



MINUTES OF THE VFS FLIGHT SAFETY MEETING HELD AT VFS ON TUESDAY 2JUNE 2009

INTRODUCTION

1. The VFS Safety Officer, Ray Barske, welcomed all present to the meeting which commenced at 15h00.

AGENDA

2. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:
 - Minutes of 5 May 2009 meeting.
 - Additional points.
 - Engine Fires.
 - Airframe Structural Integrity.
 - Airworthiness Directives.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

3. There were no supplementary items.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and accepted as a correct reflection of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5. The main topics of discussion at the 5 May 2009 meeting were revised.

ENGINE FIRES

6. The Safety Officer VFS discussed the issue of engine fires during startup. The primary cause of an engine fire during start up is use of an incorrect starting procedure. In a carburetor engine must not be "pumped" prior to start as this causes fuel to pool in the manifold. Should a backfire occur this fuel is ignited resulting in an engine fire.

AIRFRAM STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

7. The Safety Officer VFS discussed airframe structural integrity with regard to loose rivets. The discussion is attached to these minutes as a safety article and appears on the VFS website as well.

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

8. The meaning and application of airworthiness directives was discussed by the FSO
9. The meeting adjourned at 16h00. The next Safety Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 30 June 2009.

The minutes of this meeting are with effect from : 2 June 2009.

Ray Barske : Safety Officer VFS

COMMENTS BY CEO VFS

B. Scott : CEO VFS