

# CLALLAM COUNTY PILOTS ASSN/ WPA

## NEWSLETTER

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

**THIS MONTH WE MEET AT RITE BROS ON MAY 21**

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### WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION



**Jim Posner**  
WPA vice president (west)



**CCPA members leave Aviation Conference with bags of goodies.**

## What's happening at our next meeting?

Anyone remember the two faces above under the WPA logo? We met those two gentlemen at the North West Aviation Conference and Trade Show in 2011. They came to the Trade Show to indicate to us that they were going to set the Kitsap Peninsula on fire. I'm sure that Jim Posner, WPA Vice President (west), can tell us who they are. Since that time Bremerton Chapter/WPA has grown to over 90 members. Since that time Bremerton has had elections so that new folks can accept leadership roles. On the other hand CCPA has had no elections since 2011 (we can't find any candidates) and our membership has fallen a bit. Jim thinks he knows why all this took place. He wants us to grow. So he is on a mission to tell us how to do that!

Jim made a special trip up to Port Angeles on April 22 to help us get started. He met with four of us and our FBO, Jeff Wells, at Coburns restaurant. He doesn't want us to just ask past members to join. He wants us to have a script ready so that we know what to say to these folks. Even if they can't come to either safety breakfasts or monthly meetings, the additional membership gives WPA, AOPA, and others the numbers to back pilots up when lobbying for such legislation as a Pilots Bill of Rights. After all, \$31 in dues for a professional organization is a very small amount. Jim also came to back us up in projects we have started such as private pilot training scholarships. As you can see, we covered a lot of subjects in a very short time.

There are those who feel that our airport is safe from closure because of rules that govern the use of airports. However, one has to remember that some of the rules were formulated in the 1940's.

We can't stay complacent and expect our airport to stay viable forever. For instance, we don't want our displaced threshold to become permanent especially when business jets might need a longer runway. We want to encourage business jets to land at KCLM. On the other hand, a report in the April 5 edition of GAN predicts that the use of private single engine aircraft will continue to decline, while the use of piston engine business aircraft will increase. Will this actually happen here? We need to stay flexible.

There is now a critical shortage of pilots. The use of our runways has declined since 2008. The development of scholarships for students to become private pilots could give our training facility and programs a shot in the arm. However, to fund a scholarship program, we'll need to raise a substantial amount of money. The best way to do this is by auctioning off donations from businesses who can be persuaded to contribute products and services. Airplane rides, raffles, as well as stays in someone's vacation condo are other ways to make this happen. Other sources of funds are large corporations who have charitable gift programs, and outright cash donations from supportive folks in the community. We need to understand how to use the WPA foundation that serves as a holding organization for scholarship funds. All this will take time and effort, but this kind of activity should increase the use of our airport.

Last, we now have a citizens group that is teaming up with CCPA to get that loop trail called the Pilots Loop established on our airport. The Airport Loop Advisory Group has just received permission to plan and develop that part of this Loop around the fenced helo pad and past Angeles Composites. When they have completed this part of the route, the Port will then take a look at the two locked gates west of the helo pad that need to be opened or replaced with bollards. Once that is done, there will be a one mile long viable bike, jogging and walking route between Milwaukee Drive and Lincoln Park. Our loop is now showing signs of developing much like the loop around Arlington's airport. However, there is still a lot to do. Airport Loop Advisory Group needs CCPA's support.

**CCPA was formed around the idea that KCLM needed help in its development as a viable airport. Either we move ahead or retreat. There is no such thing as staying the same. Jim Posner can address all these issues and can help CCPA make a difference at KCLM. Jim Posner promises to give CCPA a shot in the arm. Jim Posner is a dynamic speaker. So come to our May 21st meeting at Rite Bros. It could turn out to be one of the most important meetings of the year for both CCPA and KCLM.**

### And Now, Let's Figure Out Who These Two Gentlemen Are!

Jim Swartwood (left) is now president of the WPA Scholarship Foundation. With successful fund raising, he will be the person to contact on how to manage our scholarship funds.

