

Western North Carolina Pilots Association
General Membership Meeting
Lacy Griffin Building
Asheville Regional Airport
15 January 2019

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Dave Bolser

a. Dave introduced the new Board members to the members; Gil Carlson, Fred Cassel Malena Modirzadeh and the current Board members who will fill new positions on the Board. Dave also welcomed and introduced three new Asheville Airport Air Traffic Controllers to the members; Al Navarro, who is also the President of the local National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA), Ricky Brown, the Treasure of the local NATCA and Larry Flores. Al Navarro thanked the Association for the letter of support and thanks to the controllers for working during the government shutdown and providing for the safe and efficient flow of air traffic in and out of Asheville as well as those aircraft transiting through the Asheville airspace. The controllers mentioned that they have never flown in a general aviation airplane and would like to do so. They also indicated that tours of the ATC facility are available to interested pilots.

b. Mike Cola told the members that he had just completed his first solo flight.

c. Dr. Ruffin Benton talked briefly about having a Class 3 (2 or 1) medical as well as the Basic Med alternative. Basic Med assumes that you are taking care of yourself and your family physician is taking care of your health and you are healthy. You can have a Class 3 (2 or 1) medical certificate and have Basic Med as well. However, there are legal issues that you must consider before you take your next flight. You must decide which one you will use, your Class 3 (2 or 1) medical or you will operate that flight using Basic Med. The example Ruffin used was atrial fibrillation (AFib). If you develop AFib operating under a Class 3 medical there are certain tests and paperwork items, you must accomplish with your AME and the FAA to get a special issuance to continue to fly under the Class 3 medical. If you are operating under Basic Med and develop AFib you don't have to do any of the steps with AME and FAA required for a Class 3. The FAA assumes, under Basic Med, that you are going to take care of yourself and do the right things with your health and not operate an aircraft until you and your physician are confident that you are healthy and safe to operate an aircraft. Ruffin has asked the FAA for clarification regarding holding a Class 3 (2 or 1) medical and Basic Med at the same time and whether they are interchangeable if you develop a medical condition, such as the AFib example above, that disqualifies under the Class 3 (2 or 1) certificate but does not under Basic Med, or does the Class 3 (2 or 1) requirements take precedence. He will report his findings later.

d. Arnie Andresen mentioned that he is due to renew his CFI certificate. The FAA offices are closed during the government shutdown. He called AOPA and learned that AOPA can issue a temporary CFI certificate if the CFI completes the AOPA on-line course. Cost for the on-line course is \$120.00. He may have to take advantage of that if the government shutdown lasts much longer. John Gaitskill added that he attended an AOPA CFI course in Charlotte and he was issued a temporary CFI renewal. The temporary renewal certificate is good for 120 days from issue. The AOPA representative suggested that if the CFI has not received

their FAA issued CFI certificate by the 100-day point to start calling the FAA and request a status.

II. Reports

Secretary: (Tim Fox) The minutes of the November 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer: (Michael Wheeler) The Association has \$9,306.78 in the bank. There were no other transactions to report.

Membership: (Jeff Moore) Jeff was not able to attend the meeting due to a previous commitment but provided membership info to Dave for the meeting. Membership renewal continue to come in. Also, members are using the web site's PayPal capability to submit their renewal payment.

Programs: (Mike Doornbos) No Report.

Fly-Outs: (Tim Fox) Our January Fly-out will Saturday the 26th of January and the destination is the Greenville Downtown Airport (KGMU) with lunch at the Runway Cafe. We will try the visit to the Cirrus Vision Center in Knoxville. TN in February. The Triple Tree Aerodrome is having a Chili Fly-in on 9 February.

III. New Business: Dave reminded the members that at the February meeting the Association has their annual "Chili Cook-Off". He asked that if you can't bring your favorite chili to consider bringing one of the sides i.e. cornbread, cheese, diced onions, chopped jalapenos, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Featured Program:

a. Arnie Andresen who is the President of the Educational Foundation which is a 503(c)3 charitable organization started by the WNCPA began the program by giving a brief background of the Foundation and stating that it was his belief that as result of the new tax law that donations have not been as forthcoming as in past years. Having stated that he has learned of a way, if you're old enough, that you can still donate to the Educational Fund and get a tax savings. Arnie then introduced Mark Lear, a Certified Financial Planner with Guide Source Wealth Advisors of Asheville who then explained that if you have reached the age of 71.5 where you must begin withdrawing from your traditional 401(k) Individual Retirement Account (IRA) you can donate up to \$10K to a charity and earn a qualified charitable deduction. The donation MUST go directly to the charity. You cannot withdraw the funds in your name and then donate the funds to the charity. Mr. Lear advised members to pay attention to their required minimum distribution (RMD) for their IRA. This tax savings deduction applies only to the traditional 401(k) IRA. The Roth 401(k) IRA does not qualify. Mr. Lear cautioned members that if they are considering donating to the Educational Fund or any other charity that they first consult with their personal financial planner on the best course of action.

b. Dave introduced Chris Brown who is the franchise owner of "Flight Detail 360", an aircraft detailing company new to the Asheville airport. They are in Hanger 13. They offer a wide variety of exterior and interior cleaning/detailing services that can be tailored to your specific needs. Their sister company is Real Clean Aircraft Detailing of Chicago. You can view the many detailing services that the Asheville franchise provides at the parent company's web

site: www.RealCleanAircraft.com. They hope to have their own web site up and running very soon. They look forward to becoming the go to aircraft cleaning and detailing business for the Asheville area

c. For the formal program of the evening, John Gaitskill gave a very entertaining and informative Wings eligible presentation on “Winter Operations and Mountain Flying”.

Submitted for Tim Fox