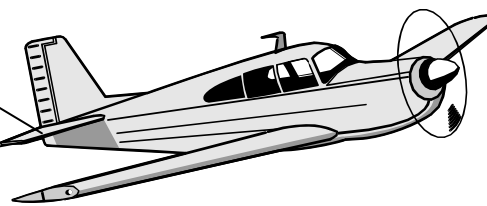


# SKYWRITING



January 2010

December Flight Time			<a href="http://www.flyingcc.org">www.flyingcc.org</a>	
<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Last Annual</u>		
N5303L	5.5	July 2009	<u>Surcharge: \$.00/gal</u>	<b>Local ASOS Numbers</b>
N80213	11.8	August 2009		Moline 309-799-7096
N6231F	5.4	May 2009		Davenport 563-388-2154
N8114F	0	July 2009		Clinton 563-243-8934
N2516V	0	September 2009		Muscatine 563-263-0902
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>(Down from 82.8 in November)</b>	<b>Dues Paying Members:</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Spring Plane Wash: Saturday, May 2, 2010</b>				

## Members

Congratulations to **Tim Ferguson** who has started work on his instrument rating. Tim recently became a VFR pilot and is charging forward. Way to go Tim!

## From The Board

As we live our lives of plenty, we tend to generate lots of things that need to be thrown away: packaging, batteries, worn out clothing, etc. Most of what we call trash, however, is packaging. The candy bar wrappers, potato chip bags, the MacDonald wrappers, Styrofoam containers, coffee cups, and cigarette butts are all in that category.

I think it's safe to say that men tend to be the most careless regarding how they handle trash, and our club is pretty much all male. It shows. Our airplanes, hangars, and office are the face of our club to any visitors or new members. We don't have cleaning crews come in and clean our spaces and planes, so it's up to us to keep our own trash picked up.

If you bring friends to fly with you, then *YOU* are responsible for their trash whether you pick it up, or tell them to do it. You are still responsible.

After every flight or visit check around and make sure you picked up the trash you're responsible for. We're an outfit that runs on volunteer help. Don't expect someone else to pick up after you. You're Mom isn't there. We don't like talking down to the membership, but we've noticed a general degradation of things in the "trash lying around" department. Please help us in this regard. – Your Board of Directors

## Winter Flying

Just a reminder of things to expect as we get into winter flying. I was prompted to send this out after being reminded of certain things after our first big snowfall and the south tees operations.

When the airport plows the snow between the hangers, they only clean about two feet from the hanger doors, leaving a snow bank to be cleaned away before we can get a plane out. If we only clean where the tires roll out, the snow eventually melts down some and starts creating an ice dam at the door and then it won't close all the way. Make sure you leave enough Pre-flight time to take care of this.

The freezing rain we had associated with this storm froze the key openings for the man doors. I had to use a heat gun to thaw these out to get into the hangers.

If you know ahead of time that you are going to make a flight, take the time to stop by the hanger and plug the Tanis heater into the "Hot" plug so that the engine will stay warm before you attempt to start it up.

Have the plane primed and ready to fire before you hit the starter. You want a quick start. Don't just set there and grind on the starter until it's burned up.

Any problems or questions, call me.

There's tons more, but all for now.  
Thanks, Tim Leinbach CFII

## Plane Squawking Procedure

Please remember the following tips when finding and reporting airplane squawks.

1. Enter the squawk in to Schedule Master (if you are unsure how to do this please contact Scott Latham)
2. Contact the plane captain of the plane
3. If the plane is down place the yellow plane down placard in the pilot seat of the aircraft

Following this procedure will ensure that the repair will be made in a timely manner.

## [Aircraft Stolen From Hangar At Frederick, Md., Airport](#)

A homeless man who allegedly stole a Piper Super Cub from its hangar at Frederick Municipal Airport in Frederick, Md., shortly after 2 a.m. Dec. 28 is in police custody. The man, identified as Calvin Craig Cox, 51, fled the aircraft after its propeller struck the ground near Runway 30. He was charged with felony theft, burglary, and trespass, according to press reports.

The aircraft belongs to the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association and was removed from its hangar without the owner's permission. A member of the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association told AOPA that the hangar was kept locked and that there was no sign of forced entry. The FAA already has inspected the hangar.

"The Frederick airport, headquarters of AOPA, is a big proponent of Airport Watch," said Craig Spence, AOPA vice president of operations and international affairs. "AOPA will be following the developments of this investigation and will work to ensure future security practices prevent this type of act."



Airport Watch, sponsored by AOPA and the Transportation Security Administration, is a voluntary program that encourages pilots to lock their hangars and aircraft, and to

watch for and report suspicious activity at the airport. Pilots can report suspicious activity through the TSA's toll-free hotline, 866/GA-SECURE. The program also offers a free online course that provides pilots with suggestions on securing their aircraft and protecting general aviation's reputation by employing industry best practices.

GA aircraft theft is rare, according to the Aviation Crime Prevention Institute. The organization reports that only seven U.S.-registered aircraft were stolen in 2009, not counting the incident early this morning. Since 2006, the number of stolen GA aircraft per year has been in the single digits: eight in 2006, three in 2007, and five in 2008

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