



Flywell Flying Club

Newsletter

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*Minnesota's Premier Flying Club
Dedicated to Furthering the Interest of General Aviation*

Strategic Plan – Execution Phase

We are now in the execution phase of our Strategic Plan. The majority of this work is focused on developing a new image for Flywell and help make it more marketable. Flywell is undergoing a re-branding makeover that includes a new logo and tag line, brochure, postcard mailers, banner, and yes, even T-shirts!

We will reveal the new image of Flywell to our members at our next General Membership Meeting on May 12. Our new image will be introduced to the public at Blaine Aviation Weekend on May 22-23 where we will have a tent set up with our banner on it.

The execution phase also includes a postcard mailer inviting people to come and visit Flywell at BAW. We are going to need more membership participation at BAW this year due to a special guest that we have invited to attend. If you want to find out who that is, attend the May 12 GM Meeting.

Future Event & Activity Calendar

Monthly Board Meetings: The next board meeting is **Wednesday 5/5/10 @ 7:30 P.M.** Members are welcome to attend.

General Membership Meeting: Our next General Membership Meeting is on **Wednesday 5/12/10 @ 7:00P** at the hangar. Come and see the new Flywell image and learn who our special guest is for Blaine Aviation Weekend.

Blaine Aviation Weekend: The annual KANE Airshow is on May 22-23. We will need more volunteers than ever to help set up and tear down 250-300 chairs for a special event that Flywell is hosting.

New Ratings, Wings, & Checkouts

If you have recently received a new rating or know someone who has, please let Ruth Johnson know so we can congratulate them.

Membership Status

There currently is a membership for sale. If you know of anyone who might be a good addition to your Club, encourage them to consider joining. Contact Ruth Johnson, Vice President, at 763.571.1681.

Aircraft Reports

All Aircraft – The first plane wash of the season is on Wednesday May 5th at 5:00P. We need your help getting our planes all cleaned up for Blaine Aviation Weekend.

C172 – The plane is running well.

Archer – Annual completed with no major issues.

C182RG – The plane is flying fine.

Lance – The Lance is running great.

Hangar – The hangar finally thawed out after a brutal ice attack over the winter.

Hourly Flying Rates Effective 4/1

C-172: \$ 66.00 Archer: \$ 75.00
C-182: \$ 112.00 Lance: \$ 120.00

Find a buddy and go flying! \$100 hamburgers taste much better than \$5 hamburgers.

Why Participate in WINGS

- Completing targeted, consistent training will make you a safer pilot
- Each time you complete a phase of WINGS, your Flight Review Date is extended for 24 months from the end of the month in which you completed the Phase. For example, if you complete a phase of WINGS on March 6 2010, your Flight Review Date will be extended to March 31, 2012.

The Basics

WINGS has 3 Levels: **WINGS**, **Advanced** and **Master**. Within each Level, you can complete multiple Phases. In addition, you can complete a Phase of WINGS as often as you would like. To complete each Phase, you must earn 6 credits consisting of **3 Knowledge credits** (Courses and Events) and **3 Flight credits**. The primary focus of each activity determines what credit it qualifies for.

WINGS is open to all pilots, this is the initial level of WINGS. Designed for those wanting a recurrent training program that will provide them a higher level of proficiency than preparing for a normal Flight Review. 6 credits are needed:

- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 1
- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 2
- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 3

- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 1
- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 2
- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 3

For pilots desiring to demonstrate a higher level of proficiency, the **WINGS** Program offers two additional skill levels, Advanced and Master **WINGS**. In order to participate at the Advanced level, you must demonstrate proficiency one grade above the proficiency demonstrated at the initial **WINGS** Level. The Master Level is one standard higher than the Advanced Level.

- For example, a pilot who demonstrated Private Pilot skills for the WINGS Level will be required to demonstrate skills meeting Commercial Pilot standards for the Advanced WINGS Level.
- Some activities may only be worth half a credit (.50), while more complex activities may be worth 2 or more credits. Some activities complete an entire Phase! To see how many credits an activity is worth, mouse over any "View Credit" tool tip link. This will also show you if the credit(s) offered by an activity qualify for a phase that you are currently working on
- To complete a Phase, all required credits must be completed within 12 months. If a credit expires before you complete a phase, you must earn that credit again.
- When you're done with a Phase of WINGS, simply print your certificate and begin your next Phase. A new set of activities for your next Phase will be automatically loaded onto your WINGS checklist.

WINGS Checklist

- Utilizing the WINGS checklist will help you to effectively manage your WINGS phase and ensure you complete only activities that are applicable to your phase.
- When you visit My WINGS for the first time, we will preselect activities for you that will fulfill your current Phase within each Level of WINGS. The activities we preselect are based on the information you've completed in your Airman Profile. If you like the activities we've preselected, complete them.
- If you want to replace an activity with something else, click on the "Search" link associated with the activity. The search results will show you activities that meet the same credit requirement. When you find the one you want, click "Select" to add it to your checklist. The old activity will be removed.
- Once you have your checklist filled with the activities you desire, you can print your checklist. This can be a valuable tool to provide to your flight instructor as it will outline the details of each activity you need to complete.
- To move between WINGS, Advanced WINGS and Master WINGS, click on the appropriate tab. Each tab shows you what Phase you are working on within that Level. You are welcome to work on WINGS, Advanced and Master at the same time. However neither the Advanced or the Master phase will be granted until you have completed the initial/first phase of WINGS.
- If you complete an activity that fulfills multiple credit requirements, it will appear in multiple slots on your checklist. (Sometimes even across Levels, i.e., WINGS, Advanced and Master). Click on the activity name to get the full details.
- Once you have completed a Flight Activity, click the Request Credit link to request credit from your CFI or validator. Your instructor may also give you immediate credit by visiting FAASafety.gov.
- Many items have a comment bubble icon next to them. This is known as a "Tool Tip" and you can move your mouse over them to see additional information.
- Click on your logbook tab to see a history on phases you've completed. Click on any Phase Completion Date to see a list of activities that attributed to that completed Phase. Click the View Certificate link to view or print your certificate.
- When you're done with a Phase of WINGS, you'll see a message on your checklist. Simply print your certificate and begin your next Phase. A new set of activities for your next Phase will be automatically loaded onto your WINGS checklist.