



Cambridge Valley Flying Club

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Information for Potential Club Members December, 2010

Procedure for joining Cambridge Valley Flying Club:

Contact any club member or club officer for a tour of the airport and the club's aircraft. If you do not know any members, there is contact information for all the officers on the website at www.cvfc-1b8.org. The club by-laws can also be found on the website; you should download, print and review them. At the same time you can download an application form and also view all the information available on the website.

The club member you contact should be able to explain how the club operates, the current costs and answer any questions you have. You may want to visit several times to become more familiar with the club & Chapin Field (the airport) and to meet club members. You will be welcome to attend and observe a club meeting and have any questions answered. You will also have the opportunity to meet with one or several club-approved instructors. If you like, an introductory flight in a club aircraft can be arranged.

Once you decide to become a member, fill out the application and give it together with a check for \$750 to any club officer. The application will be reviewed and your references contacted. Your application will be acted upon at a regular club meeting which you should attend. Club meetings are at Chapin Field at 7 pm on the second Thursday of every month.

Information About Membership:

All club members pay Field Dues which support the operation of the airport. Currently dues are \$410 per year paid in 2 installments. Club members who have access to club planes also pay Club Dues which cover fixed costs such as aircraft insurance. As of December 2010 these dues are \$60 a month, but the rate will be reviewed at the club meeting in January. The current rate for use of a club plane is \$60 per hour 'wet' which means fuel is included in that cost.

A check ride with a club approved instructor is required before you can fly a club plane. A checkout in one of the planes authorizes you to fly only that plane. Flying a different club plane requires a separate check ride. The cost of the instructor is not controlled by the club. You and your instructor will make your own financial and scheduling arrangements.

Upon acceptance as a member you will be given information about the on-line reservation system so you can reserve planes. *Do not fly a club plane without first reserving it.* Flight rules can be found in the by-laws. The club is not an FBO. Each pilot is responsible for fueling after flight, adding oil as needed, pre-heating adequately in cold weather, cleaning the plane and addressing any condition issues. Anything exceeding your capabilities should be referred to the Operations Officer.

The most important things as a member are to be safe, fly as much as possible, have fun, and help other members make Chapin Field and Cambridge Valley Flying Club as good as they can be.