

2009 Annual Membership Meeting

The club will hold its Annual Membership Meeting, which includes elections for the 2010 Board of Directors, on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 6:30pm at the clubhouse at Raleigh Executive Jetport. 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 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. It has been reprinted in this newsletter issue after the candidate statements.

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 2010 Board of Directors.

To help you get to know those running for the 2010 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 2010 board:

David Greenfield

I joined the WCFC in May 2007 with a lifelong dream of learning how to fly an airplane. I immediately signed up for John Hunter's summer private ground school and started flight training shortly thereafter. I earned my private during the first few weeks of 2008 and quickly stepped up to our club Warriors. Recently I have begun training for my

instrument rating in club 172s. With the support of our members, I was elected to the Board of Directors as a Member-At-Large beginning in January of 2008. My primary responsibility on the board has been our building and facilities. In this capacity I coordinated any building repairs and maintenance that were needed. I was also instrumental in completing a few projects that have been talked about for years but never completed. With the help of Jan, "The Chart Lady" and Grover McNair, we now have a large WAC chart mounted on the wall near our flight planning area. Another project came about as a result of a few minor fender benders outside our building. As the club has grown over the past few years, it became apparent that additional parking was needed. With the help of our board, I negotiated with a few General Contractors to install the gravel lot that we all now use for parking. These are just two of the many projects that I worked on in this capacity.

As I became more active in the club I felt it necessary to enhance our social activities. I began coordinating club trips. During the past two years I have organized four club trips. As I write this, we are just a few weeks away from our 5th trip, visiting Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. This past summer I put together a club picnic. With our outgoing President, Ken Williams, manning the grill, we had lots of good food, activities, and fun. I have also brought back club shirts for all members who wanted one. What better way to show your support and enthusiasm for our club than wearing a club shirt?

We are very fortunate that our club has weathered the economic storm of the past year very well. Thanks to strong leadership over the past several years we are currently in a strong financial position. With the guidance of our Treasurer, Graham Mainwaring, I am committed to insuring that we remain on solid financial ground during the upcoming year. Looking at our member levels, as of Oct 31, we have a total of 274 members. I would like to work on continuing to grow during 2010, with a goal of topping 300 members by the end of the year.

One challenge that our club will face over the next few years is the need to upgrade our training fleet. We are all aware that our 152s are getting older every day. The decision needs to be made, either to

invest in our current 152s and extend their life another 5 or 10 years, or to look for the next training plane. While I do not have the answer to this question, I am committed to forming a team who will have the task of developing a long-range plan.

Finally I want to say that this is **OUR** club. The most important person in our club is you! I would ask everyone to get involved. Show up for a plane wash, flip a few burgers during a 2nd Saturday, or cut the grass on a sunny afternoon. If we all help out a little, the job of running the club is easier for all. If everyone attends just one board meeting during 2010, just think of the ideas that could be exchanged!

I look forward to working with everyone to make 2010 the best year yet for our club!

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 2010 board:

Jim Carlson

Data: 10 years in Club (earned my private and am working on my instrument rating).

Experience: Served on the WOC Board 7 years. Prior to board service, oversaw the construction of the hangar in Sanford. I have focused much of my efforts ensuring expenses are kept in check and the club is positioned to weather difficult stretches

Started at the club back in the old shack at Chapel Hill. 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 mean time 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. Dues should be minimum and cover no flying related expenses. Flying related expenses should cover all expenses associated with having and flying planes. This permits the member to modulate his flying expenses better. It also insures that the expense of a particular fleet segment is born by the members that fly that segment.

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. Equipment upgrades should also be made using the best option not just the cheapest option.

We have a great club and need to insure its longevity for the cause of general aviation and for the pleasure of our members.

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 only candidate running for Treasurer for the 2010 board is currently serving Treasurer Graham Mainwaring. He has elected to not provide a statement.

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 2010 board:

Jan Squillace

Data: Joined WCFC in 2004, taken all my training here at the club.

Experience: Key volunteer since 2007 to present for pilot supplies. Snack corner (passed on to new volunteer in April 2009).

I earned my private certificate in August 2007, life keeps getting in the way of my flying. I enjoy VFR flying and have been working on my instrument rating. My day job is as a Technical Support consultant for SAS.

I have attended board meetings regularly since 2007. My goal as Secretary is to keep communication flowing from the board to members

and back again. The board represents all the members and needs to know what the members are thinking. Also the members need to be aware of the challenges the board faces in keeping our flying home fleet and building operating on a sound financial and operational basis. I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the members and the club. This is a great place to fly and I like to help keep it that way.

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 2010 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, and I plan to begin working on an instrument rating in January.

