



Dayton Pilots Club

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Sales tax exemption will bring jobs, aircraft, repair companies say

DAYTON — Airport directors and companies that do repair and maintenance work on small aircraft are hoping that Gov. Ted Strickland approves a bill to end Ohio's sales tax on parts and labor for such repairs.

The airplane maintenance companies, and the Ohio airports where they are located, say the state has been losing that business and jobs for years to other states that don't tax maintenance labor and parts. The exemption applies to general aviation, which includes smaller aircraft owned by individuals and businesses.

The Ohio House and Senate have approved the legislation to end the tax. They included it in a \$1.3 billion state capital projects budget bill that has been sent to the governor. Strickland could act as soon as this week on the bill, which would trigger the tax exemption on Aug. 1.

Strickland has not taken a position on the proposed exemption. The governor has line-item veto authority that allows him to reject individual items within spending bills.

An effort to end the tax in 2007 died in the Ohio General Assembly. A legislative review estimated that Ohio would lose \$12 million to \$15 million annually in revenue by ending the levy, state Rep. Kevin DeWine, R-Fairborn, said at the time. That made it unpalatable when the state had projected a \$170 million shortfall in the budget, DeWine said.

But a study financed by Ohio airports and presented to state lawmakers this year estimated that scrapping the tax would attract new business and enough jobs to support it to more than make up for the lost revenue.

The airport-financed study by Silverlode Consulting Corp. said states without a similar tax include Michigan, Indiana and New York. At least two, Indiana and Michigan, have had job growth in support activities for aviation, while Ohio's job growth rate has lagged behind the national rate in this category, the study concluded.

Operators of Federal Aviation Administration-certified aircraft repair stations, including Stevens Aviation at Dayton International Airport and Commander Aero Inc. at Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport, say the tax exemption would help them attract maintenance work that is literally flying off to the nontax states. There are 133 such repair stations in Ohio, according to the study done for the Ohio airports.

Frontier Pilot Killed In Ohio Plane Crash

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio -- A Castle Rock pilot who flies for Frontier Airlines was killed Tuesday when his single-engine airplane crashed in a residential neighborhood in a western Ohio town shortly after takeoff.

Leonard Evan Notek, 37, was flying a two-seat Helton Lark 95 over the Great Miami River when it crashed

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TRUSTEES MEETING

The trustees of the Dayton Pilots Club meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 at ASI. All members are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

There is a monthly membership meeting of the Dayton Pilots Club on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 in the ASI building at Wright Brothers Airport. The meetings are open to the public. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

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into trees and a utility pole. The plane ended up in the yard of a home.

Notek was dead at the scene, investigators said. His passenger, Nikki Romero, 35, was listed in good condition at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton.

The plane, manufactured in 1966, had taken off from nearby Moraine Air Park.

Darrell Montgomery, a maintenance worker at the air park, said the plane began sputtering as it was flying over the river.

Notek's mother, Linda Notek of Beavercreek, said her son was flying the plane to Reno, Nev., after someone there bought it.

Wright B Flyer to set sail for England

MIAMISBURG — A familiar piece of Dayton's aviation heritage community, the 1911 Wright B Flyer civilian-version replica at the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport, is scheduled to make its first international appearance at the world-renowned Farnborough (England) International Airshow in July — all with the help of several Greene County residents.

National Aviation Heritage Alliance (NAHA) Executive Director Tony Sculimbrene addressed a gathering of volunteers and community members Thursday afternoon under sunshine and blue skies at the Wright B hangar.

“Farnborough International Airshow is one of two premier shows that take place around the world,” Sculimbrene said. “This invitation was extended to NAHA during the Paris Air show of 2007. And, quite honestly, the reason why that happened is because we drew quite a crowd with the story of the Wright Brothers at the Paris airshow ...”

According to information provided Thursday by Sculimbrene, Farnborough International Airshow, scheduled for July 14-20, 2008, is the biggest, most internationally attended aerospace event in the world — a globally renowned showcase of aerospace equipment and technology. The show provides a venue for the world's civil and military aerospace suppliers and their customers to meet and finalize their business transactions. More than \$40 billion worth of orders were announced at the 2006 show.

The aviation heritage alliance executive director said the replica will travel to its destination by boat, following the example of a similar trip made by the Wright Brothers a century prior.

DPC Monthly Minutes

Notes from the trustees and membership meetings

March 2008 Trustees Meeting

Wednesday March 12, 2008.

Trustees in attendance: Greg Halderman, Chester Harris, Tom Weber, Tim Smith, Mike Nolan, Reiff Lorenz

Trustees absent: Larry Scherr.

