling flying time and make it easier to take one off the line for maintenance, repairs, or updates; and 3) begin investing in upgrades for the 152 fleet (new nav/coms).

What I see as the big challenges for next year are the impact of the current economic situation on the club and the relatively low use of the Mooney segment of our fleet. There are no magic bullets to deal with the economy's impact on the club. We simply have to be very cautious in our spending. That is not to rule our investments, but to be prudent in evaluating them. If a 2004 SR-22 comes along for \$100K, that would be a good investment and hard to turn down. We are currently evaluating options to increase the Mooney hours and, as with all the operations of the club, we would welcome your input and help.

If re-elected, I do not see any major changes in the next year. I believe we have to be cautious and move forward a little slower than we would like to. However, I am interested in continuing to invest in upgrades to our 152 fleet that serve the club so well. Hopefully the next upgrade will go a little smoother than the new radios did. I would like to see us expand our club trips. David Greenfield has done an excellent job this past year reestablishing that club tradition and I would like to see that grow.

This year I am again asking for your vote. But also as I said last year, it is much more important that you vote than it is for whom you vote. This is your club. The club depends on the input and work of its members and I ask each of you to get involved as much you can and in whatever form you can.

**Background:** I am a native North Carolinian. I have a BS and PhD from NC State (please don't hold that against me) in Electrical Engineering. I worked for a little over 19 years with MCNC. In 2005, the research operations of MCNC were acquired by RTI International, so I have been with RTI since. I am the Director of a group of 32 researchers (about 1/3 with PhD's) that do contract research, mostly for the federal government. In our center we have annual revenues of just ~\$6M dollars and operate a semiconductor cleanroom with equipment that has a replacement cost of approximately \$10M and an annual operational cost of ~\$2M.

## **WCFC Vice President**

Aside from filling in for the Club President when necessary, the Club Vice President is primarily responsible for managing the Club's membership. Specifically, this entails advertising the club and attracting new members through a variety of media, reviewing membership applications, overseeing new member orientation, and maintaining the Club's membership records. As of this writing, the following club member is running for Vice President for the 2009 board:

### **Eric Wagner**

**Data:** Joined WCFC in 2004; Instrument Rated, Flies at Club: 172s, Warriors and Mooneys

**Experience:** Member-at-Large since September 2006; IT Key Volunteer: 2006, 2007, 2008.

I have been a pilot since 1976. After a long break from flying I have been actively flying with the club since joining in 2004. I received my instrument rating in 2006. I have been enjoying the ability to fly more confidently on longer trips after checking out in the Mooney. My next goal is to train for the commercial rating. When I am not flying, I spend most of my time managing EMC Corporation's RTP Research and Development Center. That helps me pay for my flying habit, wife and family. I have been the club's IT key volunteer for the past 2-1/2 years. This past year I have handed off most of the IT chores to Ty Williams and began handling membership management duties.

My plans for 2009 as club Vice President are to work with the rest of the board members to continue to improve the operations of the club. I believe the club's financial position is pretty good despite the recent turn of events in the economy. We need to continue to conservatively manage the club's expenses and make small adjustments and improvements to the fleet to remain healthy. The club remains very attractive to new members and we continue to train new pilots at a healthy rate. In 2009, I would like to work with David Greenfield to organize a few more short trips similar to the trips organized this year to keep more of our experienced pilots engaged in club activities.

## **WCFC Treasurer**

One of the most critical officers on the Board of Directors is the Treasurer. This person is charged with the responsibility of monitoring the financial health and well-being of the Club. The treasurer manages the Club's cash flow, makes reports to the board on the state of the Club's finances, and ensures that member accounts are accurate and up-to-date. As of this writing, the following club member is running for Treasurer for the 2009 board:

### **Graham Mainwaring**

I joined the club in 2007 as a new student pilot. After a few months, it dawned on me that (a) you really do need to watch your airspeed on short final, and (b) the club runs by volunteer effort and wouldn't survive without our members' fine spirit of service. I only ever intended to be a key volunteer, but Dave Derry's departure from the club

left a vacancy that needed to be filled, so I became interim treasurer in mid-2008. Dave did a fine job building good financial systems for the club, and I have not made many changes to them except to try to make some of them less labor-intensive. If elected for 2009, one of the key items I would like to work on in this area is to eliminate or sharply reduce the use of orange slips. We have also made good progress in 2007 and 2008 reducing the club's debt profile and improving the soundness of our finances, which I would like to continue in 2009.

