

**Williamsport Regional Association of Pilots
Minutes of Monthly Members' Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2012**

Opening. Meeting called to order at 1914 EST. Minutes approved 1916. Drake is not here. Larry filled in.

Guests.

- Dave Grube, first time attending WRAP.
- Randy Swank, Larry's guest, and Randy's son. Randy is learning to fly. Alex Minium is his instructor. Randy lives in Montoursville and is a new member in 92W.
- Don Thomas, our speaker, retired USAF Special Ops helicopter rescue pilot.

Treasurer's Report. Jim reports we have \$1,700.87 and \$20 in cash: \$1,720.87 total.

Membership. Larry reports "We're doing fine" and that we have approximately fifty members. The T-shirts are on order. Prices increased and decreased. The hats are \$15, shirts are \$30–31, sweatshirts are \$28, T-shirts are \$19. See Larry if still interested.

Oily Rags. Paul Shuch reported he was able to get a red oily rag bucket with secure lid for \$79 from Shore Auto Supply.

Fly-Outs. The FIFO committee has finalized entire season, subject to change. Michael handed out schedule sheets. There are to be nine fly-outs in allegedly warm weather months, with a mix of near (4), medium (3) and far (2). There are two remain-overnight (RON) weekends, fly-outs #5 and #7. RON is optional. Finger Lakes was great last year. The fly-outs have a more metropolitan flavor this year.

Michael described the last two columns, designated breakfast. We're trying to have two fly-outs a month. The breakfasts are relatively near. They also serve as an alternative to the regular longer fly-out.

Imminent is #1: TRACON at **KPHL**, FRI 30 MAR. Currently 10 planes, 16 people are signed up. The max head count is 24. Plan to be at KPHL/FBO Atlantic by 0900. Tour begins 0930. Bring photo ID. \$10 landing fee. Ramp fee (for us) of \$30 if you don't buy fuel. Fee waived if you buy 15 gallons. Embark with a few gallons less than full fuel and you should make it. Currently fuel at Atlantic Aviation is \$7.07/gal. There were some new names for the PHL trip: Walt, Kurt, Keith. We may turn it into a lunch on the way back, perhaps Lancaster or Smoketown.

Toronto requires advance preparation. Michael is going to Toronto 21 MAR with Drake who will do some research for that trip. **Passports:** if you're going to Toronto, get them now. Sam Andrews did research. It could take longer than the 4–6 weeks advertised. **Customs:** We'll get our laptops together in May and start working issues with EAPIS.

Paul Shuch invited us to the International Learn to Fly Day event at Lock Haven on 19 MAY.

Speaker—Don Thomas. Don told us of his career in the USAF flying combat rescue helicopters in various parts of the world. He knew from the age of 14 he wanted to be an Air Force officer.

Next Monthly Meeting. Monday, April 2, 2012

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