Along the way, I have been very impressed by the history, organization, impeccable safety record, and widespread reputation of the club. I have been a Member at Large on the board for this past year, and after a learning curve, now feel like I am beginning to contribute to the leadership of the club. I feel a desire to continue in this role, to help continue to grow and prosper the club. 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 19 years. I am the proud father of 8 year old twin girls , and have recently gotten married and have been blessed to acquire 15 and 18 year old stepsons and a 22 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 continuing to serve the Wings of Carolina as a member of the board.

Paul Wilder

For the 2010 year, I am running for the position of Member At Large. During the 2006 and 2007 years, I served as president and during 2008, I served as vice president of the club.

During my terms as president and term as vice president, there are many club improvements that I am quite proud to have been involved with and that speak well towards my candidacy for member at large. Here are a few of them:

First and foremost is the financial turnaround – Avoidable losses and club expenses were cut by tens of thousands of dollars per year. I was directly responsible for saving the club sales taxes that were being paid/collected twice on everything (fuel, engines, parts, etc). Automated check-in was something I configured, tested, and documented for club members. Related, I was partially responsible for re-organizing the club’s finances and operational processes.

Not only did these changes allow your club dollars to fly further than before, it has taken an organization spiraling into bankruptcy and put it back on the healthy flight path of a slow and steady climb that continues even today.

Second is the club spirit – We are an all volunteer organization. While on the board, I and others worked hard to define and promote this message as well as show volunteerism by example. One of my examples was building the walkway between the club and the tarmac (which took about 80 hours). In growing the club spirit, I was partially responsible for developing the key volunteer group from a few to over a dozen.

Without the spirit of the club and volunteerism where everyone pitches in to help, the club would not survive. Let me compliment the many members who have responded and stepped up to help including key volunteers, instructors, the maintenance crew, plane washers, and “randomers” who have helped out when and how they can. It is this spirit that also entices new members to join the club and be a part of our 48 year old club.

Third is communication – Communication is imperative to the club internally for reasons of keeping members informed and maintaining morale. It is also important for the club externally as it brings in new members and improves relationships with other aviation organizations.

One of the objectives that I and other board members worked hard to achieve was good communications as well as leave communication processes in place for future boards to follow. As president of the club, I was the first to consistently send out agendas to the membership before board meetings and frequently sent out updates on things happening at the club. Through good communications, I had a hand in growing attendance at our events. Attendance at 2nd Saturdays used to be around 20 and now is consistently over 40. Safety/pizza nights were 30 or less and now we frequently have meetings in the hangar because our meeting room won't seat everyone.

Beyond my board service, I have been flying on and off for 20 years. Most of my flying has been in the northeast. Since joining the club in 1999, I earned my instrument rating. My most memorable flights include:

NC to VT and back VFR (pre-club and pre-9/11) – over the Pentagon VFR

NC to OSH with the club (and picked up my father in WI for the final leg)

NC to Nova Scotia in a Mooney

Rochester to VT and landing on an unplowed snow covered runway

My goal as a member at large is support the president's goals and help with bringing in new members and social events.

Thank you for your support of my candidacy.

Absentee Voting Procedures

The absentee voting procedure is designed to make the club elections accessible to a larger percentage of the membership without unduly diluting the tradition of the annual election pizza night or precluding floor (or late) nominations.

The summary of the procedure is that it allows members the flexibility to vote early and keeps absentee ballots anonymous, but also gives members the ability to change their votes at the membership meeting. Therefore, members who voted early are not precluded from voting for floor nominees or late nominees, and can still experience voting at the election.

These procedures are to be finalized and published by the board and included in the newsletters sent to the members prior to annual elections.

The procedure is:

1. The board designates an election coordinator. This can be an existing staff member, or a volunteer club member. The only restriction being that it cannot be a candidate for the board.

2. Initial nomination will be accepted via e-mail, or phone call to club vice-president, or regular mail for a month or so before the last newsletter before the election is generated or sent to members. This newsletter will include a list of candidates with their statements. Instruction on receiving an absentee ballot will be included in the newsletter.

3. To receive an "Absentee Ballot" the member must send in a self addressed, stamped (SAS) envelope to the club election coordinator.

4. The ballots will be coded to ensure that when received it is a valid ballot. The coded ballot will be sent to the member in his SAS envelope. It will also include a return envelope that is also coded to match the ballot and/or includes the member number on the outside of the envelope.

5. Only ballots received and validated by the election meeting will be counted. Early ballots can be snail-mailed to the election coordinator or dropped off at the club in the grey orange slip box. These votes will be stored by the election coordinator in their sealed envelopes, in a safe place, sorted by member number.

6. The day of the election meeting, the election coordinator will note on the members list every member from whom an absentee ballot has been received.

7. At the election meeting, any member who attends may get a ballot, including members who have submitted an absentee ballot. If a member who has submitted an absentee ballot requests a ballot from the election coordinator, the election coordinator will remove the member's sealed early ballot and discard (shred) it, and give the member a new ballot.