## **WCFC Secretary**

The Club Secretary is responsible for creating and managing written records and correspondence for the Club. This includes recording and filing the minutes of all board meetings, publishing a written newsletter, and maintaining the Club's mailbox. As of this writing, the following club member is running for Secretary for the 2009 board:

### **Mike Fox**

I have been volunteering for the club for several years, and have often stepped up where needed, for example I have been doing auditing and flight hour reports for the last year. Not glamorous but needed to be done. Keith wants to take a break from being secretary (thank you Keith!!) and that appears to be the need where I can best serve the club in the coming year.

## **WCFC Member-at-Large**

The Wings of Carolina Flying Club By-laws state that "at such times as deemed desirable, other officers may be elected by the Membership at the Annual Membership Meeting in December." Traditionally, the Club has used this provision in the by-laws to elect three board members-at-large. While the by-laws do not specify the duties of a member-at-large, these members usually oversee special projects at the direction of the President. Further, having three members in addition to the four mandatory officers spreads out the workload of the board and provides a diversity of perspectives and skills, which increases the effectiveness of the board. As of this writing, the following club members are running for member-at-large for the 2009 board:

### **Chris Berg**

I joined the Wings of Carolina in January 2007 to fulfill a lifelong dream of learning to fly. To my pleasant surprise I found more than just a flight school, but a place to fellowship, make new friends, and grow in a shared love of aviation. In May 2008, I became a certificated private pilot. I have now accumulated about 110 hours, and am hoping to soon begin working on an instrument rating.

Along the way, I have been very impressed by the history, organization, impeccable safety record, and widespread reputation of the club. I feel a strong desire to help lead the club in its next growth steps as part of the board of directors. As someone who has spent many years working with youth and children in various settings, I see an opportunity to grow the club, and general aviation, through sharing our passion for flight with young people in our area. I would like to see the club make a concerted

effort to reach out to middle and high school students through seminars, providing speakers at schools, and even summer camp type events. I think by doing this, we can do our part to keep alive the dream of every child who ever looked longingly at an airplane flying overhead. We need to reach out to secure the threatened future of general aviation, and as one of the strongest GA groups in the area, we are uniquely positioned to do so.

By profession I am a partner in an 11 person consulting engineering firm in Durham, where I have worked for 18 years. I am the proud father of 8 year old twin girls, and have recently gotten married and have been blessed to acquire 14 and 17 year old stepsons and a 21 year old stepdaughter. My recent volunteer leadership experience has included a 3 year term on the board of trustees of a 2500 member church, as well as 6 years on the board of directors of a statewide youth program, including 3 years as treasurer and 1 year as the board chair. I have recently moved to Sanford from Raleigh, making it very easy to spend time at the club. I look forward to serving the Wings of Carolina as a member of the board.

#### **Jim Carlson**

**Data:** Nine year member of WCFC as of 2008. Private pilot working on instrument rating.

**Experience:** Served on the WCFC Board 6 years. Prior to board service, established the temporary trailer at Sanford. I have focused much of my efforts insuring expenses are kept in check and the club is positioned to weather difficult stretches.

I started at the club back in the old shack at Chapel Hill. I helped in the transition from the old shack to the Forestry Hangar at IGX. Once the club was given the boot from IGX, I arranged for and established the temporary trailer at Sanford. Elected to the first board to take office once the club moved to Sanford. I oversaw the planning and construction for the new hangar. Besides focusing on the facilities, I kept a careful eye on expenses, establishing guidelines for separating dues expense from aircraft expense. I have five kids and want to insure the club will be in existence with affordable flying when they are old enough to learn to fly. In the meantime I want to make sure the club is a family friendly place that they will want to visit with me.

