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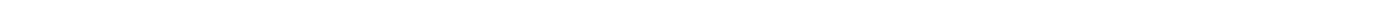
## April 2024 Newsletter

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# Rates Update

Gas prices are the same at \$6.29 per gallon, no change in hourly.

- 172      \$100
- Archer   \$110
- 182      \$171
- Lance    \$192





## Zach keeps soaring!

Zach continues ticking off the certificates by earning his CFI last month!

Nice work Zach!

## Self serve pump

As many of you know, the self serve pump was down a few weeks ago. Reports are that it's still finicky with the credit card reader.

If the pump is not working you can call Atlantic and they will send the fuel truck over and charge the same price as self-serve.

If you are unable to refuel the aircraft please reach out to the next





## 182 battery-minder cable gets the ax!

All 182 pilots despise hooking up this cable on the battery minder! Well, a particularly annoyed member set out to figure out what that cable actually does! It's a thermocouple to monitor the temp of the battery.

We called the manufacturer and discovered that, in our use case, it's not useful. So, **we removed it!** No need to spend extra frustrating minutes attempting to hook that little bugger up anymore!

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# Spring Cleanup

It's that time of year! We will have the first plane wash before the May board meeting, then a hangar cleanup the Saturday after.

## Plane Wash:

Wednesday, May 1st, 5pm

## Hangar Cleanup day:

Saturday, May 4th, 10am to 1pm



**TRY ALL THE KEYS**



**THE LAST ONE IS THE WORKING ONE**

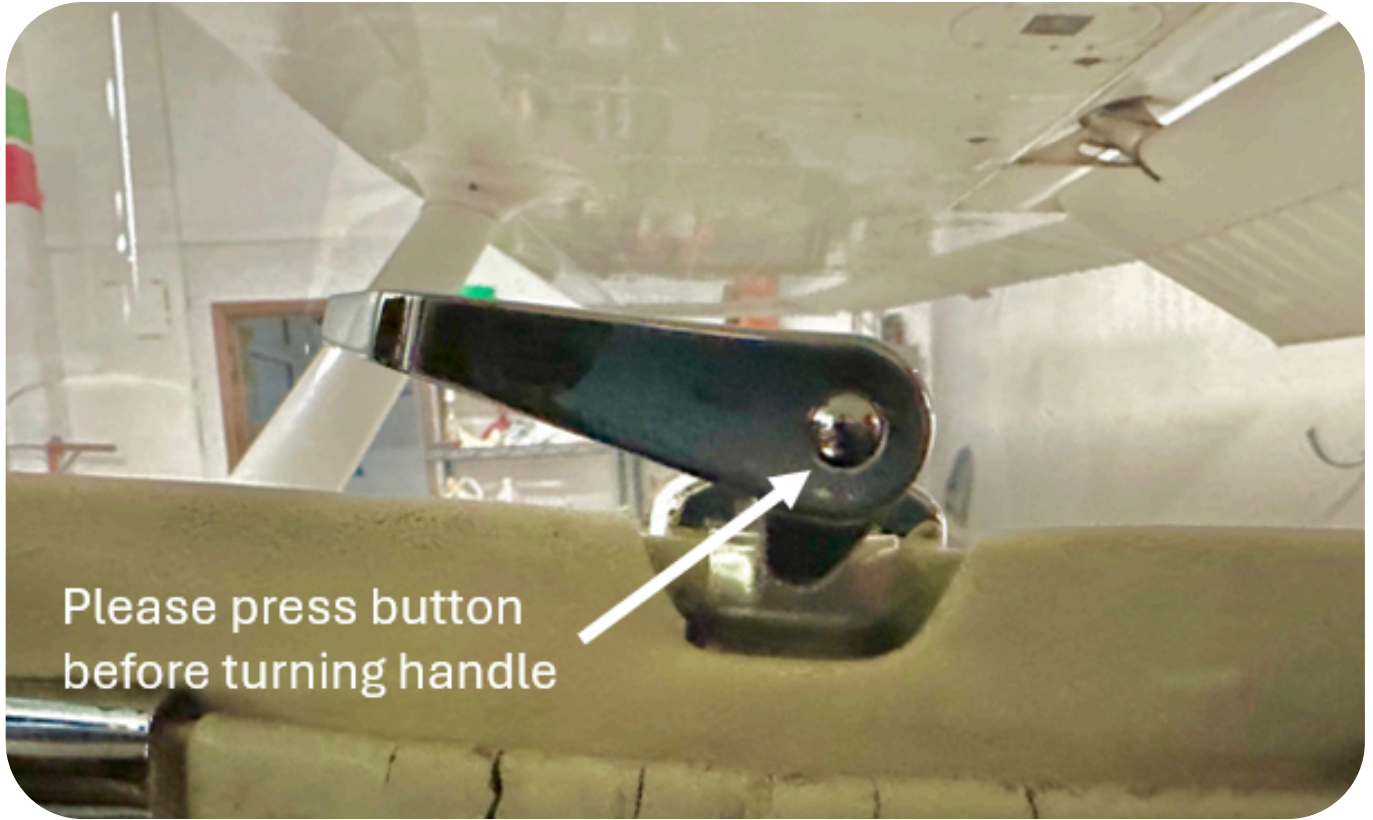
## Lance keys

Lance ignition was replaced during annual. If you are checked out in the Lance you will need to contact Paul W to get a new key.

If you are not checked out in the Lance... Let's go! Don't you want another key (and aircraft) to add to the collection? You can also contact Paul about getting checked out :)



# Did you know?



There is a small button on the window lock handles in the 172 that should be pressed before turning the handle. The tension in the button helps keep the window from accidentally opening in flight.

