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notes: Aero Club 1/20/26

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St. Cloud Aero Club Meeting – January 20, 2026

Summary

The Aero Club meeting focused on several key operational updates and discussion of those updates. With note of the financial position being its strongest in recent years, with two outstanding invoices for hangar rentals. The group discussed insurance coverage needs, particularly regarding hangar liability and business insurance requirements, with plans to form a subcommittee to review policies. They approved the new operations manual draft and set a date for the next meeting on February 17th. The group also covered airport “pre-flight” considerations, emphasizing the importance of checking runway conditions, snow removal status, and fuel availability at smaller airports. A request was made for club members to complete a survey for a high school student's aviation research project, to be emailed to club list by Steve.

Next steps

- Colin: Forward the minutes from the last meeting to Club members.
- Izzy (as a mechanically inclined member): Check for screws, for the winter plates on 46308, in the two blue cabinets and replace/secure as needed.
- Gary, Reuben, and interested members: Form a subcommittee to review current insurance needs, research policy options (including hangar and liability coverage), and obtain bids from different insurance providers before next renewal (2027).
- Brian (or designated member): Conduct an email vote on adopting the new operations manual to allow broader group input.
- Dr. Anderson: Email out the aviation-related survey from Izzy's student pilot to all Aero Club members for completion.

Start of Meeting, 5:02pm

The meeting began with introductions and a discussion about the approval of minutes from the last meeting, which Colin had typed up two months prior. The group approved the minutes without opposition. Colin mentioned that the meeting emails should be sent out, and there was a brief discussion about the November meeting. The group then moved on to general updates, but no specific updates were provided in the transcript.

Aircraft Screw Fitting and Insurance

Members discussed the need for the correct size screws for the winter plates on aircraft 46308, which are currently loose due to improper fitting. Gary suggested checking the two blue cabinets containing certified aircraft screws for the necessary sizes. Gary also raised concerns about the current insurance policy, suggesting that the Aero Club should review and potentially adjust coverage. The EAA has some coverage for the EAA meetings for slip-and-fall incidents. He proposed forming a committee to evaluate insurance needs before the next renewal in January 2027.

Hangar Insurance Review Discussion

Steve and the group discussed the need to review and potentially update the insurance policy for their hangar, as they do not own the land it is on. They considered forming a subcommittee to assess their needs and explore options, including potentially switching to a new insurance company or broker. Steve mentioned that the club had received an insurance claim for hail damage to the hangar roof in the past, which they decided to accept. He also noted that the club was financially stable, with a surplus of a few thousand dollars for the year.

Aircraft Storage Revenue Opportunities

Reuben discussed a situation where a potential aircraft storage customer backed out, and Brian was unable to take the aircraft due to a canceled plane purchase. They explored the possibility of storing a historic 172 aircraft for Colin's CFI training purposes, with Reuben suggesting \$130/month or \$10/day rates, which is much less than half of what other area airports charge. Members only. The discussion focused on the opportunity cost of vacant storage space and the potential for instructors to generate revenue by training on the aircraft.

Aviation Education and Hangar Management – Wrap-up

This part of the meeting focused on promoting aviation education and managing hangar rentals. The group discussed the importance of balancing opportunity costs with rental fees to maximize hangar usage and income. The group reviewed the draft operations manual and agreed to adopt it after an email vote. They also discussed airport pre-flight considerations, particularly in winter conditions, emphasizing the need to contact airport managers and check NOTAMS for runway conditions. The next meeting was scheduled for February 17th at 5 PM, and Izzy requested members to complete a survey for a student's research project on aviation.