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# GACE Flying Club Inc.



2099 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-7324

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY

### September 24, 2018

Sheltair pilot lounge (behind the GACE office)



## From The Left Seat

Jeff McArthur



The 2018 Summer Flying Season is in full swing now, 06/17/2018, Father's Day. Happy Father's Day!

The club is happy to be notified that club pilot, Rosie Dimola, is home from Iraq after a six month deployment. Her significant other, Austin Ingels and I were in contact with her during this time. Rosie and

Austin are both assigned to the infamous 106th Air Rescue Group ( USAF Reserve ). Both are turbine mechanics for the venerable C-130s. Rosie is an avid horseback rider and couldn't wait to get back to her steeds. When you see her on the flightline, give her a "Welcome Home". I think Rosie would be classified as a "front-line-Rosie-the-riveter", although our Rosie got to crew on one or two missions. "WELCOME HOME ROSIE".

The plane wash for Saturday, 06/02/2018, was well attended. I know not all the attendees signed in but of those who did: David Sibley, Paul Southard, Rick Choinski, Chuck Calabrese, Warren Miller, Rich Knott, Metodi Filipov, Steve Schukawetz, Nick D'Imperio, Jason Zhang, Frank Erbio, Barbara Salva, Julia and Momma Lamanna ( Mom just got out of the hospital after serious throat surgery, she was looking healthy ) and Kevin Doolittle ( he was the guy on the floor dolly doing the underside of 12S ); also the Kranz family showed up and cleaned and vacuumed the office and Poppa Kranz cleaned out the flightline equipment box Rodney Tibbetts donated to the club. Rodney didn't sign in but was there supporting the troops in the plane wash endeavor! The equipment box is getting a second coat of Rust-Oleum Paint and a GACE decal.

Ops/Maintenance, Warren Miller, reports that both aircraft engines are doing fine, 28E finished the mineral oil break--in and 12S still has a while to go. Performance restrictions are still in effect for 12S. They are posted on the white faced board.

Bob, Roy and Peter installed the new (used-\$1,660.00 ) seat in 28E. On Monday, June 18th, they will be installing the new seat rails for this seat. CAUTION: DO NOT ADJUST THE SEAT WHILE YOU ARE SITTING ON IT! THIS IS WHAT DAMAGED THE LAST SEAT BEYOND AFFORDABLE REPAIR!

This is my 45th year of flying and I'm always learning new things and experiencing some also. Prior to the Memorial Day Weekend, the F-22 Raptors were based at KISP. They would practice days before the show. The day before Memorial Day I was asked to test fly 12S. While waiting to take off, a large vacuum truck with a large leaf blower came down the taxi ways and runways that the Raptors would use. Given clearance to take off, I flew to the South Practice Area to

test fly 12S. As I prepared to land, I was ordered to expedite the landing and clearing of the runway. This I did as one of the F-22s came low over the runway and executed a left turn overhead break! It was a pleasure to be this close to the action; priceless!!!  
With up turns in the economy flight schools ATP, Heritage and SUNY Farmingdale have increased students and training. Also, a Chinese company purchased the old NAT Center in Brookhaven Airport. Rumor has it the NAT Center may open as a flight training facility also. All this adds to a crowded airspace in the KISP/KHWV/KFOK areas. With daylight savings time, I have found that flying before dark for Private Students, Annuals/BFRs have little completion for airspace. Also, the instrument pilots have been able to get in several approaches which otherwise is prohibitive during regular working hours.

FYI at the end of our ramp is a Cherokee parked, sometimes it is out well beyond the nose wheel line for the tie down. Be cautious of this when taxiing in and out.

The next General Meeting is Monday night, June 25th, 7:00PM at the Sheltair Lounge behind the GACE office. Density Altitude, and 28E carb heat use will be the training module. Also, Dr. Chuck Calabrese offered to give Aeromedical training modules on three different topics that directly affect us as pilots. We will try to get him to start them in September. Thanks, Doc!

The next Plane Wash is Saturday, July 21st. Coffee and Crumpets for the morning washers, and BBQ for the rest of us. 0900-1200 hrs. Family and friends welcome, just let Jeff know how many for food order.

The bottled water in the office refrigerator is NOT paid by the club. It is donated by individual club pilots. When supplies are getting low, feel free to donate a case of water. We don't want the same pilots donating all of the bottle water.

The GACE patches are in. Pilots have a choice of Royal Blue or Navy Blue Background. \$10 a patch. A change making bucket will be supplied.

Have a wonderful flying season, and safe flying

Jeff

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