



The Flyer - Special Edition - Winter 2000

This is a special edition of the flyer in order to provide you with club news in advance of events scheduled in January and throughout the winter months. If you attended the January meeting you probably received a copy of the Ground School program sheet re-printed on the back of this Flyer. **Please note that the March Ground School date has been changed** due to the school being unavailable the previous week. I would encourage any members (not only students) with interest in the subject areas to attend the ground school meetings.

Winter Meetings @ 7:30pm

Feb 2, 2000
Mar 1, 2000
Apr 5, 2000
May 3, 2000

As you are aware, Dennis Woytas who has done an outstanding job as editor and publisher of the Flyer, will be unable to continue as editor. Therefore in the event that you do not receive another Flyer in the near future, rest assured the club is alive and well and will continue with the standard meeting schedule through May. I would especially encourage student pilots to come and meet other club members, ask questions, and make yourself known in the club. Please make a note of the winter meeting schedule in your calendar and come to the winter meetings. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.

This Flyer is being sent to current members and to all 1999 members who have not yet renewed. If you have not renewed, you will find a renewal form attached and I would encourage you to mail it in to Neal with your cheque ASAP. **Please be advised that if you have not renewed, this will be the last mailing you will receive from the club!**

Winter Flying: In case you haven't heard, the club has been cleared for winter flying. Feel free to use the field January through March so go out there and freeze yourself out! Please note that only current paid up members with year 2000 cards and MAAC insurance may use the field.

Club Priorities: There has been a lot of discussion over the last few months regarding club focus and goals. The executive has discussed options at length and has made some initial decisions that were discussed at the January meeting. In the short term, the priorities of the executive will be to:

1. Maintain a safe and functional field for the enjoyment and use of all members.
2. Improve the student program with a better ground school, an improved flight training program, and revised instructor incentives in order to increase the roster of cleared pilots.
3. Facilitate and promote the organization of Special Interest Groups to cultivate more involvement of new and old members.

Special Interest Groups: This idea was discussed at the January meeting and was well received by members. In order to form a SIG, you need the following 4 things: 1) A mission statement, 2) A chairperson, 3) A list of members, and 4) A schedule. A number of suggestions were made for new SIGs such as Aerobatics SIG, Pylon Racing SIG, and Climb and Glide SIG. All you need is to do a little planning, and decide to meet at the field on a schedule (e.g. each 1st and 3rd Tues night). If you have an interest in forming a SIG, please contact the executive and we will facilitate through information published in the flyer. If your SIG is successful, you will attract members to participate. At the very least, you might have a lot of fun with a small select group of members with similar interests to yours. We will discuss and publish more about this later. Meanwhile, please let this idea simmer in your mind and give us your ideas and questions at the next meeting.

E-mail Addresses: With more members getting onto the Internet, a suggestion was made to include e-mail addresses in our member list to facilitate club communications in the future. If you would like to receive notices, club news, etc. please send your e-mail address to me at tgott@versasys.com. Please note that any commercial use of club member information is not permitted. The executive will watch this for a while and see where it goes.

Best regards to all for a prosperous Year 2000...Tom Gottlieb