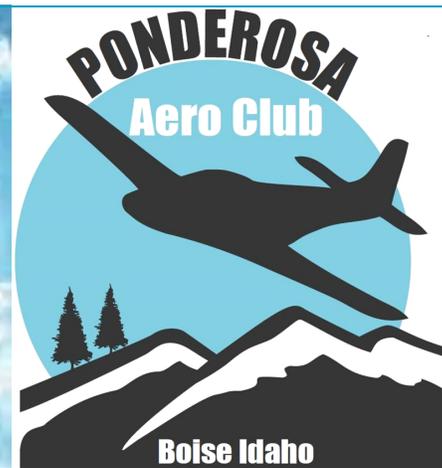


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Manager's Message

Inside this issue:

What a great group! Even though each Member has a slightly different reason for being part of the Club, do things with individual flair, and express themselves uniquely, you are all consistently thoughtful to other Club members, and respectful to our aircraft and equipment. Thank you. It is with the many skills enthusiastically given to the Club that great things continue to happen. This month, I'd like to highlight Ken Hosac, who continues to contribute his computer wizardry with an interactive map via computer next to the dispatch desk. Here you can watch and listen to radio transmissions from Club aircraft in flight. Also, former GM Gail Frasier will be helping with the newsletter, which you can expect monthly via email. Newsletters will be archived on Facebook, on MyFBO, as well as the Member's section of our website. It's fantastic when some of you contribute in some way for your Club, perhaps it's an extra five minutes after a flight to wipe down the yokes and control knobs, write an article for the newsletter, or coordinate an amazing presenter for the quarterly membership meetings (January will be the next). There are a lot of skilled people in Ponderosa Aero Club. Be warned, I'll be looking to expose these skills now and again for the benefit of the Club.

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I just left the 2017 Idaho Division of Aeronautics Safety Stand-down and am naturally full of ideas and inspiration that I'd like to share. Jason Miller was the first speaker discussing how we can better learn from other's mistakes to avoid doing them ourselves. You can learn some of the safety tidbits in his podcasts "The Finer Points-Aviation Podcast." He was followed by Jim Hinen, the new Safety and Education Coordinator for the State of Idaho Division of Aeronautics. The event wrapped up with the keynote speakers John and Martha King. Their presentation was as light hearted, memorable, and slightly campy as any of the training videos many of us have seen, though their topic was much more serious. Their focus in recent years has turned to improving risk management in GA. Sharing chilling stories of their own short-sighted risk management experiences in the

past, they made real how easy it is for any of us to end up in a situation that could be catastrophic. Their take away message is not new: Evaluate your risks, manage your risks, and keep your options and alternatives as big as you can. Use your acronyms PAVE and IMSAFE during every flight. This summary doesn't do justice to their thirty minute presentation, but will continue to in dozens of small ways, so good risk management will always be nothing more than habit for every club member. In short: "Be Smart • Fly Safe • Have Fun"

Pilot Accomplishments in October

Congratulations to Jamie Nicole Britton, who did her First Solo on October 7 in Ponderosa's Cessna 172 N7728G. Her dad owns airplanes and she has flying in her blood, so naturally she is an easy student. Although she's super busy between her job and full time college coursework; she always comes prepared for the day and with a super positive attitude! Nice job Jamie, keep up the good work! Her instructor is Justin Perkins.



Conrad Kennington did his first solo on Saturday, October 7th. After a few warm-up laps around the Boise Airport, his flight instructor Brett Boesiger exited the plane and Conrad was on his own to experience one of the most thrilling tasks of his life!

Congratulations!



Zachary Sjoberg is now an IFR kind of guy. He passed his instrument checkride on October 10. His instructor is Rick Reiersen.

Another pilot is now tearing up the skies since Steven Jacobson passed his Private Pilot Checkride on Friday, Sept 29. His instructor is Justin Perkins. The DPE Arlyn, said he passed with flying colors! Congratulations Steve!



Ready for start up, "Celar", Andrea confidently announced in his native Italian language. After evaluating Andrea's skills that evening, CFI Brett Boesiger was dropped off for Andrea's first solo flight on October 17th. Another solo student ready for new adventures! Great job Andrea!

Pilot Accomplishments Continued!



Way to go Andrew Wheeler! The day of October 18th was beautiful, everything was just right, then ATC moved him to Runway 10L. Like a pro he adjusted and took control, mastering his take offs and landings. Great work Andrew!!! Andrew is training with CFI Brett Boesiger.

