



CHOCK TALK

Newsletter of the Blue Sky Flying Club, est. 1957

Save the Date Wash and Wax/BBQ -- Saturday Oct 14 (Rain date - 10/15)

Special event this time - our first ever “**Family and Friends BBQ**” immediately after the wash and wax.



Many hands make light work.” Bring your kids, bring your dogs, bring your buckets, brushes, and rubber gloves. [And bring your appetites.] If the weather does not cooperate we will try again the next day.

News Around the Patch

With no nominations for the 23-24 Board positions (other than the existing Board members), all five were automatically re-elected. Brian Moor, club president for the past six years, has decided to “come up for air” and is stepping down from the position. Roger Harris is the new president, while Tom Halvorson, Mark Mohajeri, and Jeff Lavine continue as Maintenance Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Brian will be VP.



Save the Date Blue Sky Annual Banquet

Cocktail hour followed by sit-down dinner and a very interesting guest speaker.

This is the one time each year when we have the chance to just socialize, mingle, and have some fun as a club. Partners and “better halves” always enjoy this too. It’s a great opportunity to get to know your fellow clubbers, and hear their thoughts.



Just kidding

We’ve located a better place for this year’s event. [The Somerville Elks Lodge](#) 375 Union Avenue Bridgewater, NJ 08807. More room and a better presentation area. Cocktails begin at 7:00 pm (cash bar) and dinner at 8:00. The cost is \$70/ea.

and will be included on your monthly statement.

This year, we will hear from Dr. Ed Galkin, one of the two-man crew who flew a Cessna 206 around the world.



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Contact [Stan Winkler](#) now to confirm your reservation.



Routine Club Stuff:

The usual reminders sometimes bear repeating. Be a part of the solution, not part of the problem.

- Blue Book.** Bob Doyle is the “Book Boss”. Like everything in our club, it’s a *volunteer* position. Please help make his job easy. Two things we learned in grade school - arithmetic and penmanship. Every month there are problems that cause additional work. Please help.
- Take Your Trash.** If you checked the oil, take the rag. If you added oil, take the oil can. If you cleaned the windscreen, take the towels. If you added gas, take the receipt. If you don’t do this - some other *volunteer* will have to.
- Pay Your Bill.** Monthly payments are due on receipt. Late payments cause extra work for the Treasurer - another *volunteer* position.
- Squawks.** When you have a problem with an airplane that needs to be addressed, write it up! Then call *volunteer* Tom, the maintenance officer, and/or the *volunteer* plane captain but you **MUST** write it up in Schedule Master; this creates an invaluable permanent record - a reference for the “next” pilot but also for the future, should we have repeat items. And jot a note in the Blue Book next to your flight.
- Reservations.** Unnecessary reservations block plane use by others. Only reserve when you truly plan to fly. Our Operating Instructions call this the spirit of sharing”.

Tire pressures. Ever say to yourself during a walk-around - "Hmm - that tire looks a little low."? All tires loose pressure over time for various reasons - through the rubber, through the valve etc. Fortunately, Gene Mirecki our resident club member A&P, checks tire pressures periodically and refills them to the top level in the attached chart.

Plane	Nose Tire	Main	Nose Strut	Main Strut
N2915M	29 psi	35-40 psi	3.5"	4.5"
N9758H	50 psi	42 psi	55-60 psi	Not publish
N642SP	45 psi	38 psi	2"/45 psi	Not publish

Don’t be afraid to check the pressure yourself. If you find it significantly low, ask the shop to pump it up. Frequently, shops have a portable pump that you can take out to the plane.

Trivia. As of three months ago, there were **4,127** approaches to LPV minimums in the US. There were **1,290** ILS approaches. There were **936** VOR approaches and **189** NDB approaches.

New Plane Captain Gene Mirecki has assumed the role of plane captain on N642SP. Gene is also an A&P so he keeps an eye on all three planes.

New Member. Since the last edition of Chock Talk, Blue Sky has welcomed new member Nick Falcicchio. Nick started



flying young, as a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol and got his PPL last year at Somerset Air Services. "I am always looking for new friends to fly with. I am working on building cross-country hours and hope to begin my instrument training as soon as possible."

The Quiz It's that time of year again - the annual **Blue Sky Aeronautical Inquisition**. The winner will be announced at the Annual Banquet complete with an extremely valuable prize.

Rules of the Road: Everyone should play but CFIs cannot win the aforementioned diamond prize. It is meant to be taken in one go and is not open-book. Just answer the questions.

While everyone is encouraged to play, in order to win the diamond prize, you *must* be present at the Annual Banquet. If there is a tie, there will be a sudden death duel. [Click Here](#)



Word to the Wise: Watch your CHTs, especially during climb.

Next Membership Meeting

Monday, October, 4 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Bible Church

144 Readington Road

Virtual "Zoom" option: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 949 9230 6376

Passcode: BlueSky

Presentation: [Discord](#), Alex Sack/Tech Committee

Come learn about Blue Sky's new virtual community, how to set it up and get the most out of it - sections for IFR flight, Sims, Hangar Talk and much more

Fuel Prices (ranked in order of price)

Central Jersey	\$5.85
Sky Manor	\$5.99
Solberg	\$6.49 (Must use the Phillips card)

It's your money! Spend it wisely!