8. After the voting at the meeting, the election coordinator will remove the remaining absentee from their envelopes, verify they are valid ballots, shred the envelope the ballot was received in, and combine them with the ballots filled in at the meeting. All the votes are then counted together.

President's End of the Year Statement

by WCFC President Ken Williams

While the state of the US economy left a lot to be desired this year, the state of WCFC is quite good. First and foremost our membership has grown over the past year. This is a tribute to all our members. All of you serve as ambassadors for the club. You are our best asset and our best marketers.

We had a great lineup of safety seminars during the year, with unmatched crowds, straining our ability to find enough seats. A real treat for me during the year was CarolAnn Garratt's seminar discussing her

around eight day flight around the world in her Mooney (just like ours) and the preparation for that flight (like adding a back seat fuel tank). The lineup ended with a guest speaker from the FAA followed by a panel discussion on the operation various flight operations at our airport (light sport, GA, & corporate) and how we can all fly safely together. Many thanks to Dick Kenney, our Safety Officer, for arranging such an outstanding lineup.

Another big event for the club this year was our first Family Picnic at the Club. There is nothing better than getting the other members of your family involved in flying, especially getting those kids excited about it. Thanks to all of you who worked to make it the success it was. It was truly a great day at the club.

Later in the summer we held an open house that was preceded by a marketing mailer sent to local pilots. The open house was well attended and many local pilots learned that our club exists and what we have to offer. Several have since joined and I believe the event did quite a bit to spread the word about our club.

We had several club trips during the year including a terrific trip to the Flying Circus in Warrenton, VA and of course the annual trek to Oshkosh. The revival of more club trips has been well received and thanks to David Greenfield for planning and organizing the outings. Next up is the trip to Cherry Point. Now who would have thought we could get approval to land our planes at a military base and they would give us a tour? Way to go David.

If you have not participated in the weekly Wednesday night maintenance, you owe it to yourself to give it try. If you are going to fly it, you really should learn a little bit about what is under the hood. Ron and Hunter have done an excellent job of managing the maintenance night and have built a large following. They are eager to help you learn about taking care of and maintaining our aircraft.

And what year is not complete without the monthly Second Saturday Cookouts with the fine cuisine from Chief Chef Bill Sawyer. With the new grill we purchase this year there is no limit to what Chef Bill can do!

A new membership category was added this year in an attempt to address those people that are interested in flying, but need a bit of help to make that decision. Our 1-Day Membership was added to give them a way to join the club and experience a flight lesson without having to make such a large commitment before they know if they will actually enjoy the flying experience. We have had a few take advantage of this new membership category, but the

jury is still out on its effectiveness and our ability to efficiently handle them.

But by far the biggest event for the club this year was to pay off the loan that was taken out to purchase the C172SPs. What a wonderful day that was! Not only have our financials been strong enough to retire that debt, we built up enough cash reserves to allow us to purchase the two engines (without using any of our credit line) that had to be replaced this year (hopefully the second one going in 433 will be done soon). We are not wealthy so don't expect a fleet of new SR22s, but we are on financially sound and have a bright future.

This has been a wonder two years for me as club president and I look forward to continue helping around the club for years to come. It has been a privilege to serve. Thank you and Happy Flying!!!

Commercial Ground School A Success Instrument and Private Classes Starting in January

by WCFC Director of Maintenance John Hunter

14 commercial students finished up 9 weeks of ground school training in November and will be pursuing their flight training. While studying all of the FAA-mandated commercial curriculum, an additional focus of the course was on real-life issues that commercial pilots face. Students heard from former Club member and airline pilot Matt Waugh about the intricacies (and frustrations) of the schedule bidding process that airline pilots face, commuting to fly, and airline load planning, and performance.

In addition to a thorough review of piston engine operations, instructor John Hunter introduced turbine engine theory and high altitude operation. Class members learned about bypass ratios, bleed air, compressor stalls, variable stator control, and other fun stuff. Weather and regulations got a good look too, of course, and in addition to Parts 61 and 91, included a view of interesting sections of Parts 119, 135, and 298. Weight and balance theory was covered as required, but in this class we got to look at actual load manifests from a 727 and 747. The next Club commercial ground school will be offered in the fall of 2010.

New Certificates and Ratings will appear in the next newsletter.

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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
- ◆ Membership Meetings (Pizza Nights) begin at 6:30pm and include free pizza to members, 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.
- ◆ 2nd Saturday cookouts occur at the hangar on the second Saturday of each month from 11:30 AM to 1:00 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 starts January 6, and the instrument ground school starts January 25. All are welcome (club members and non-members). See the ground school pages on the club website for full details.

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