

March
2024

GACE Flying Club Inc.



2099 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-7324

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NEXT MEETING MONDAY April 22th, 2024

Modern Aviation pilot lounge (behind the GACE office)



From The Left Seat

Jeff McArthur



The General Meetings have been well attended. The Club welcomes new prospective member, Kaitlin Erthac of the USANG, WHB, NY. Membership Chair, Dave Esposito will introduce four (4) new prospective members at the April 8th Board meeting.

During the last three General Meetings the motion to refurbish 28E and not float a loan was voted on and passed. The only issue to date is the actual TTAF on her and Jeff will post that shortly.

Four estimates for painting 28E are as follows: with one interior estimates:
To strip, repair minor corrosion (hail damage):

Ed's Paint Shop, HWV
\$18,500-20,000, stripping the interior
Installing leather cushions, seals, new decals,
12 month lead time.
\$18,500-\$20,000.

Griggs Paint Shop, Tukahnock, PA
Same price as above, no interior work.
Three (3) year lead time.

Lancaster Aero, Smoke Town, PA
\$26,000 no interior work.
15 month lead time.

Note: The shop that did 12S' seats at 39N is no longer listed in service.

The recruitment of more female pilots has a Board motion to renovate the Club Rest Room as well as the office. June 15th is the date to clean up/out the office and hangar. Coffee and crumpets will be served. If we are to have a "paint-party" a BBQ will be in order also.

Tom Keller, Treasurer, was away for the last General Meeting and has good news to report to the Club with the new Chase Business Account. He is in the process of slowly closing down the Bethpage Account when all bills paid by it are paid up. Tom will be advising on the Zelle payments shortly when it is fully active.

The GACE 2024 Ground Reviews are posted on the Club website. All the questions on the Performance Review must be answered, however, only the first 15 on the Ground Review. Two Club CFIs recommend that ALL distractions be eliminated while completing these reviews.

Club CFI-II Nick D'Imperio with the help of VP Carl Alongis are formatting an INSTRUMENT GROUND SCHOOL to be held at the Modern Aviation Pilot's Lounge, starting April 15th, 6:30pm-7:30pm. The cost per session is \$100 to be divided by the participants (so if 5 people sign up it would be \$20 per participant). It will be payable in advance for four (4) sessions. This way it will be fair to those who commit to doing it. Meetings will adjust for Club meetings. A **full course** will probably be 16 sessions. Nick will give a **sign off** for a knowledge test to those that make **all** the sessions or make up sessions that they may have missed. There will be an online mock exam for participants to demonstrate that they have mastered the material. At least **four (4) participants must be registered for**

the program to be put in effect. Contact Carl Alongis at 1-631-935-6600 to sign up and pay the fee. Please respond by the 8th of this month.

**Safe flying,
GACE Board**

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