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CSI Newsletter: May 2021

Next Meeting: Rain or shine, Zoom, Friday, May 7, 2021\*\* ~ 7:30 PM

\*\* Note: First Friday of May

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NEWS you will need to know:

**Tow plane** is ready to be placed back in service. Tony (A&P), Gary, Chuck G., and others worked to complete all items requiring replacement/repairs as found by Tony. After a warmup flight Saturday, she will be ready to go 1 May, 2021 for towing. Canopy covers, they are expensive and are made of material that collects the weed seeds, grass, whatever's, PLEASE do not place them on the ground. Roll them up and place inside the black box or inside the small trailer next to the PW-6 trailer during the day.

*Presidents Message*: The Board has approved new members: If you see someone on the field, introduce yourself and give them information about Cypress's ground operations. There are additional prospective pilots and people on the "Waiting List". The Board is holding interviews and bring new members on board.

Again, we need to report that **Covid-19** issues and Riverside County health restrictions and directives will determine when and how to proceed with meetings at the airport. Currently, the general meetings are scheduled through June via zoom. However, that could change depending on future C-19 levels and the lifting of restrictions. **Therefore**, wear your mask when you are on the field. Wipe the planes down inside and out, **before and after** you fly.

*Treasurer.* Year to date: 12/01/20 to 04/08/21: Income: \$19,800.58; Expense: \$27,989.78; Net Profit: -\$8,189.20. Club paid the fleet/tow plane and airport insurance, total of  $\sim$  \$15,459.00.

Flight Ops.: Currently all gliders are in "Go Fly" status. Don't show up at your time slot and expect the gliders to be ready for you, we are not running an FBO or airline. Show up early, look around and help move gliders and learn the ground operations. Keep your eyes and ears open to the activities. It's the easiest way to learn. Don e-mailed all members a copy of the:

Rev. December 4, 2019 SOPs and Flight Rules.

Please review, sign and send <u>Member Acknowledgement</u> page to Secretary for record keeping and keeping your flight status current.

**Please Note**: Check your log book: When was your last club check ride? Are you due for a 24-Month Flight review? To stay current, schedule a CFI-G for ground and flight review before you are out-of-date.

Maintenance: Chuck Coyne scheduled a "working party" for washing, waxing and cleaning the gliders. Thanks to all who were at the field. The gliders always fly smoother when they're cleaned and waxed. The 182 was washed, cleaned and waxed before the annual. Thanks to all who washed, waxed and polished the tow plane.

As noted above, the tow-plane is ready for towing; it just needs a check flight. Some work done on the plane - fixing some oil leaks, installing new cable for the tach and other fixes to the tack, door window frame locks and hinges repaired, new hinges in the inspection access door for the engine, and other repairs. Thanks to members Gary T., Chuck G., Mike K., Scott L., Woody, Steven and anyone else I missed.

A radio is being installed in N3097M and should be ready soon. N3097M will have her annual sometime in May during the weekdays.

- Help keep the gliders safe by cleaning the inside with wipe-downs, clean the floor pans and wipe away any dust **BEFORE** you fly. If you need to disinfect with wipedowns, dispose of them in the trashcan by the water area.

## **New Business:**

News: Tom Pryor soloed and had a great flight. Congratulations Tom.

Flight Ops has scheduled zoom meetings on Tuesday's night around 7:30 PM. Subjects discussed were SOPs, By-Laws and the Hemet AOM, landing patterns at Hemet, x- country flying and tonight 4-27-2021, the subject will be "flying and thermalling in a gaggle".

During your **pre-flight check out**, adjust the seat belt lengths BEFORE you go on the runway. Do all your adjusting of pedals, seat and seatbelts at the tiedown spot. Your time on the runway should only be to open the canopy, climb in, seat belts on, one final check around the cockpit, hook up the tow rope, lift the wing, move rudder back and forth to signal tow pilot, then off you go. Don't be on the runway more than 2 - 3 minutes.

\*\*Cross Country Question: If you were preparing for a cross-country flight to the new "The Wright Brothers Field":

What minimum equipment and glide ratio (assume the PW-6U) would you need to get there?

What would be your speeds between thermals to maximize your glide ratio and of course maximize your distance before the sun sets?  $\infty$ 

Thank You, your questions and/or comments are welcomed.

Cypress Soaring, Inc. Tom Orbison, Secretary



Tom Pryor after his solo flight, congratulation Tom. Good show !!!!!



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