As a position platform, I want to have the cost of flying to be as affordable as possible for every member. I do not think rates should be based on other market rates for renting planes but rather should be established by what it costs us, as club members, to fly. As fellow club member Mike Fox once stated, "Me and 200 of my closest friends share 10 planes."

Lastly, I think that fleet enhancements should be made to all levels of aircraft. We need to establish a plan that insures our fleet does not just get older, but is scheduled for updates. As flying evolves with newer equipment and methods the fleet should follow.

#### **David Greenfield**

My name is David Greenfield and I am seeking re-election to the Board of Directors as Member At Large. I have truly enjoyed serving in this capacity during the past

year and with your support, I would like to serve again next year.

Many of our members may not know that each Board member is assigned a specific area of responsibility. My responsibility is our building. While serving in this capacity I was instrumental in accomplishing many projects. The wall chart that is mounted on the wall near the weather briefing area is one of these projects. With the help of Jan, the chart lady, and Grover McNair, I was able to put together 12 WACs and mount the whole thing on the wall for all of us to use for years to come. Another project was the gravel parking lot opposite the front door of the club. Earlier this year it became apparent (after a few damaged cars) that as our club has grown, so has the need for additional parking. I designed the lot, attained three competing bids, and, with Board approval, had the job completed. I also switched our cleaning service to a different company, which has increased the frequency of building cleanings for a reduced price! These are just a few of the projects that I was able to complete this year.

Besides working on keeping our facility in good shape, I also worked on a few ideas to continue the social atmosphere of our club. I planned and coordinated two club trips. Our first trip was to tour the Winston-Salem control tower and the second trip was to Beaufort, NC to tour the NC Maritime museum and have lunch with the Carteret Flying Club. For those of you who missed these trips and want to go on the next one, mark your calendars for April 28<sup>th</sup>. I am working on plans to fly to Myrtle Beach to see a matinee show of the Carolina Opry. Watch your email for details after the first of the year.

With the economy in poor shape, it is more important than ever that our club Board manages our organization with the utmost care. With my small business background, my enthusiasm for the club, and my year on the Board, I am confident that I can significantly contribute to another successful year for our flying club. With your support I will be able to do this. Thank you.

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***New Certificates and Ratings will appear in the next newsletter.***

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#### **Annual Membership Meeting**

**WHEN:** Next Membership Meeting/Pizza Night: Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 6:30pm.

**WHERE:** Clubhouse at Sanford Airport.

**WHAT:** Annual election of club officers, and report to members on club operations.

**WHY:** It's fun... there's free pizza... and...help decide the club's direction for next year.

**WHY NOT???**

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### **Board of Directors**

President	Ken Williams	919-810-8063
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Treasurer	Graham Mainwaring	
Member-at-Large	Eric Wagner	919-345-4940
Member-at Large	David Greenfield	919-696-7390
Member-at-Large	Jim Carlson	919-815-2250

### **Key Volunteers**

Audit	Mike Fox	919-264-7790
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Supplies	Jan Squillace	919-650-1915
Website	Nate Massey	
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## **WCFC NOTAMS and NOTES**

- ◆ We need photos! (and articles!) If you have any interesting pictures or articles for our newsletter send them to: [paul.keller1@verizon.net](mailto:paul.keller1@verizon.net)
- ◆ Membership Meetings (Pizza Nights) begin at 6:30pm and include free pizza, a business meeting, and a program of interest to pilots. In addition to Club members, these meetings are open to local and prospective pilots who may have an interest in the Club. So bring a friend, or two, or three...the more the merrier!
- ◆ Board meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 9:30. They are held in the Wings of Carolina Flight Center. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Occasionally, there may be a change in meeting date. Keep an eye on your e-mail or the scheduling system for announcements.
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday cookouts occur at the hangar on the second Saturday of each month from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Members and guest may buy lunch for \$5.00 for adults (>12) and \$3.00 for children (6-11).
- ◆ John Hunter will be starting two ground school classes this January. The private ground school will start January 7 and run through April 8. The instrument ground school will start January 26 and run through March 30. Classes are held from 7:00-10:00pm, meeting in the multipurpose room of the club's flight center at the Sanford Airport. Signup sheets will be posted at the club's flight center by mid-December. Bring a friend!

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