

Aero Club Member Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

Attendees:

Steve Anderson
Colin Doyle
Gary Engler
Izzy Loftus
Tony Loftus
Joe Mullen
Wade Nelson

Bryan Pearson
Len Pintok
Steve Reisdorf
Gjertine Snow
Patricia Thiedek (via Zoom)
Reuben Wagenius
Alyssa Windorski

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM.

Minutes: Board members approve the written summary of the October 21, 2025 board meeting.

Bylaws Update: Wade announces that the new bylaws have been adopted by the membership.

Operations Manual: Wade updates members on the progress he and Steve¹ have made in revising the Operations Manual, and presents a printed copy to each member in attendance. Members are invited to review the document and propose changes; appropriate changes will be incorporated into a final edit and presented at a later date.

Winter Operations: As of this meeting, club airplanes shall be plugged in and draped with their insulated cowl cover blankets when parked in the hangar.

The group discusses the usage of winter fronts (the black plastic air dams which are installed at the cowl air inlet to reduce airflow across the cylinders' cooling fins,) and Wade emphasizes the importance of removing these winter fronts if the temperature rises above the temperature specified for their usage.

Gary suggests instructors remind their students of the temperature guidelines laid out in the operations manual. As a reminder, these guidelines are also noted on the maintenance whiteboard in the Aero Club office.

Steve¹ notes that ice ridges can form along the hangar doors, particularly on the side of the building with northern exposure, and that club members may request assistance from St. Cloud Aviation line operations staff if they need assistance moving airplanes in and out of the hangar. A bucket of noncorrosive ice melt crystals is provided for club member usage. Reuben reminds club members that we are charged for the product and requests we use it sparingly, but not at the expense of safety.

Steve¹ reminds club members that St. Cloud airport operations staff do an exceptionally good job of snow removal, and that members should exercise caution when visiting other nearby airports

which may rely on city employees to clear runway and taxiway surfaces, most of whom are likely unaware of the specifics of aircraft ground operations and the way inadequate snow removal can pose a threat to pilots and aircraft.

Steve¹ stresses the importance of dressing appropriately during winter operations, and safeguarding against exposure in the unlikely event an aircraft becomes disabled in a remote location or is subjected to an off-airport landing. He suggests members take the insulated cowl cover along with them when they go flying, as it can serve as an emergency survival blanket.

Len agrees and suggests members pack additional survival supplies such as snacks and water when flying in cold weather.

Bryan reminds members that club aircraft shall not be operated from uncharted ice runways.

Colin reminds members to remain vigilant for any indication of carbon monoxide poisoning while running the cabin heat in club airplanes.

Land Lease: Steve¹ mentions that he and Wade spoke with Bill Towle, our Airport Director, who is going to look into his ability to revise the text of our lease. Bill stated he may need the Airport Authority Board to approve the revision. Bill has not yet followed up with his findings; Wade will follow up with Bill if he doesn't receive an update soon.

Next Meeting: Discussion ensues surrounding the date of the next meeting. Members decide there is not enough business to merit a meeting in December, and agree to meet next on January 20th at 5:00 PM. Wade notes he will be traveling on the 20th, and another board member will preside over the meeting.

Meeting adjourns at 5:56 PM.