

# CLALLAM COUNTY PILOTS ASSN/ WPA

## NEWSLETTER

CCPA meets on the third Thursday of the month, 7PM, Rite Bros, KCLM

**March 2014 Issue**

**Thursday, March 20: WWII Flight Training**

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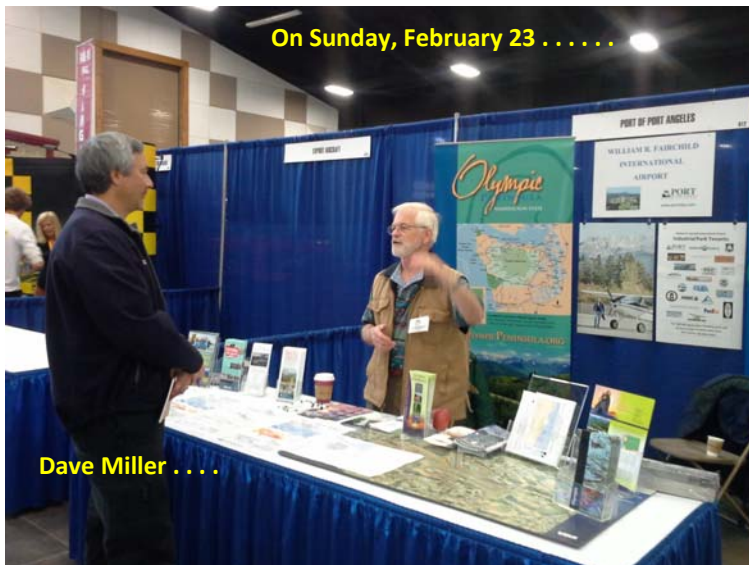
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**At Our Next Meeting. . . .** Bob Hicks has spent a lot of time researching appropriate material. . . . Jeff Skiles is put through training in WWII, CAF owned: T-6, C-25, B-24, and B-29.

**On Sunday, February 23 . . . . .**



**Dave Miller . . . .**

### Staffing the Booth at Puyallup

We'd like to thank all those who staffed booth 612 at the NW Aviation Conference and Trade Show last month in the State fairgrounds. So thanks goes to: Jerry Nichols, Gary Johnson, David Miller, George Llewellyn, Bob Hicks, Dennis Toepke, Mel Rudin, Jerry Ludtke, and his wife, Diloi. David O'Donnell also dropped by.

This is the first time that our Port has sponsored a booth at the conference. President Jerry has asked for such several times in the past. We want to thank Jerry L. and the Port for doing such.

As a follow-up a small group of us met with both Jerrys on Thursday, March 6 at the Port administration building to discuss and evaluate our efforts in our booth.

After some discussion, it was decided that we should continue sponsoring a booth for a total of three years. This will give CCPA and the Port a better chance to accurately evaluate how worthwhile such a booth might be. Gary and Jerry reported that the Booth was busiest on Saturday but inquiries came very slow on Sunday. Mel reported that inquiries about our restaurant were numerous. At that point Mel was insistent that in order to grow it's almost a

**. . . . . Gene Rimov staffed our booth in the morning.**





. . . Jerry Ludtke and his wife, Diloj, staffed our booth in the afternoon.

requirement that we have a restaurant at our airport. Jerry did the math and indicated that it really isn't a financial possibility at this time.

However, the restaurant discussion went on for some time. One possibility that was discussed was having the restaurant on the north side of KCLM so that a view of the mountains and the airport was available. The other reason was that all the businesses on the North side could use a restaurant. The only problem with this scenario was that the terminal would be on the wrong side of the airport. So the discussion proceeded to the next phase which was: Is there a reasonable way to make available services on both the terminal side and the business and industrial side of the airport. And then the discussion proceeded to the possibility of walking or biking from one side to the other and doing such conveniently. One thing that was made clear was that most airports that are similar in size to KCLM only have successful restaurants when the locals use it too.

It was interesting that Mel brought up the possibility of not only having convenient access by bicycle between the two sides, but also extending the bicycle path past the hangars, past the extreme sports area, over Dry Creek and all the way to Lower Elwha Road. All this would be done on the south side of our airport. Dennis Toepke brought up the possibility that instead of going through on the south side, why not put the bicycle path on the north side since so much of that route is already paved. Then Gene indicated that by doing both we would have a loop all around the airport. So if one day this loop becomes a reality, why



not call it the “Pilot’s Loop?”

What is so interesting about all this is that a combination of projects might be the way to “rescue” KCLM. Pilots could claim they did it with all their brain storming. However, if you look back on it all, it was the staffing of the booth at Puyallup and the follow-up that served as a catalyst for discussing all our options.



1) Mel Rudin was partially responsible for getting a follow-up meeting to our booth operations at Puyallup.

2) Mel was again responsible for bringing to our attention the importance of a restaurant at any airport including ours.

3) Mel Emphasized how many airports were represented in the Puyallup Trade Show.

4) Mel brought up the idea of having an entrance to the airport from the west as well as the east. A map of the airport seems to show there is a way to do this.

It also should be pointed out that one airline was looking for pilots and hiring folks for training right at the NWAC&TS. Is there the beginning of a shortage of pilots for airlines? Should this be a sign that Rite Bros may need to make their training program known? What are the chances of pilots living near KCLM of obtaining a job with the airlines?

Bob Hicks offered to obtain a good program for CCPA on March 20. Many of us are still interested in the “Greatest Generation” and the part they played in making world history. So Bob was able to pick a video from a batch of EAA monthly videos.

“I found that the February 2014 video contains one longer one (about 25 minutes) on WW2 flight training which I think would be educational and a lot of fun, since it interleaves Jeff Skiles getting checked out in a progressive series of trainers and warplanes owned by the CAF, with footage from original training films made during the war.”



**PROGRAMS:**

March 20 WWII flight training program  
 April 17 The Pilots airport loop

**SAFETY BREAKFASTS:  
 7:30 AM**

March 14 & 28  
 April 11 & 25

Safety Breakfasts are held at Fairmont Restaurant, 1127 Hwy 101 W, Port Angeles on the second and last Friday of the month.

March 2014						
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**Executive Board Meetings:** are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Coldwell Banker, 1115 E First St, Port Angeles. All CCPA members are welcome to attend.

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March 5  
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If you have a desire for a particular program or wish to present one, call Jerry 452-5403.

April 2014						
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