

PIEDMONT AERO CLUB

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Message from the President

Well, looks like Mother-Nature wants to throw a few more snowballs at us, which of course isn't the best combination for getting out there, which dampened our first Breakfast Club Fly-In last Month at Galax (HLX) However, we did have some great flying days, and evenings as well towards the end of the month. I can feel Spring coming and lots of aviation fun with it.

If you haven't heard, Landmark was recently purchased by Signature, which gave us some concerns about the Clubhouse Project. We have confirmed with Don Brookshire, the General Manager, and all is well with moving forward. Our Operations Officer, Beau Laniel, will be helping head up the project and of course, we need everyone's help..

I encourage everyone to knock off the rust and get to the skies. We have some events planned, and looking for good turnout, so please pay attention to the calendar and the flyers that are coming out. We'll follow-up with reminders throughout the month.

Our next Club meeting is March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) and we hope to have some "Luck of the Irish" at the Club Meeting. You'll have to come and see what that entails.

We are also looking aggressively at some ways to reduce the costs of flying and future/expanded opportunities with aircraft. Please read other parts of the Newsletter to see the endeavors taking place. One such is the opportunity to acquire an aircraft and a Survey is being generated by our Operations Officer, of which your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Again, I encourage everyone to get involved and come up with some great activities, as well as participate in the planned events. This is your Club, so make it strong and vibrant. See you at the meeting, if not before.

Jon Wells - PAC President, 2016

Awesome Articles

- *Recommended by Ashley Smith:*
[General Aviation Joint Steering Committee Training Aid](#)
[Aircraft Control After Engine Failure On Takeoff](#)
- *Recommended by Chris Werling:*
[The Ultimate Ground Speed Check – Tales from the Blackbird](#)
- *Recommended by Megan Davis:*
[Malcolm Gladwell on Culture, Cockpit Communication and Plane Crashes](#)

Breakfast Club!



Look for our new “Logo” for the PAC Breakfast Club. This logo annotates our newest informal gatherings, as we will fly every other month to a new venue/restaurant for some Club Member fun.

Here is our current calendar of “Breakfast Club” Meetings.

Date:	Airport:	Location:
April 9	43A – Montgomery County Airport; Star, NC	Martha's Grill
June 11	AKQ – Wakefield Municipal Airport; Wakefield, VA	Virginia Diner (est. 1929)
August 13	TBD	We're looking ...
October 8	TBD	Give us some ideas!
December 10	TBD	Where do YOU want to go?

Email us at PiedmontAeroClub@gmail.com with your Breakfast Club ideas!

Did you know?

TSA Tightens Documentation for Students/Advanced Ratings

Don't be offended if your CFI asks you for a copy of your Passport or Driver's License and Birth Certificate. This is not a means to gather your personal information; rather, a growing requirement imposed by the TSA for Flight Instructors to validate the training they are providing, and who they are providing it to while maintaining a record of doing so.



Within the past year, the TSA is calling up Flight Instructors who are providing instruction for Private Pilot, Instrument Rating or Multi-Engine Ratings to present proof of the students/pilots they are working with that they have checked their valid U.S. Citizenship. Although not required for Commercial Certificate or ATP, don't be surprised if you are asked for a copy of these documents. Likewise, even providing a BFR or IPC (Instrument Proficiency Check), or even instruction in the Redbird Flight Simulators, could constitute a check by the TSA.

Along with retaining these documents, of which the Passport or Driver's License must be current/valid (not expired), each CFI has to take the Security Awareness Training each year, and maintain his/her certificate of training. The fines being leveraged can and are reaching \$11,000 per incident.

So, if asked by a CFI to provide him/her a copy of these documents, prior to engaging in any training, please don't be upset or resistant, as they are only doing what is required by regulations.

Note: If you are not a U.S. Citizen, then you must comply with the Alien Student Program, which requires additional information prior to flight instruction.

March



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Right Seat Course

Flying is a relatively safe and uneventful, yet exciting way to travel... however, what would you do if your pilot was incapacitated, and you had to land the airplane? Would you know who to talk to? What to say? How to identify you have an emergency? Could you maneuver the aircraft to an acceptable landing?

Sign-up and attend a "Right Seat Course", designed to give you the basics for operating an aircraft, radio procedures and emergency protocol. Learn directly from **Air Traffic Control (ATC)** on how they will handle your emergency to the best possible outcome.



During the course, you will also have an opportunity to fly your family aircraft from the right seat, maneuvering it through the air, power settings, and approach to a simulated landing.

