

BLUE SIDE UP!



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ERV - CIP

LL10 Avgas 100LL

\$6.11/gal as of May 22, 2026

Aircraft Rates

C172S	4BC	\$140.60
C172SP	3SP	\$134.60
C182T	89L	\$174.48

CY Cumulative Hours Flown

July 2026

884BC	41.8 hrs.
983SP	51.3 hrs.
1489L	22.0 hrs.
TOTAL	115.1 hrs.

2026 Totals

884BC	140.6 hrs.
983SP	158.2 hrs.
1489L	95.0 hrs.
TOTAL	393.8 hrs.

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July Meeting Minutes

MEETING MINUTES

The BFC held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026 at Naper Aero. The President called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

The minutes from the last meeting were published in the newsletter. The minutes were approved as published.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed for the members. Total flying time for July 2026 was 115.1 hours with 0.0 hours club time. We made \$6,968.16 in payments and had \$22,609.83 in billings. Cash in the bank is \$154,092.75. Further details follow in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The aircraft reports were presented by the plane captains and maintenance officer. Old and new business items were presented. Please see details in the following sections.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Join us for our next meeting:

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026

Business meeting @ 7:30pm

Work night @ 5:00pm

Details to follow via email.

See you there!

Attendees**Members**

Kevin Kanarski
 Bill Samatas
 Aaditey Aryaman
 Cliff Kotchka
 Pashupati Pandey
 Jake Black
 Don Patterson
 Mel Finzer
 John Wrycza
 Jeff Krischel
 Walt Slazyk
 Jack Lindquist

Guests

Chris S.
 Steve I.
 Vince L.
 Wyatt B.

Social

TREASURER'S REPORT

I. AIRCRAFT DATA

	<u>884BC</u>	<u>983SP</u>	<u>1489L</u>
BEGIN TACH	4,302.1	6,986.5	2,332.8
END TACH	4,343.9	7,037.8	2,354.8
TOTAL HOURS	41.8	51.3	22.0
TBO	2,000	2,000	2,000
TMOH	(183)	(486)	1,606

II. MONTHLY BILLING SUMMARY

	<u>884BC</u>	<u>983SP</u>	<u>1489L</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TOTAL HOURS	41.8	51.3	22.0	115.1
LESS: CLUB TIME	-	-	-	-
BILLABLE HOURS	41.8	51.3	22.0	115.1
BILLING RATE	\$ 140.60	\$ 134.60	\$ 174.48	
FLYING CHARGES (billed)	\$ 5,877.08	\$ 6,904.98	\$ 3,838.56	\$ 16,620.62
MONTHLY DUES (billed)				\$ 6,885.00
MEMBER CREDITS				\$ (895.79)
TOTAL BILLINGS	\$ 5,877.08	\$ 6,904.98	\$ 3,838.56	\$ 22,609.83

III. MEMBER CREDIT BREAKDOWN

Cliff Kotchka	Fuel Credit	18.46	(6.11)	(112.79)
Sam Tueting	Fuel Credit	59.80	(6.11)	(365.38)
Cliff Kotchka	Fuel Credit	37.85	(6.11)	(231.26)
Walt Slazak	Fuel Credit	15.44	(6.11)	(94.34)
Wyatt Mintchell	Fuel Credit	15.06	(6.11)	(92.02)
Fuel now \$6.11 on 5/22/26				
TOTAL CREDITS				\$ (895.79)

IV. BANK BALANCES

	<u>US BANK SAV</u>	<u>CHASE CHECK</u>	<u>US BANK CHECK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BEGIN BALANCE	\$ 139,716.47	\$ 3,173.91	\$ 111.50	\$ 143,001.88
Operating Cash In		\$ 17,758.99		\$ 17,758.99
Operating Cash Out		\$ (6,968.16)		\$ (6,968.16)
Account Transfers	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (9,000.00)		
Interest	\$ 300.04			\$ 300.04
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 149,016.51	\$ 4,964.74	\$ 111.50	\$ 154,092.75

