

Engineers Flying Club



Monthly Newsletter



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**Next Monthly Member Meeting will be Tuesday,
January 5, 2021 at 7:00PM in the PWA Pilots Lounge**

Board Meeting at 6:00PM

President's Corner

EFC Members,

It's a NEW YEAR! While I don't expect things to drastically change from the current state of low ceilings, I am glad to turn a page to a new chapter. As I write this, the next few days are going to involve some college bowl games and I am personally ready to leave 2020 on a good note. I HOPE!

We will conduct our January 5th meeting at PWA. PLEASE social distance and wear masks. We felt it important to meet as attendance is usually small and we can conduct our meeting with precautions easily. Scott will provide the group the maintenance report and David end of year financials to ensure the club has the right rates and dues. 78S is currently down for annual. There are a few odds and ends that remain outstanding and we are working diligently to get those fixed. It's a different world right now with shipping and availability of parts and most important, people.

The last thing I wanted to discuss is common courtesy. I try never to be the Debbie downer as I call it but, I get calls from frustrated members and it is my duty to pass it on. I sometimes agree and sometimes don't but, my job is to give each member a voice. We changed the weekend booking rule due to a few continually booking multiple weekends in a month. (AND YES, most rules are not caused by many but the infractions of a few). The Board amended the rule to ONE weekend per month to be fair to all 60 members. I have had a few voice that if it is "Friday through Saturday, or Sunday through Monday" then it is not a weekend right? Correct. At the current time a weekend is defined as a Sat/Sun together. There are always cracks in the armor/rules and ways around to be technically compliant but, how is it viewed by others when they see this happen consistently? Just food for thought.

I also had the question of "if I can't get back due to weather, and someone has the plane booked what happens?" My response was it probably has to do more with the member who has the plane booked following you and not a question for me. I should have been

quick enough to respond that knowing the weather and coming back early for the consideration of the next Pilot was in order. I personally try to call the next member with the plane booked way beforehand if I see a potential problem. Usually the scheduled member is accommodating but sometimes it is a planned trip and my not getting back would really ruin their day. I would come home early to ensure I gave that person common courtesy as I would want for myself and the trip I planned.

The EFC Board cannot and will not make micro rules to ensure playing fair. We also acknowledge that many see taking an ink pen from work is not stealing but some who feel it is. Everyone's interpretation is different but all we ask from our members is common courtesy and treating each other member as you want to be treated.

I hope to see you January 5th and pray each of you has a Happy New Year. If you cannot attend, the meeting will be live on Facebook for viewing that night or later at your convenience.

Stewart Burchett
EFC President

Birthday Checkrides

If your birthday is in January or February, now is the time to schedule your birthday checkride!