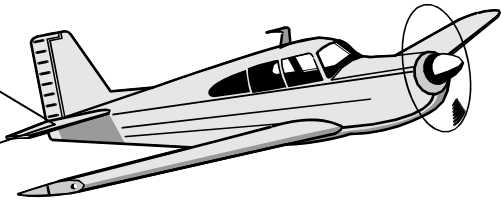


SKYWRITING



February 2009

January Flight Time

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Last Annual</u>
N5303L	28.6	April 2008
N80213	5.1	June 2008
N6231F	1.0	
N8114F	13.8	June 2008
N2516V	7.2	

Total Hours: 55.7 (Up from 27.7 in December)

Surcharge: \$.42/gal

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Local ASOS Numbers

Moline	309-799-7096
Davenport	563-388-2154
Clinton	563-243-8934
Muscatine	563-263-0902

Dues Paying Members: 60

The Spring Plane Wash is Saturday, May 2, 2009

Member News

Surya Matte soloed on Saturday, January 24th. It was a little chilly, but the winds were light and skies were clear. The temperature rose to a balmy +5 degrees around 2 pm when he kicked me out of the plane and took it himself for few touch and goes. Tim L CFII

Annual Meeting

On **Saturday, February 21st**, our club will hold its 47th Annual Shareholder's Meeting at the Civil Air Patrol Headquarters Building at the north side of the Quad City International Airport. Come early for gab and donuts. Coffee and soda will be available too.

Only one director's position is open for election this year, and that's the one currently held by Dennis English.

The Alternate Director's position held by Richard Kvach is also open this year.

So plan on attending, learning how the club's money gets spent, and why many things are the way they are. Be a part of pointing the club in the right direction for the future.

Your corporate share certificates will also be available to pick up also.

Turn the Heat Down

Please do your best to remember a few things before you leave the hanger/office area.

Turn the heat down to low in the office. It's been left on high several times this past month.

The cabin heaters in the C152 and C172M were set so high that the back seats were very hot

to touch. They only need to maintain about 60 degrees in the cabin to keep things warm and dry.

Civil Air Patrol Assists in Kentucky

At Noon Monday, February 2nd, an air crew from the Moline Civil Air Patrol was dispatched to assist the Federal and State of Kentucky officials with aerial photo damage assessment of damage from the ice storm last week. The air crew of Major Dick Kvach, pilot, and Lt. Col. Brian Nielsen, flew the CAP aircraft based at the MLI to Paducah, KY for further assignment. They will be documenting the storm damage, which will assist the recovery crews in the massive cleanup. The air crew will return to Moline late Tuesday evening (Feb 3rd) or Wednesday (Feb 4th) during the day. CAP is the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, and has the mission of air and ground emergency response to natural and man made disasters under the U.S. Air Force Rescue Center. CAP also has one of the finest youth programs on a National Level.

Press release by Lt. Col. Tom Nielsen Squadron Commander

Meigs Butcher Arrested

Meigs Field Butcher Arrested in Blagojevich Scandal One of the chief architects of the 2003 demolition of Chicago's Meigs Field has been arrested on federal bribery, corruption and fraud charges that include trying to sell the vacated U.S. Senate seat of President-elect Barack Obama. John Harris, 46, was taken into FBI custody on December 9 along with Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich.

Harris joined Blagojevich in 2005 as chief-of-staff after working nine years for Chicago mayor

Richard Daley in a variety of positions that included deputy commissioner of aviation. Harris was widely seen throughout Illinois as the state's acting governor as Blagojevich became increasingly preoccupied with federal authorities investigating him since 2004. While deputy commissioner of aviation, Harris was the top city official overseeing the secret midnight demolition of Chicago's Meigs Field on March 30, 2003, and was present when the bulldozers rolled onto the runway. A framed photo of himself at Meigs that night hung in Harris's office and was said to be one of his prized possessions.

Speaking of Maintenance

N5303L – no squawks

N80213 – DME installation has been postponed until a later time

N6231F – no current squawks. Poor performance has been found to be from valve timing 15 degrees after top dead center. An improperly installed gasket was also found.

N8114F – No problems, but Mark Conner is setting the paint job back two weeks due to his heavy work schedule. Check Schedulmaster for available dates.

N2516V – Both radios are not working correctly due to an intermittent problem. After a lot of discussion and a special meeting options are being discussed to repair wiring and several other problems.

A Great Piloting Job!

You have to be a secluded monk in Tibet to not know about the U.S. Air A320 that landed in the Hudson River this past month.

The flight crew did an excellent job doing what training and intelligence prepares them for. The pilots did a great job of bringing the A320 airliner down to a ditching in the Hudson River. The flight attendants did a terrific job of keeping the passengers calm and evacuating the aircraft. It's a tribute to the selection and training of flight crews of American airlines, and not a miracle.

Emergency services and the general public also responded well in helping passengers to shore.

What's up with 121.5 MHz ELTs?

U.S. pilots should beware that satellite monitoring of 121.5 MHz emergency locator transmitters (ELTs) ends on Feb. 1. However, existing 121.5 MHz ELTs will continue to meet the FAA's regulatory requirements after that date. Even though the satellites will no longer monitor 121.5 MHz signals, the search and rescue community will still respond when notified through other means. An upgraded ELT, the 406, will be monitored by satellites

and contains a 121.5 MHz ELT within it. When linked to a GPS, it provides precise coordinates to search and rescue responders, narrowing the search area.

Lessons in Tea-Totaling

Two days after the July 4 weekend this year, an air traffic controller at Mayport Naval Station, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean Lee, was given a drug test that he failed, but his character and explanation saved his career. During the trial, Lee said that he was incredulous upon hearing the news that he'd failed the test. "That's not possible," he said, "that's impossible."

Lee said during trial that he was a big tea drinker and had been contacted just days before hearing about his failed drug test by fellow petty officer second class Javier Trevino who'd already learned that he'd failed his own. The key connection between the two men was the tea they'd enjoyed tea together, supplied by Trevino, prior to the drug test. The tea is known as mate de coca and is made with the leaves of the coca plant ... the one from which cocaine is made. It can be bought in a "decocainized" U.S. legal form (though it does not appear that was the version the men drank) but even that product contains a minute quantity of the drug.

Prosecutors argued that Lee should have known what he was drinking, but when asked at trial by his own attorney if he knew the ingredients of the green tea he usually drank, Lee reportedly responded, "Uh...tea?" Lee was acquitted, Tuesday.



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