Members in attendance: Norman Hignite

8078X and 701DP have been listed for sale in a number of places (Trade-A-Plane, AOPA, etc.) The

trustees are looking for a 1980's Piper Archer and investigating financing options.

February had only 10 flying hours. 4506W and 8078X both had minor maintenance expenses. These factors contributed to a budget shortfall of around \$600.

The Trustees discussed the budget for the next fiscal year. Because of the uncertainty of timing on the sale of some of our planes and the projected number of members, the approved budget was based on owning 2.5 planes for the year and 40 members.

Membership: We have 45 members and 3 associates.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: The quarterly newsletter will be sent to members in March.

Maintenance report: We replaced the intercom on 4506W to fix the problem with the static when using the right seat push-to-talk switch. On 8078X we replaced the ADF antenna and the Nav 1 CDI.

March 2008 Membership Meeting

Minutes not available.

April 2008 Trustees Meeting

Wednesday April 2, 2008.

Trustees in attendance: Greg Halderman, Tom Weber, Tim Smith, Kevin Chandler, Reiff Lorenz, Larry Scherr, Chester Harris

Trustees absent:

Members in attendance:

The trustees met a week early in April by unanimous consent. We've had a number of inquiries in our 78X and 1DP. The trustees reviewed the market for Archers and evaluated a number of possibilities. The financing options were also reviewed.

It was decided that the meeting minutes section of the newsletter should not be publicly posted to the web site because of some sensitive issues that are addressed.

Flying hours were up in March to about 20.

Membership: We have 45 members and 3 associates. There have been a few calls from prospective members, but no serious interest.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Maintenance report: No known issues.

April 2008 Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 16, 2008.

We are planning to sell 2 planes and purchase a nicer, newer archer. 701DP and 8078X have been put up for sale and there have been a number of inquiries. Once the Zodiac sells, we will be able to afford another Archer.

Treasurer report: We ended the fiscal year with an \$11,300 profit. Our cash flow was negative \$458. When the engine fund is taken into consideration, we missed our budget target by \$6,000. The flight operations lost about \$3,000, mostly in connection with the Zodiac's maintenance and lower flying hours than expected. These factors have contributed to the decision to reduce the fleet to 2 aircraft.

Membership report: We have one very serious prospective member. The new membership director will follow up.

78X: Wheel pants will be ready soon.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Maintenance report: A new windsock is on order.

May 2008 Trustees Meeting

Wednesday May14, 2008

Trustees in attendance: Greg Halderman, Tom Weber, Kevin Chandler, Reiff Lorenz, Larry Scherr, Chester Harris

Trustees absent: Tim Smith

Members in attendance: Clem Gilland, Norman Hignite

The club has received a number of calls about the aircraft we have for sale, and we've done some demo flights for the more serious prospects. No buyers yet. We're going to re-paint the front wheel pant on 8078X. We've contacted an airplane broker in Florida who may be able to move the Zodiac.

Financial report: We're on budget for the first month of the fiscal year, but cash flow was worse than normal due to refunding share value to former members. Our budget is based on maintaining 40 members through the year, and we currently have 41. Fuel costs continue to increase, which will drive up the flying rate. Because of the financial situation, we're going to push for a quick sale of the Zodiac and take 8078X off the market. We will not consider buying any planes until we see how our financial situation stabilizes.

Members flew 39 hours in April.

Membership: We moved the club's phone number to the new membership chairman, Kevin Chandler. There were 4 resignations since the last meeting. We have 41 members and 3 associates. There have been a few calls from prospective members, but no serious interest.

Safety: No report.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Maintenance report: No issues.

May 2008 Membership Meeting

Wednesday May21, 2008

Thanks to everyone who showed up for the plane wash, and especially to Clem Gilland for organizing the event.

President's report: We have lost 5 members since the last meeting. We may need to revisit the club's budget because we are now at the low end of the membership range for a balanced fiscal year. We want to move for a quick sale of the Zodiac. We have one serious potential buyer. If that falls through, we will contact an aircraft dealer in Florida who has a track record of moving light-sport planes. After selling the Zodiac and evaluating our membership and finances at the end of the flying season, we'll consider selling 8078X and buying something newer.

Treasurer report:

Due to increased fuel rates, costs of flying are going up \$2 per hour to \$97 for Archers and \$67 for the Zodiac. We will soon need to replace the engine on 4506W, and we have the funds to do so.

Membership report: We have one very serious prospective member. The new membership director will follow up.

Maintenance / crew chief reports:

8078X: Still waiting on parts for the wheel pants. The heading bug knob may be loose.

701DP: We're checking the altitude-hold equipment

4506W: The compass correction card is missing. We've contacted ASI for a replacement.

Safety: Nothing to report.