Sharki Kontra passed her Multi-Engine Instrument Commercial checkride on October 25th in the Club's PA34-220T Seneca III. After an oral review, completing multiple maneuvers and simulated single engine approaches, DPE Julian Pridmore-Brown signed her logbook and provided her a new certificate. Her instructor was Rick Reier-son.



Congratulations!

Let's Talk About Fuel!

Got fuel?

The staff do their best to make sure the planes are fueled for the morning flights and most of the daytime flights in our awkward arrangement here, but if you anticipate that you will need help or a fueling refresher, please call. We cannot provide the full service that you find at an FBO, but would be happy to help you! After all, as PIC you are responsible for all phases of the flight, including, planning, pre-flight, flight, and securing of aircraft, but here at the club we like to lend you a hand if you need it..



Upcoming Events

Ponderosa Aero Club is planning a fly-in to Joseph, OR for Saturday November 4th. Come get some grub with your fellow PAC members and pilots!

DATE: Saturday, November 4th

TIME: 9:00 at Ponderosa Hangar

DEPART: No later than 10:00, once the planes are preflighted

WHERE: Joseph, OR (KSJY)

DINING: TBD, Suggestions welcome!



BAD WEATHER PLAN: Go to McCall, east to Twin Falls or Glenn's Ferry, or Nampa to the new restaurant named Tower Grill.

For questions, contact:

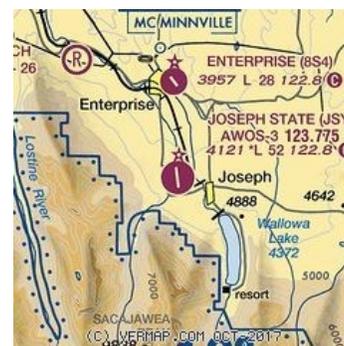
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NIGHT CURRENCY FLIGHT with a SAFETY TUTORIAL

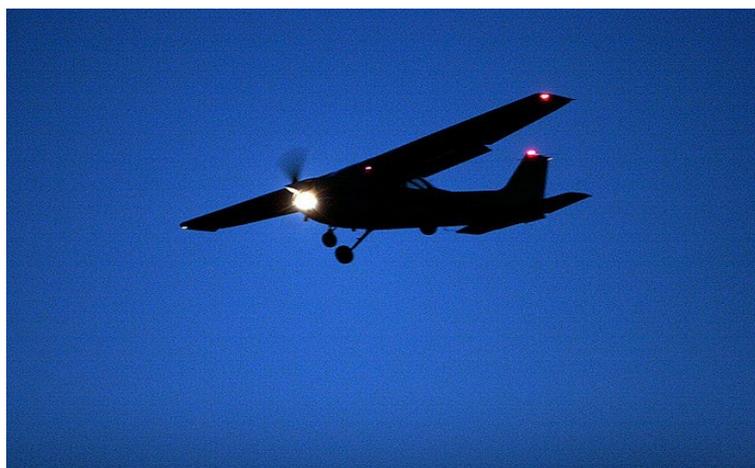
Date: Nov. 13, 14, or 15, depending on weather. We'll keep you posted.

Instructor-lead safety tutorial 6:00 - 7:00, then preflight and plan on wheels up at 7:30 pm

This is a great opportunity to get night current and improve your knowledge and skills as a pilot!

If you are not night current, contact an instructor to fly with you and your passengers. If you are a student and would like to participate, contact an instructor. Remember to bring a flashlight or headlamp. If you are not used to flying at night everything takes longer.

Please RSVP Sharki (714) 609-4233 if you would like to participate so you will have the latest scheduling and weather updates.



Winter Procedures



Here comes winter. Let's talk about how it's going to affect us.

Plug in, cover up, give yourself extra time and care.

With winter, we'll have some different procedures for the aircraft. We'll soon be plugging in the engine heaters to be kind to the engine the next time it's started up. As we sink farther into colder temps, we'll install the cowl covers after each flight. Remember not to drag the covers on the ground as they will then transfer dirt and grit to the aircraft's paint.

