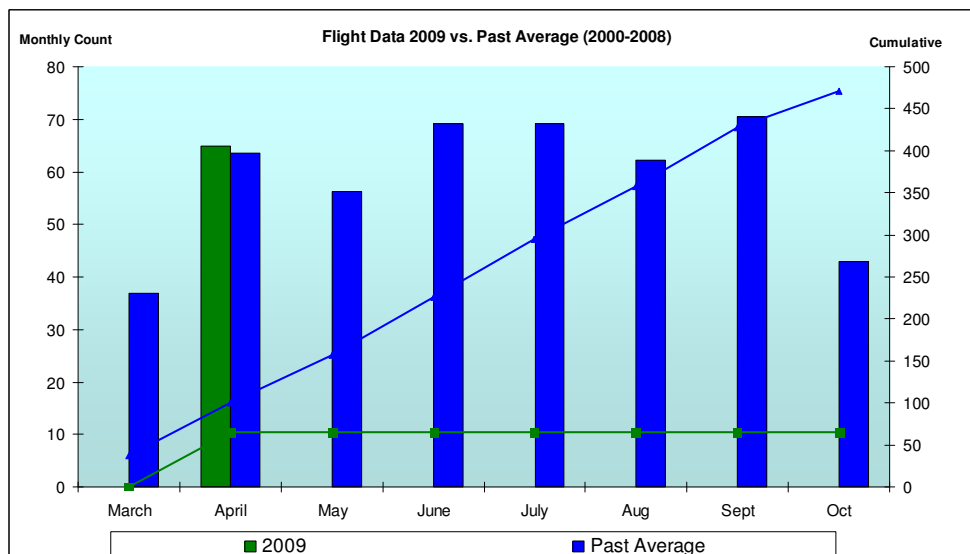


Message From The Prez 5.0

May, 2009

It is now almost the end of May and we have finally seen some quite decent soaring days. The statistics bear out that April was a productive month with 65 flights, exceeding the average by 1. Of course as we are all aware March was a complete washout putting us 35 flights behind the cumulative average for the year, but better days are ahead. Some additional stats include 19 instructor flights of which seven were SSF First Flights. Total flight hours for April were 31 with the longest flight going to Dan Creech for 2 hours and 23 minutes, which I'm sure could have been longer but he had to come back because the sun was setting. In case you need to review the data, a simplified flight stat chart as shown below is located in the Members area of the web site and I try to keep it up-to-date each month.



Looking ahead, it is time to start our annual trip planning activities so we can plan our vacation days this summer. The usual candidates come to mind with Montague (Yreka), Bandera and Ephrata. If any of you have additional locations please present them to the board but we ask that you be prepared to do the necessary planning coordination. We should also keep in mind that weekday operations are encouraged and with some of our younger members getting set to go on summer break it may be a big benefit to them in getting the hours in toward their check rides.

Now that the weather has finally turned warmer the grass at the field is growing at a rapid pace. It is incumbent on PSSA to keep the field mowed and appearances up per our lease agreement. In order to maintain the grass we need to be mowing every week until the growing slows a bit. This requires that we get to the field an hour or two before the planned start to mow on and along the runways, the other areas can be tackled throughout the day. As tempting as it is to either fly or talk about flying, we are obligated by our lease to keep the field mowed. Walt has graciously provided a gang mower to help out so please get with him to get checked out or access the mower.

The board is still looking for a secretary and suffice it to say (sorry if I offend anyone) but this has become a sad state of affairs in my opinion, Nuff said!

Until next month.

Regards,

Stefan Perrin
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