V. RESERVES			
	BEGIN BAL	INC / (DEC)	END BAL
INSURANCE (\$3200/ mo)	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 32,200.00
ANNUALS (\$1500/ mo)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
LL10 DUES (\$486/ mo)	\$ 4,374.00	\$ 486.00	\$ 4,860.00
INACTIVE MEMBER	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00
ENG OVRHL (\$2000/mo)	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
CREDIT BALANCE MEMBERS	\$ 8,799.76	\$ (153.00)	\$ 8,646.76
FUTURE AIRCRAFT PURCHASES	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
AIRCRAFT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 13,828.12	\$ 3,057.87	\$ 16,885.99
TOTAL	\$ 143,001.88	\$ 11,090.87	\$ 154,092.75

VI. PAYMENT DETAIL			
Expense	Description	Vendor	Amount
Naper Aero	Fuel	Naper Aero	\$ 4,270.79
	Hangar Fees	Naper Aero	\$ 555.00
	Planning Room Fee	Naper Aero	\$ 225.00
4BC - Repairs	Misc. Repairs	M-Tech Aviation	\$ 1,081.35
Website Fees	Club Website	Aircraftclubs.com	\$ 36.00
Quickbooks	Acct Software	Intuit	\$ 75.00
Oil - 6 cases	Oil	Airplane Oil	\$ 425.22
July Meeting Pizza	Food & Bev	Kris Knigga	\$ 247.49
4BC - Parts	Misc. Parts	John Wrycza	\$ 52.31
TOTAL PAYMENTS			\$ 6,968.16

FLYING HOURS

July

884BC	
FLYING	41.8
TACH	4343.9
TBO	2000
TMOH	(183)
†CLUB	0.0
*GAL/HR.	10.2

983SP	
FLYING	51.3
TACH	7037.8
TBO	2000
TMOH	(486)
†CLUB	0.0
*GAL/HR.	10.2

1489L	
FLYING	22.0
TACH	2354.8
TBO	2000
TMOH	1606
†CLUB	0.0
*GAL/HR.	12.3

TBO – engine time between overhauls
TMOH – engine time to major overhaul

† Includes orientation flights

* Gallons per hour for calculating hourly rate. Do not use for flight planning.

AIRCRAFT REPORTS

N983SP

- 1) Door hinge replaced
- 2) Pilot reported engine died at idle. Need to lean engine during hot temps
- 3) Pilot reported co-pilot headset not working, but no future pilots have confirmed. Please report if you have troubles
- 4) July 27th oil changed and replaced nav bulb
- 5) Grounded due to cowl fastener issues; getting repaired
- 6) Pilot seat beginning to show wear; will watch and plan on recovering seats
- 7) Upper passenger vent does not close all the way

N884BC

- 1) 5 hours from oil change as of meeting
- 2) No issues reported

N1489L

- 1) At DuPage for Annual. Compressions good, further info when complete
- 2) Was flying well before annual

AIRPORT AFFAIRS

John, airport manager, provided updates on the Airport.

Notable ongoing airport issues below:

- Mowing is still on Tuesdays; be on the lookout if flying on a Tuesday
- **Operational Note:** Please be sure to turn the pump off when you’re done fueling, and before you begin fueling make sure it’s off before doing anything. The timeout on the pumps maxes out at 300 seconds; get ready to fuel before activating the pump.
- Pay attention to aircraft fuel caps; be sure to replace after fueling.
- Installing camera on clubhouse with Internet access
- Runway seal coating in October
- **Operational Note:** No teardrop pattern entry to Naper

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Scheduling Etiquette

Kevin sent out an email to the club members reminding everyone of scheduling etiquette. It’s summer, the planes are busy, be cognizant of your fellow pilots. Report when back early, and keep the schedule accurate if you’re not going to grab the plane or are running late.

Board Member Elections in October

If you’re interested in helping run the club, please get in touch with Kevin. Kevin will be stepping down as president this year, after his 6th year of service to the club.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was addressed

SAFETY

As always, keep your eyes open for TFRs.

DeKalb airport is beginning to get very busy; be sure to respect the increase in traffic appropriately.

Watch out for crop dusting airplanes.