Don Dickson (right) is a former president of the Bremerton Pilots Association. He might have some ideas on how to get candidates for CCPA officer positions.





## MEET MR. AND MRS. TOEPKE ! DENNIS AND TRUDY

..... And what a wedding it was. This is the first time that anyone can remember a CCPA pilot getting married. Are we all getting younger? Wouldn't that be great?

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was packed. There were plenty of pilots in attendance as both Trudy and Dennis took a very active part in the service.

After the service a reception was held in the social room downstairs. Dennis and Trudy had family members line up with them and boy did Dennis acquire a large family.

All of us in CCPA wish Dennis and Trudy the very best!



Is anyone willing to take on this project?

When you fly into Jefferson County Airport, this bike is available for your use. We need to set up such a program at KCLM.

Programs:

May 16 Paine Field Aviation Day  
 May 21 Jim Posner: There is a critical pilot shortage.  
 June 24,25,26 Collins Foundation  
 July 23 Preserve your airport

Safety Breakfasts are held on the 2nd and last Friday of the Month at Priscilla's Cruise In Café. 2341 E Hwy 101, Port Angeles

May 8 and 29  
 June 12 and 26

Executive Board meetings are held at Coldwell Banker, in Port Angeles at 1115 E Front Steet @ 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

May 6  
 June 3

All members of CCPA are welcome to attend.

If you have a program that you would like to present, please call Jerry. 452-5403

# May 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Executive Board	7	8 Safety Breakfast	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Paine Event
17	18	19	20	21 Jim Posner	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Safety Breakfast	30
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**Don't forget to contact your legislators to support PILOTS BILL OF RIGHTS 2**

Would you or you and your spouse be willing to help set up the Dinner on June 25th ?

# June 2015

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	1	2	3 Executive Board	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Safety Breakfast	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Wings of Freedom arrives in PA. P-51, B-24, B-17	25 W of F & CCPA/WEA dinner, BBQ Help will be needed.	26 Safety Breakfast & Wings of Freedom fly away.	27
28	29	30				

## Minutes of CCPA Executive Committee Board Meeting

May 6, 2015

The Executive Board Meeting minutes for March, 2015 were approved as sent out.

The Treasurer was not available to report on finances this month.

Tentative programs for upcoming General Membership meetings are anticipated to be:

May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Update on WPA Sponsored Pilot Training	Jim Posner
June 24/25/26	Collins Foundation (No CCPA General Membership meeting)	
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	AOPA's 60 Minutes to Preserve Your Airport	

Gene and his trail committee are working on plans to have the trail go around the old Hiller Helicopter pad near Westport. It seems to be coming along nicely.

Lincoln Park tree removal is now at least 3 years out due to need for Port's Master Plan Update and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Hopefully, select trees that grow up into the clear-zone will be allowed to be removed as needed during this time frame.

There is no real news on the road congestion caused by logging trucks on the entrance to KCLM. There still is traffic issues due to the logging trucks operating on Port properties, especially when they are loading ships at Port dock.

AOPA has asked for pilot support in contacting legislators regarding the "Pilot's Bill of Rights 2" which encompasses the Third Class Medical Reform. All pilots are requested to e-mail or otherwise contact their legislator and encourage them to support this important bill.

The Collins Foundation is scheduled to be at KCLM again on June 24/25/26<sup>th</sup>. Alan Barnard is coordinating the event. Contact Alan if you are interested in helping out!!! He can be reached at [abarnard@olympen.com](mailto:abarnard@olympen.com). Gene will send out a sign-up sheet in the next newsletter.

Mike will send out a gentle reminder to pilots who have not paid for 2015.

