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February 2026 Newsletter

Hourly Rates

No change in gas, no change in hourly rates for this month.

- 172 \$96
- Archer \$106
- 182 \$164
- Lance \$185

Flywell Winter Social

We had a great time at this year's winter social. We also had our annual Flywell awards!



- **The High Flyer Award** - the member who flew the most this year - **Mark Hapka**
 - **The Raven Award** - the member with the most squawks - **Avran Schnider**
 - **The Clear Skies Award** - the member who overall helped make Flywell a better club - **Brain Block**
 - **The Co-Pilot Award** - the member who was outstanding at helping helping others - **Paul Wikstrom**
 - **The Air Traffic Controller Award** - the member who kept things running smoothly - **Marc Tellevik**
 - **The Spruce Goose**- the member who landed a huge project - **Mark Christopherson**
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The Lance

We were able to tour RC avionics the other week and see our Lance upgrade in progress. It was a great



a March 6 return to service!

Lance Training

We will have a Lance Avionics training ground session on March 2nd at 6pm at Twin Cities Flight. This event is open to everyone.

The board voted that all current Lance pilots will need to have an **avionics checkout flight** with a Flywell CFI **before their next flight**.



Thanks to Zach, Brian, and Paul for creating and coordinating this event!



Garmin Training Resources

Garmin has some great online training courses that you can also use to sharpen your avionics skills:

- [GTN Series Playlist](#)
- [GFC 500](#)

Centerline

We have been using Centerline for scheduling the 182 for the past month. We will be transitioning the rest of the aircraft scheduling over on March 1st.

Later this week I'll send out a training email on how to get logged into the new software.



Did you know

by Avram S

The 182 has a new CO detector module (Garmin GCO 14) installed on the back of the instrument panel connected to the Garmin GTN 750 GPS.

Here is a picture of the CO monitor controls display in the Garmin 175 in the Utilities folder/ CO monitor in the 182.



The detector alert level and the amount of time of detection can be set with the Inhibit CO button. It is currently set to go off immediately if the CO level is above 0 ppm. Please do not change the setting. If CO is detected an alert will appear on the Garmin screen and you will get an aural alert in your headset (I need to confirm the aural alert.). You can shut off the alert through the "Inhibit CO Alert" button. CO detection will be logged and the information can be downloaded for analysis if necessary. Unfortunately, no user manual came with the CO detector and I can not find one online.

THIS IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT FROM THE CHEMICAL SENSOR DOTS THAT WE HAVE HAD IN THE PLANES FOR YEARS!

We have not had any alerts since the CO detector has been installed. It appears that we solved our problem of intermittent CO leaking into the cabin by fixing the engine gasket leakage and plugging up a hole in the firewall.

CO is detected.



Flywell Volunteers



Snow Patrol

Our snow patrollers this month are:

No one :(

Sign up...



Hangar Ace

Our hangar ace this month is:

No one :(

Sign up...

*Thank you to all our volunteers for helping control our costs
and making Flywell an amazing club!*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JJ Parker, President• Mark Bakko, Treasurer• Lawrence Foley, VP• Kurt Olson, Director• Mark Hapka, Director | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 172 - Mike Blanness• Archer - Tim Hawkes• 182 - Avram Scheiner• Lance - Steve Schwister• Hangar - OPEN!• Supplies - Mark Hapka• Data - Mat Terwilliger• Plane Wash - Jeff Fjeld | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Wikstrom• Kurt Olson• Jim Schultze• Norm Lindsey• Zach Knapp |
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Maintenance Reports

<h2>C172</h2>	<p>Aircraft is grounded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Feb 23rd Will look at the seat issue ELT battery
<h2>Archer</h2>	<p>Aircraft is flying well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CO2 odor on climb-out, detectors are going off. Clears up after level-off• Replaced one of the mufflers, tightened bolts, replaced scat tube• When switching tanks there is a whiff of gas (address in annual)
<h2>C182</h2>	<p>Aircraft is flying well</p>
<h2>Lance</h2>	<p>Getting an upgrade!</p>
<h2>Hangar</h2>	<p>Now we are just moving snow around!</p>

Upcoming Events

- **Lance Training**
Monday, March 2nd, 6pm
- **Board Meeting**
Wednesday, March 4th, 7pm



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