- ◇ Take note of how the cover is installed and the heater is plugged in before your flight so that you can install them correctly when you put the plane away.
- ◇ Ask the staff where to stow the covers while you're out flying.
- ◇ Do not try to close the oil door on the heater cord; that bends the door and does damage to the latch.
- ◇ Use the elements to help you prepare. I'm sure none of you would ever take off with frost on the wings or windshield, right? Instead of damaging the finish on the aircraft or scratching the windshield by rubbing the frost off of the aircraft, use the sun if you can to thaw the frost. If that's not an option, contact a staff member when it comes to defrosting an aircraft. We may be able to get the airplane into the hangar, but don't count on it. Maintenance and SP flights take priority and they may be defrosting their aircraft.
- ◇ 28G is not hangared and has wing and tail covers to keep the frost off. Plan extra time for removal and installation of the covers.
- ◇ If you are going to overnight somewhere, make sure you notice in your briefing if the destination airport is plowed. You might have to call that airport's office, if there is one. What appears white from above could be 1" or 1' of snow! Will you have a place to plug in your aircraft? Or a hangar? Do you have basic winter survival gear? Always dress as though you had to walk away from what's below you.
- ◇ What's the weather supposed to be like? Fog? Inversion? Ice? Watch that temperature dewpoint spread. As the temperature and dewpoint get closer, the chance of fog increases, particularly as the sun goes down. It can happen fast.
- ◇ If you have any questions or concerns about winter or frost operations, please consult a staff member, or instructor.

Take care of that cold engine.

If you're not sure how to prime in cold weather, ask your instructor. You know your aircraft has a fuel/air mixture that is just right for it to start. Too little and you'll grind away on the starter until the battery dies. Too much and you can frost the plugs. Once you do get it started, give it time to warm up. All those dissimilar metal parts are warming up at different rates and it takes a toll to shove it to full throttle when it isn't warm yet. From experience? Aircraft have defrosters that are worthless while taxiing, so take a soft towel with you in the winter to wipe the inside of the windshield as you and yours breathe yourself into a fogged cockpit as you taxi to the runway.

Winter can provide some of the smoothest air and best aircraft performance, It's not as easy to get going, but it's worth it! Get out there and enjoy those bright sunny crisp cold days of winter.



Aerospace Art Contest



Theme: Careers in Aerospace

Entry Deadline: **March 1, 2018** (Winners will be announced by March 12, 2018)

Standard Artwork Category

Let your imagination soar!

- Age Group I: 5–6 years old
- Age Group II: 7–9 years old
- Age Group III: 10–12 years old
- Age Group IV: 13–15 years old
- Age Group V: 16–18 years old

Specifications:

- Must be relevant to the theme
- Must not exceed 14 inches x 11 inches
- Must be two-dimensional watercolor, acrylic or oil, colored pencil, felt-tip marker, ballpoint pen, pen and ink, and/or crayon
- No pencil, charcoal, collage, digital, or clip art
- Must have a completed certificate of authenticity attached securely to the back of the piece of artwork (see page two for certificate)

Prizes: First place winners in each group will be invited to ride in a small airplane and attend an awards ceremony; receive a copy of their artwork signed by our Governor plus a framed congratulatory letter; and be recognized in our *Rudder Flutter* newsletter. Second place winners will receive \$25 in art supplies, a congratulatory letter, and recognition in *Rudder Flutter*.

Digital Artwork Category

Logo Design Challenge

Create the logo for the 2018 Aerospace Career Exploration (ACE) Academy!

Ages 14–20 years old

Specifications:

- Must be relevant to the theme and based on a good understanding of ACE Academy (learn more at <http://aceacademy.aero>)
- Must be created digitally
- Must be provided in all three of these file formats: PNG, PDF, and EPS
- Must be suitable for use on the internet, printing on decals, t-shirts, letterheads, etc.
- Special consideration will be given to simpler designs that use no more than two colors
- Must include a completed certificate of authenticity (see page two for certificate)

Prizes: Winning logo will become the official logo of the 2018 ACE Academy Network. Winner will be invited to ride in a small airplane, attend an awards ceremony, and be listed in news releases and recognized on the ACE Academy website and in *Rudder Flutter*.

Want to explore careers in aerospace? Are you 13–18 years old?
Apply now to attend ACE Academy on June 13–15, 2018! See <http://aceacademy.aero/>

Send to: 2018 Art Contest, c/o Idaho Division of Aeronautics, 3483 Rickenbacker St., Boise, ID 83705
Idaho.Aeronautics@itd.idaho.gov, (208) 334-8775

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