

**MINUTES**  
**PML Aero Club**  
**April 2, 2011**  
**9:30am to 11:00am**  
**Jobe Hangar**

**Attendees:** Dennis Smith, Dave Morgan, Dick Collier, Leon Liebster, Mike Gustafson, Catherine Santa Maria, Joe Riley, Charleen Beam, and Jim Goodrich.

- 1. Approve Minutes:** Catherine will send out the minutes from last month for approval next month
- 2. Finance Report:**
  - a. Catherine presented the financial report. Income from flying was down for March because of the bad weather. Report was received and filed.**
  - b. Fuel is up to \$5.25 per gallon (and according to Dick will reach \$6.00/gallon by mid year). Discussion followed about raising the hourly rate from \$80 to \$85 or \$90. Motion was made and passed to raise the hourly rate to \$85, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- 3. Safety**
  - a. Joe Riley:**
    - Joe reviewed the purpose of FAA Wings Program.
    - Wings program is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Airport.
    - Members are also encouraged to take the on-line Wings Program at the FAA site as an on-going educational program for ground school (which counts toward the pilot's BFR).
    - Because the priming pump is not working and we are relying on the throttle to prime the engine for starting, we increase the risk of an engine fire. Should a fire happen, the pilot should continue cranking the engine to pull the fire into the cylinders, and continue cranking the engine until the fire is extinguished.
  - b. Dick Collier:**
    - Carb heat is more important in a Continental than a Lycoming engine. Spark plug fouling is possible/common as the air temperature raises and we richen the mixture (like when landing). Therefore, we should be careful using the carb heat on our aircraft. We shouldn't use the carb heat and low (near idle) and full rich. We should idle at 1200 rpm and at 3000 feet elevation, we should lean the mixture by about 3 "clicks," until the pilot is ready to take off, then full rich.
  - c. New SF Sectional and TAC have been placed in the aircraft.**

**4. Maintenance**

- a. Landing Gear Fairing: We'll install it during the annual after we get a chance to inspect the landing gear strut assembly.**
- b. Primer: Dennis and Dick cleaned out the primer assembly but that didn't fix the problem...probably a clogged line is the problem, which will be addressed during the annual.**
- c. The annual will be in May.**

**5. Membership**

- a. New prospects? Charleen suggested that Dory Jones may be interested in joining. Steve from the Blackberry Inn is interested and will take an intro ride with Joe.**

**6. Next Meeting**

- a. Where: Jobe Hangar**
- b. Date: May 7, 2011**
- c. Time: 9:30am**

**7. Adjourn**