MEMBERSHIP AND GUESTS

We had several guests at the meeting. There also continues to be a strong entrance list with several applicants regularly attending meetings and 9 applications. Priority is given to applicants in received order that are at the meetings with entrance fee ready.

No openings were available tonight.

Vince L. visited the club for the first time after putting in an application via mail.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Aaditey complete his first solo!



MEMBERS SECTION

This section is for you, the members, to showcase your airplane adventures in the Photo Corner and let others know of your accomplishments. We are also looking for members to submit articles for the newsletter. With the years of flying experience we have in our club, we are looking for members to submit articles in the style of ‘I learned about flying from that’, ‘Never Again’ or ‘Stick and Rudder’. It is in our best interest to make our small community of pilots safer by passing on experience and knowledge. Submit articles to the club secretary.

No article was submitted for this month.

OPERATIONAL & SAFETY REMINDERS

Remember, each of us owns 1/45 of these planes. Adherence to the reminders listed below will keep us safer and help to hold down the cost of maintenance. If you have a problem with a club plane notify the plane captain or maintenance officer before you arrange for any repairs. Let those people decide the best way to have the plane fixed. Phone numbers are in the fuel logbook in the plane.

Oil Dipsticks: DO NOT overtighten. Two fingers, snugged, not torqued down. Overtightening causes us to loosen the oil dipstick housing from the block, resulting in leaks and a repair cost.

Beware of TFR's: Presidential and stadium (Joliet Speedway & Dekalb Univ.).

Windshield cleaning: Use a clean, soft cloth to clean the windshield. Paper towels scratch the soft plastic. Clean rags should be in each plane; more are in the cabinets by 983SP.

Preflight inspection: Use the checklist. It's easy to get distracted and skip important things. When finished, step back and walk around the plane to take in the big picture.

Tire pressure: Check pressure before each flight. If tires are low add air using the red BFC air compressor located in the hangar. Tire gauge is with the compressor. Required PSI for each airplane are listed in the POH and posted in the hangar.

Engine oil: Check the oil change sticker before each flight. If due it's OK to fly, but notify the plane captain or maintenance officer. If you add oil, log it in the fuel logbook. Oil consumption tells us about the health of the engine. Try to add only full quarts.

Nose strut: NEVER, EVER fly with a collapsed nose strut. Remember the sheared rivets in 388ES? That cost a lot to fix.

Bald tires: Bald (no grooves) is OK; cloth showing through the rubber is not. If in doubt roll the plane to check the portion of the tires that you can't see initially.

Closing airplane doors: Please open the window and close the door by gripping the lower windowsill. Opening the window relieves the air pressure as the door comes shut. Gripping the windowsill instead of the door panel handhold prevents expensive damage to the flimsy door panel (like we had on 388ES).

Ground-lean after engine start: Our fuel-injected engines run very rich at low power, which causes the plugs to foul. That results in bad mag checks and the need to have the plugs cleaned. As soon as the engine is running smoothly after start, pull the mixture out a distance of 2 finger widths. Taxi with the engine leaned. It's OK to do the run-up with the engine leaned provided that it runs smoothly. Remember to go to full rich for takeoff.

Runways and patterns at LL10: The preferred calm wind runway is 36. We prefer that you land on the pavement because tire wear is less costly than damage to the gyro instruments due to vibration. When making a right-hand departure, climb to pattern altitude before turning right. Alternatively, make three climbing 90° left turns and cross over the field.

Parking at the fuel pumps: Please be courteous to others. Don't park at the pumps for an extended period of time.

Tow bars: Never leave a tow bar attached to a plane after you are finished moving it. Don't set the tow bar down on the nose wheel pant; remove it.

Finally, if you damage a plane, immediately report it to the plane captain, maintenance office or a board member. You will not be judged (it can happen to anyone), and only those who need to know will hear about it. Our goal is to handle the problem discreetly, efficiently, and get the airplane back in-service ASAP. Thank you.

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ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

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- 1. 1999 Cessna 172SP N983SP
- 2. 2007 Cessna 172S N884BC
- 3. 2007 Cessna 182T N1489L

Aircraft Reservations: www.aircraftclubs.com
BFC Website: www.flybfc.org

President: Kevin Kanarski
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