

KINGS WINGS

January News Letter

2012



Welcome 2012! Thank goodness a new year has begun. Let's hope for a better 2012 for all.

As is tradition, New Years brings resolutions. A New Year Resolution is defined as: A commitment that an individual makes to one or more personal goals, projects, or the reforming of a habit. Most resolutions are actually never achieved.

This year, let's all make a New Years Resolution and do it: to get more people flying. Pilots are becoming a rare breed. Take someone up, show him or her how safe, fun, and exhilarating flying is. Encourage them to take a lesson with a flight instructor and offer to be their mentor. Maybe you will become inspired to fly more as well.

Have a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year!

Kelley Dinneen

Airport Managers Report

We hope your year ended with your and yours healthy and happy. We have had an incredible Fall/Early Winter with local weather, but I am sure that is about to change. The KING Open House was a great success; it was a great opportunity for me to meet and speak with many of you. We wish to thank everyone who came, brought food and added to our Holiday experience.

We have a number of ID Badges expiring in January:
Paul LaFratta, Tim Sullivan, John Keane and William Walker

Please stop by at your earliest convenience to update/review your personal information. I will submit our badge applications as soon as we confirm your data. We have been turning the badges around in 3-4 days recently and hope to keep up with renewals.

The gate issues are nearly resolved, but are still experiencing some problems with Gate "B". The gate has been rewired and we expect the interior control boxes to be completed by the beginning of the New Year. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Grass runway 04/22 is CLOSED for the season!

Bob Welch

Winter Hours:
Sunday-Saturday 9Am till 5 PM

Congratulations to Lou Andrews and Howard Fisk . Both men were re-appointed to the Mansfield Airport Commission for 3 more years.

Monthly commission meetings are the first Thursday of each month in the SRE building. All are welcome to attend.

Check out our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/KING1B9



Pilot Spotlight

Thomas Nery, Director, Supervisory MOL at Invensys would rather be known as Tom the Pilot Geek. He and his wife Sharon own a Piper Cherokee here at 1B9. They are also part owners in a Cessna Skycatcher on line at KING. Tom picked up the C-162 from the factory in Kansas and flew it back to 1b9. He was expecting a bumpy ride, but found it to be a comfortable and “fabulous flight.”.

Tom began flying in 2003 and bought his plane before completing his training. An instrument pilot, Tom created Pilot Geek , an online weather service. He says it was “built for Pilots by Pilots.” Go to: www.pilotgeek.com for more information.

Always on the hunt for a great place to eat, Tom’s favorite spot is The Airport Café in Cherry Ridge, PA. N30 is only an hour by air, great food, great price, and you get a hug from a friendly waitress. He made sure to stop in on his way back from Kansas.

If you ask Tom about his most memorable flight, he will tell you its Angle Flight. It still chokes him up today to talk about it. For him, Angel flights are “a nice way to use a hobby I love to help people.” He would do them all the time if work didn't get in the way.



Safety Goals 2012

- ✓ Stay Current
- ✓ Attend a Safety Seminar and participate in the FAA Wings Program .
- ✓ Fly with an Instructor and practice emergency procedures.

Instructor Notes

As the temperature drops, we tend to spend less time outside. As such, we generally fly less. Since snowstorms can wipe out days of flying, it’s important to remember to get up and fly when you can.

Next time it’s cold but clear out, go fly! It’s good for your air-cooled engine and your mental health. After all, you never know when the next big storm is coming!

Matt Elia

Accomplishments

Stephen Liner, Instrument Rating
Mitchell Roberts, Solo
Ken Anspach, Solo
Robert Cordner, Solo
Doug Baird, Private Pilot License
Fred Metzger, Solo
Kevin Baird, Commercial License
Congratulations to you all!

