

Skywriting

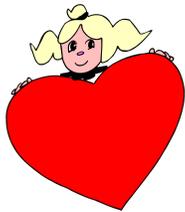


February 2021

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Recent Flight Time

| | <u>Jan</u> | <u>Annual</u> |
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| N32204 | 11.1 | Apr 2020 |
| N8114F | 10.7 | May 2020 |
| N4RB | 5.0 | Sept 2020 |
| Totals: | 26.8 | 29 pilots |



Spring Plane Wash

May 1, 2021, 11 am

Rain Date

May 8, 2021

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| President | Charles Typinski |
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| Activity Coordinator | George Bedeian |
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| Website | Nadra Yazaji |

Plane Captains

Warrior N32204 – Richard Husson
Archer N8114F – Gary Knapp
Bonanza N4RB—Charlie Typinski

Flight Instructors

Tim Leinbach CFII & Mo Hyder CFII

Spring is Around the Corner

Yes, spring is around the corner. Warmer weather and pleasant flying. If you haven't been in the air for a while you might consider some time with a CFI to iron out any kinks that crept in during your layoff.,

Annual Shareholder's Meeting Canceled

The Board of Directors cancelled the Annual Shareholder's Meeting in an unprecedented decision at the Directors meeting January 12th. As you all know, cancellations have been part and parcel of the COVID 19 virus situation in Illinois as well as other states. Considering many of us are in the vulnerable age with underlying conditions; and that the only pressing business would be the election of one director; it was deemed less important to hold the meeting than protecting our members and shareholders. We hope you agree with us.

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Latest Update on Archer Autopilot

The new autopilot for the Archer is still not working. The unit is at the installer's shop, Beyerly Aviation, and they are having trouble communicating with TruTrack the autopilot's manufacturer. Charlie Typinski has been diligently pushing to get the issue resolved.

Also on the Archer

The Archer is at Poplar Grove, IL. A remanufactured engine has been installed and at this time there are a couple auxiliary items that are on order to complete the installation before we can retrieve the airplane,

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If you want a copy of the financial report send an email to: rcsetter@outlook.com

In the subject line put: "FCC Financial"

Local FBO Acquires Council Bluffs FBO

An article in the local newspapers on January 30th told about Carver Aero based at DVN acquiring Advanced Air of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Advanced Air is currently owned by Lisa LaManitia.

Carver Aero is currently "owned by CL Enterprises, which has its home office in Peru, Illinois, and is managed by wife and husband Inga Carus and Peter Limberger. CLE invests in a variety of businesses from farming to manufacturing and from real estate development to aviation, with a focus on bringing economic development to smaller Midwestern towns. Both are avid pilots." For more information see cl-enterprises.com.

"Carver plans to make our airport a magnet for our community and for a new breed of customers, as well as a trusted, nationally known place for a stop-over and to refuel," according to the Council Bluffs Municipal Airport Authority. They further said, "The board especially likes the company's established apprenticeship programs in cooperation with community colleges."



Amazon just got approved for drone delivery. We now have skeet shooting with prizes.

Welcome New Archer Plane Capt

Gary Knapp has taken over duties as Plane Captain of N8114F, our Archer II. He's been following Rich Husson to learn the ropes on what to do.

Gary has also just retired from Exelon, so this gives him something different to do and helps the Club a lot.



From Our February 2011 Newsletter

4G Network vs. GPS

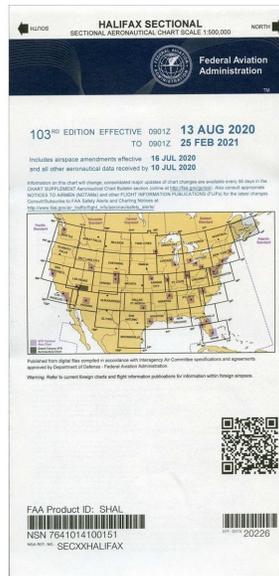
Garmin is standing by its position that a proposal to build a network of 40,000 broadband transmission towers around the U.S. could severely disrupt GPS service. As we reported last week, LightSquared has received conditional FCC approval to install the massive system to carry 4G signals, the conditions being that it restrict its signals to their assigned frequencies on the L B and 1 (1525 MHz—1559 MHz) and test existing GPS devices to see what kind of interference the transmitters might cause. GPS uses the a frequency range of 1159-1610 MHz, which is right next to the LightSquared signal. Garmin's Jessica Myers told AVweb in a podcast interview that Garmin has done testing on its own and determined there's no practical way for the two systems to coexist.

Myers said even if the LightSquared signals stay within their boundaries, they will be so strong compared to the very low-power GPS signals that reach Earth from the satellites that the GPS equipment will simply be overwhelmed. She said it may be technically possible to build filters that will block the LightSquared signals but they would be cost-prohibitive. Myers said that because the transmitters are ground-based, the biggest impact on GPS will occur in critical phases of flight like approach. She also noted that there are millions of marine and auto GPS units that could be affected. LightSquared says Garmin's tests are suspect because it didn't use the actual equipment that will be installed on the broadband towers. Real-world testing is expected to begin this month.

New FAA chart cycle starts this month

By John Zimmerman, Feb 9, 2021

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What's Changing

Starting February 25, 2021, chart subscribers (and pilots everywhere) will notice an important change to the effective dates of charts. The FAA is shortening the update cycle for VFR charts to match the dates on IFR charts. This means that, whereas sectional charts used to be updated every six months, now **all** FAA charts will be updated every 56 days.

That means more updates for VFR charts, so you'll need to buy a new sectional more often if you want the latest edition. Also, if you subscribe to IFR charts you'll now get your VFR charts at the same time.

This change does have some benefits, including more accurate charts and fewer NOTAMs. Because the data you see on the charts is more current, chart bulletins--interim updates that are easy to miss--should become rarer.

What You Need To Do

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