### Safety Breakfasts

- May 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

### Board Meetings

- June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Coming to Port Angeles  
June 24, 25, & 26**

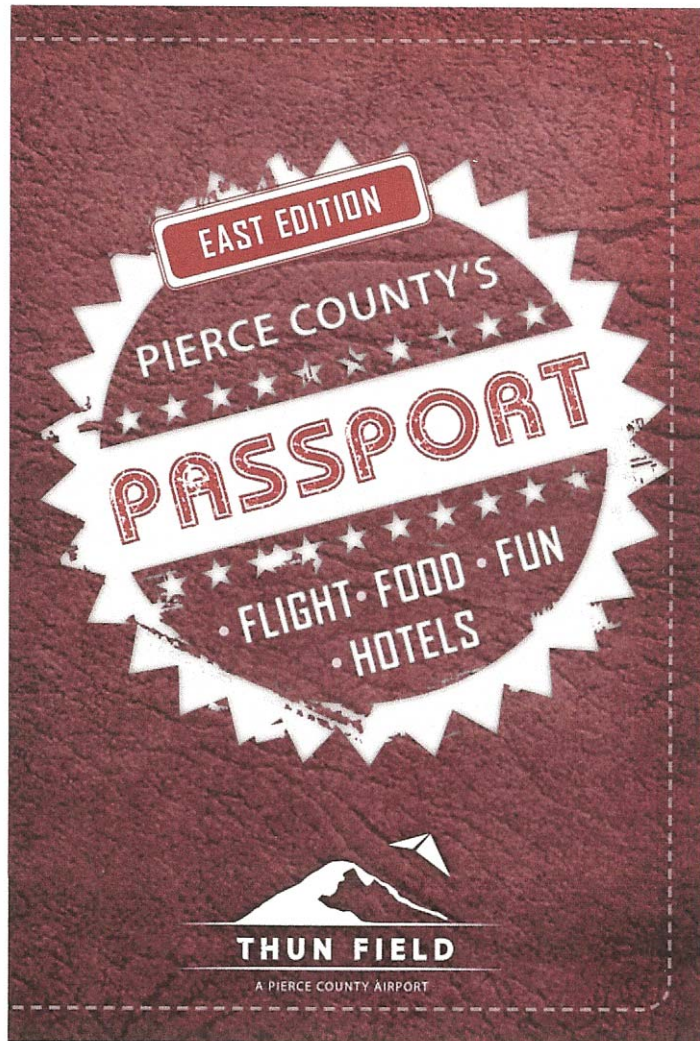


What you see here is the cover of a coupon book. There is also a blue West Edition for Tacoma Narrows Airport.

Is there any service we could promote so folks would fly to Port Angeles? Perhaps if we got busy and collected some bikes, pilots would fly here to bike the Olympic Discovery Trail. It's two miles around our airport from Rite Bros to the ODT and then there are 4.3 miles of paved trail ending at the bike bridge over the Elwha River. That's a total of 12.6 miles round trip. That would be a fine bike ride. What else could we promote?

Anyway, Jerry has ordered 20 of these books. Perhaps for a meeting we could have folks from either Thun Field or Tacoma Narrows be speakers for CCPA. They could promote their airports using passport books for reference.

Other airports are suddenly finding that the downturn of 2008 is over and with that they are recovering lost ground. If we get busy, we can do the same.



### Meet the Airport Loop Advisory Group

Bonnie Stehr, Glenn Stehr, and Gordon Taylor are planning the Pilots Loop trail. Glenn is an engineer at Angeles Composites. Gordon is a member of the Peninsula Trails Coalition.

At their last meeting they did

extensive planning of the trail around the helo pad. At the next meeting of the Peninsula Trails Coalition (in June), Gordon plans to ask the Coalition to set up a tax-free account to place anticipated funds from a money raising effort by the ALAG.

Bonnie and Gordon are working as a team to develop a compelling array of reasons to complete the entire loop around KCLM. This action should help the City, County, and Port in future plans. The Pilots Loop is located in all three jurisdictions.