If the button is not pressed when the handle is engaged with the door frame, it will eventually become striped and ineffectual in helping to lock the handle in place.

The one on the pilot window has been striped out long ago and does not do anything. We just replaced the one on the co-pilot side. That window is held more firmly in place.

Please press the button before turning the handle!

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## New Medical & BFR Recording



We would like to start using our booking software, AircraftClubs, to record medical and BFR information. This will allow us to generate the proper reports for insurance much easier than the current manual process. Here's what you have to do:

1. Log into [aircraftclubs.com](http://aircraftclubs.com)
2. In the upper right Click on your name

5. Add/Update your **Certificate Number** and date
6. Add/Update your **Medical and BFR Expiration** dates
7. Add your AOPA Number (we get an insurance discount if members are part of AOPA)
8. Click the “Save Pilot Profile” button

Certificates and Memberships			
<b>Certificate Number:</b>	<input type="text" value="4295059"/>	<b>AOPA Number:</b>	<input type="text" value="11874451"/> <a href="#">Join</a> <a href="#">Donate</a>
<b>Certificate Date:</b>	<input type="text" value="06/03/2021"/>	<b>Member Number:</b>	<input type="text" value="e.g. 15110714"/>

Expiration Dates			
<b>Medical Certificate:</b>	<input type="text" value="07/31/2025"/>	<b>Reminder:</b>	<input type="text" value="4 Weeks"/>
<b>BFR:</b>	<input type="text" value="06/30/2025"/>	<b>Reminder:</b>	<input type="text" value="4 Weeks"/>
<b>Club Review:</b>	<input type="text" value="mm/dd/yyyy"/>	<b>Reminder:</b>	<input type="text" value="None"/>

We will be enforcing compliance in a few months by turning on a feature in Aircraft Clubs which won't allow you to schedule if you are out of currency.

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## Get involved!

Flywell is one of the most cost effective to ways to fly. This is, in part, to having a culture of volunteerism. Our expectation from all members is to volunteer throughout the year.

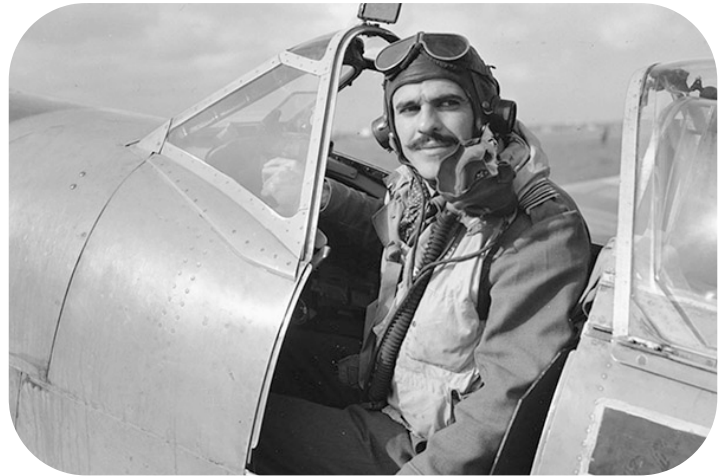
There are still summer slots open for Hangar Ace, use the link below to sign up.

# Hangar Ace

Our hangar ace this month is:

**Oh no! There isn't one!!!!**

Sign up...



*Thank you to all our volunteers for helping control our costs  
and making Flywell an amazing club!*

## Board

- JJ Parker, President
- Mark Bakko, Treasurer
- Avram Schnider,  
Secretary
- Kurt Olson, Director
- Marc Tellevik, Director

## Maintenance Officers

- 172 - Avram Scheiner
- Archer - Tim Hawkes
- 182 - Ben Richter
- Lance - Paul Wikstrom
- Hangar - Fred Ames
- Supplies - Mark Hapka

## Club CFI's

- Paul Wikstrom
- Kurt Olson
- Jim Schultze
- Norm Lindsey

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# Maintenance Reports

## C172

**Aircraft is flying well**



- Carb heat control stiffness addressed
- Primer inoperative fixed.
- Flap hesitation addressed.

## Archer

### Available

- Annual inspection completed at Thunderbird
- Rudder pedal assembly had a crack and needed to be replaced
- Archer returned to Thunderbird to adjust rudder trim - adjustment completed

## C182

### Amazing

- We fixed a lock nut on the prop speed lever that had come loose
- Reminder that oil dip stick readings can be a little tricky because of how the internals work, so recommendation is to wipe the stick, then read again, and after it's been running, it takes a while for the oil to settle back and readings will be high.

- Items addressed:  
Ignition replaced – you will need a new key. The old ignition was not retaining the key and it was removable in any position. Also, with the ignition replacement there is no longer a need to do a “Bendix check” every 100 hours.
- Main gear actuators: new seals. No more leaking!
- Shimmy damper: rebuilt with new seals. No more s-turns during taxi!
- Left main gear down-lock sensor wire: fixed. No more gear light flicker!
- Friction lock: fixed. No more sliding levers!
- Oil pressure line: fixed!
- Leaking rocker arm covers on #1 and #3 cylinders: replaced
- Cowl landing light receptacle: fiberglass repair to worn receptacle
- Oil: replaced. Oil filter clean.

Deferred until warmer weather:  
“weeping rivets” in right tank.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Plane Wash & Board Meeting**  
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- **Hangar Cleanup day**  
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Happy flying,  
- JJ & the Flywell board

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