When: Saturday, March 19th

Where: Rockingham Shiloh Airport (SIF)

Who: Members and Family Members

Course Schedule: 9am-2pm

Food: Light Breakfast and Lunch

Other: Prizes to be announced/Bring your Own Aircraft or indicate if need access to an aircraft for training (extra cost)

\$10/Participant

Instructor: Jon Wells



CFI/CFII/MEI/CFI-G
FAA Gold Seal

RSVP Required: Ashley Smith: Ashley_Smith@haci.honda.com

Tomahawk Chop!

What does \$35 per hour dry sound like to fly an airplane? In an airplane that burns a mere 5 gallons per hour? We have an opportunity to do so, and start our path as a Club to create a small fleet of available aircraft.



Two months ago, a friend of the Club, Dave Brown, passed away suddenly, leaving behind his family, friends and also a couple of aircraft. Dave's passion for aviation was one of the most contagious that there could be. With this passion, we (the Club), knew he would want his aircraft flown, and not sitting.

Through efforts with the family, the Piedmont Aero Club has entered talks to use this aircraft for our training and rental; growing aviation in Dave's name. In crunching the numbers, and putting in the reserves for insurance, Mx, hangar, etc., it came out to \$35/hour dry. You will never find a more affordable aircraft than the Piper Tomahawk.

This aircraft sports a clean exterior, only 184 hours on a 2400 hour TBO engine, 1937 hours on the airframe. In flying it, you would expect a slower cruise, but our own CFI/President Jon Wells flew it with another passenger and had to pull the power back to stay at 100mph. He said it flies great.

If the Club is interested, we need to hear from everyone, and if we should be pursuing. We would like your responses to be forwarded back to our Operations Officer, Beau Laniel (email: Beau_Laniel@haci.honda.com). Beau also created a survey – Please take it if you can!

Survey Link: https://qtrial2016q1az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cBg9cMCAQI8O6EJ
Password: PAC

Let us know, we want to know if we are going in the right direction.

Mar. 17



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PAC Club Meeting



When: March 17th, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: GTCC AV3 – Rm 316

Don't miss!
PRIZES &
FOOD

Guest Speaker: Bill Kluepfel

**“Spring Maintenance! What You Look For in
Maintaining your Aircraft!”**

Bill is the Operations Manager of the Service Center at Honda Aircraft Company. He is a licensed A & P with over 30+ years of maintenance experience!



Also, his resume includes:

- Born in Dayton, OH... Home of the Wright Brothers
- Grew up across the street from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
- Worked on everything from J3 Cubs to the Concorde

Back by Popular Demand!



Upcoming Activities

March Activities

Monday, March 11th – PAC Board Meeting

Thursday, March 17th – PAC Club Meeting

Saturday, March 19th – Right Seat Course,
Jon Wells
SIF (Shiloh)

April Activities

Saturday, April 9th – VA Diner, AKQ

Tuesday, April 5th – Sun N' Fun
Sunday, April 10th

Monday, April 11th – PAC Board Meeting

Friday, April 29th – Landmark/PAC Hangar Party

Member Highlight: Jeff Ackerman

I have no idea why I became fascinated with flying, but I first became interested with flying in elementary school. My parents made my first flight possible around the age of 12, when they bought a ticket for me on an Eastern Airlines DC-9 flight from EVV to IND for \$50.00!

When my best friend in High School told me he was going to take flying lessons, I was forced to take action - I wasn't about to let someone else live my dream. My parents said that it was best for me to find out early whether I really would like flying, especially if I wanted to do it professionally. So, with the local FBO offering a program to solo for \$299, I took my money to them and soloed at age 16. I earned my PPL a year later on the same day as my best friend.

Since then, I've flown as PIC in the following:

- Cessna 152
- Cessna 172
- Cessna 172RG
- Cessna 182
- Cessna Turbo 182RG
- Piper Tomahawk
- J-3 Cub
- Warrior
- Archer
- Bonanza A36
- Citabria
- Decathlon



I earned my Instrument Rating about 25 years ago. After 14 years of not flying, I started flying again about 18 months ago at the request of my wife, who is a Delta flight attendant that I met while flying from Dallas to Boston - how great is that?!

Last summer, I earned my Commercial Pilot Certificate. My next goal is to acquire my own aircraft and take cross country flights around the eastern half of the U.S.



34 Days Until
Sun N' Fun!



145 Days
Until EAA
Airventure
Oshkosh!

