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November 2025 Newsletter

Hourly Rates

Gas has dropped the lowest price in over 2 years, small decrease in hourly.

- 172 \$96
 - Archer \$106
 - 182 \$164
 - Lance \$185
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Our Members Reach New Heights!



We had *two* members achieve new ratings this month!

- **Ethan P** earned his commercial
- **John S** earned his instrument

It's wonderful to see our members leveling up their skills and proficiency. We have a few more members in the pursuit of new ratings too!

Keep up the good work everyone!

Northstar instrument ground school

If you are interested in pursuing your instrument rating, our friends at Northstar are offering their winter instrument ground school.

Where: Atlantic Aviation, ANE

When: Mondays and Thursdays, 6-9pm starting January 26th (no class week of February 16th) through March 12th

Cost: \$500, payable on the first day of class by cash, check, or Venmo

What's included: 36 hours of ground instruction from experienced CFIs, as well as course materials (course book, FAR/AIM) and snacks

Due to space constraints, we're capping registration at 18 students and registration will close on December 19th to give us time to get materials ordered and printed. You can [sign up for the course here](#) and please don't hesitate to reach out to Cheryl Daml (cdaml@msn.com) or Ellen Quist (Quist.ellen.e@gmail.com) with questions.

Fly with Zach

Speaking of **proficiency**, our Safety Officer Zach has created

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Watch:

[Episode 1: Runway Incursions](#)



VSL Aviation Podcast

Paul W shared a great podcast about an enhanced preflight inspection process. This episode has some great tips to make sure you are good to go before takeoff.

Listen:

[Enhanced Preflight Inspection for GA Pilots](#)

Night Currency

With the daylight savings time switch it's dark pretty early! Make sure if you are flying with passengers that you are night current.

Better yet, go grab a flight with your friendly Flywell CFI and do some practice.

When getting night current it's a good idea to not just do 3 in the pattern. Leave Anoka and do a few landings where it is much darker, then come back to the "sea of lights" of the metro area. Both scenarios are great practice!



Winter Ops

It's that time of year again! We are officially starting "winter operations".

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... battery tenders, and using cowlings covers.



Brian & JJ Fly into the Mountains



At the board meeting this month, Brian & JJ shared their experience flying to Denver to take a mountain flying course from the Denver Pilots Association. You can watch a recording of the presentation below.

Watch:

[Brian & JJ Fly into the Mountains](#)



CO2 Detectors

These little guys seem to be like jumping beans, popping around the aircraft and hangar. If you move or remove these CO2

are not the most convenient thing.

We will be adding integrated Garmin CO2 detectors in 182 & archer when they go in for maintenance next.

Hangar Progress

We are very close to wrapping up the hangar project. Last week **Fred A** repainted the lines on all the ramps so pushing the aircraft back won't be nearly as scary! **Mike B** welded the hangar door guides back on so the doors won't kick out with the wind and fixing door latches.

The 172 should be back in its nest next week.



project and everyone else who has helped get this project across the finish line!



Tree of Hope

Tree of Hope is collecting gifts this year. We have a collection box in the Flywell office, or you can bring donations to Atlantic to support this amazing cause.

More info can be found on [here](#).

“We want to help put smiles on the faces of children over the holidays. Spending time in the hospital is not the way for any child to spend their holidays. A gift can show the child and their family that there are others that care. Lengthy hospital stays can cause financial constraints for families. Many of the children with major illnesses.”

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Flywell Winter Social



Mark your calendars! We will be holding our winter social and general session on **Sunday, January 25th.**

More details to come.

Flywell Volunteers

Hangar Ace

Our hangar ace this month is:

No one!

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and making Flywell an amazing club!

Board

- JJ Parker, President
- Mark Bakko, Treasurer
- Lawrence Foley, VP
- Kurt Olson, Director
- Mark Hapka, Director

Maintenance Officers

- 172 - Mike Blanness
- Archer - Tim Hawkes
- 182 - Avram Scheiner
- Lance - Steve Schwister
- Hangar - OPEN!
- Supplies - Mark Hapka
- Data - Mat Terwilliger
- Plane Wash - Jeff Fjeld

Club CFI's

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

Maintenance Reports

C172

Aircraft is grounded

- Grounded, prop is getting examined

Archer

C182

Aircraft is flying well, or also maybe grounded

- Previous oil analysis had some metal, current analysis is clean!
- Oil dipstick broke

Lance

Aircraft is flying well

- Brian, Reed, and I removed the cowl. 1+ hour job!
- Prop seal replaced.
- Magneto 500 hour check complete and reinstalled
- Awaiting repaired boost pump. Should arrive by Friday for a weekend re-install
- Plan to re-install cowl on the weekend.

Hangar

Repairs are almost done

- Mike Blanness gets a gold star for welding the door tracks. Did an OUTSTANDING job!

Upcoming Events

- **Board Meeting**
Wednesday,
December 3rd, 7pm
- **Winter Social**
Sunday, January 25th



Happy flying,
- JJ & the Flywell board

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