

En Route



October 2017



NEWSLETTER

General Meeting

October 20, 2017

6:00 Social / 6:45 Dinner & Meeting / 7:30 Program

Mike & Linda Latta's Hangar
37329 208th Ave SE, Auburn 253-670-0532

Catering by NY Deli \$25/pp

BYOB Coffee & water provided

SPEAKER

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President's Message...



Hello everyone I trust this newsletter finds everyone well. It was early in the morning when I started this month's president's report. The sunrise to the east was absolutely spectacular; the rising sun highlighted the thin layer of ground fog just beginning to form above the grass. Now just a few minutes later my neighbor's house has disappeared, completely engulfed in fog. I guess this serves as the official notification that our unbelievable summer filled with endless flying opportunities is over .

Change happens, and it seems to accelerate with each passing year. It was only yesterday I was trying to figure out what the ADF needles were telling me on the NDB approach to Tacoma. Now the NDBs have been removed, and it is rare to find an ADF installed in any aircraft. When was the last time you intercepted and tracked a VOR radial?

How about obtaining a weather brief over the phone? The list goes on and on. Everyone has experienced these changes in aviation. Additional changes are coming that we need to be aware of.

Presently our legislators are in the process of trying to push through a bill that will privatize our Air Traffic Control System. What exactly does that mean, and how will it impact general aviation? Warren Hendrickson is an expert on this issue, and will address these questions and many more at our next general meeting on October 20th. Warren is a seasoned aviator, and presently serving as the Northwest Mountain Regional Manager of AOPA. It is extremely important that we educate ourselves on this issue, and get involved. Go to AOPA.org and click on the privatization tab and read the associated articles. Please make it a point to attend our next meeting and find out what you can do to help protect your ability to fly your aircraft without user fees.

If you have been following the news lately you would have read about the earthquakes associated with Mt. Rainier. I am not suggesting it will erupt anytime soon but if it does, we need to be prepared in advance. We are fortunate to have Colonel Francis Scolaro as our next speaker. Colonel Scolaro has served our country in many capacities, and presently serves as Commander of the Washington Air National Guard's 194th Air Support Operation Group. His military training and experience make him uniquely qualified to advise us on natural disaster preparation. This will be a very interesting and informative presentation.

Believe it or not, but Christmas is coming faster than you think. Preparations for our Green River Chapter Christmas Party are well underway. Please mark your calendar for Saturday December 9th . This year we will focus more on fun and dancing, and less on fundraising. Details for this annual event are included in the newsletter.

We need a few good people. Ask not what Washington Pilots Association can do for you, but ask what can I do for Washington Pilots Association. The Washington Pilots association continues to work tirelessly in the background to protect your right to fly unencumbered. We are only successful if everyone will contribute his or her talents to ensure WPA remains relevant and able to represent the 20,000 pilots in Washington State. We will have elections at our February meeting to fill the positions of elect officers who have reach their term limits. I encourage you to give serious thought to making a difference and stepping up and serving as a Green River Chapter Officer.

I am looking forward to seeing and talking with everyone at our next meeting on October 20th!

All The Best,

David Lawrence, President

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*John Smutny's
Treasurer's Report
Sept 5, 2017*

| | Date | 09/05/2017 | 5/24/2017 |
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| Savings Account Balance (Aviation Scholarship and Development Fund) | | 9,381.00 | 8,681.00 |
| Checking Account— Operating Funds | | 2,466.00 | 2,521.00 |
| Due from State WPA for Dues paid by credit card | | 60.00 | 0.00 |
| Due to State WPA for Dues paid to Chapter | | -28.00 | -56.00 |
| Due to State WPA for PAC paid to Chapter | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Due to State WPA for GA News paid to Chapter | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Due to Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total \$ | 11,879.00 | 11,146.00 |
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| Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund, held by State WPA for distribution by the Green River Chapter | | 7,137.00 | 8,137.00 |

Note: We plan to add this type of information to each newsletter instead of reporting it at each meeting. Questions or comments should be directed to the Treasurer at wpagrc@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS HAPPENING NOW!

**IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE
DO SO TODAY! COST IS ONLY \$40.00!**

LET'S GIVE OLYMPIA A VOICE!

2017 CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS



- Jan 25 General Meeting
- Feb 25 Annual Meeting
- March 18-19 State Board Meeting at Chelan
- March 29 at 7pm First meeting of new Chapter Board at Lawrence's
- April 9 at 11am Fly-Out Brunch to Hawks Nest in Darrington
- April 14 at 6pm General Meeting at Rainier Flight Services
- May 6 Pancake Breakfast & Airplane Wash 8-11 am
- May 13 Ranger Creek Clean-up
- May 24 at 7pm Board of Director's Meeting at Lawrence's home
- June 7 at 7pm Picnic Planning Meeting at Dondlinger's home
- June 24 Fly-in Picnic with PSAAC at Jensen's Hangar at ESR
- Aug 12 Pancake Breakfast during AuburnFest at Auburn Airport 8-11 am see flyer for more info. ****NO AUGUST MEETING****
- Sept 5 at 7pm Board of Director's Meeting at Lawrence's home
- Oct 20 at 6pm General Meeting at Mike & Linda Latta's Hangar
- Nov 1 at 7pm Board of Director's Meeting Christmas Party Planning Meeting at Lawrence's home
- Dec 9 at 6pm Christmas Party at Bogey's at Auburn Golf Course

Tickets on sale now!!!

For State sponsored and other special events, go to <http://www.wpaflys.org>

WHAT WAS YOUR SUMMER LIKE?



Photo credit Linda Latta

Shane and I hosted a very exciting event at our home on Evergreen Sky Ranch! We celebrated the 95th Birthday of one of the WASP's, Women Aviator Service Pilots, Betty White Dybbro, with many local aviators with WWII Airplanes!! We were first introduced to Betty at the Legends in Aviation Event at the Green River College last spring. When Betty had finished telling us all about her flying for the army during WWII, Shane asked her when the last time she had been flying in a small airplane? She said it had been years so Shane then asked her "Would you like to fly in mine?" And so the idea began....

Thank you to Cindy Boettger who facilitated with introductions, various planning emails and helping with party tasks! Our very own WPA Chapter Member, Molly Littlefield, had the honor of flying with Betty in her Cub and Stearman. After asking Betty what airplanes she wanted to fly, she said the Cub because that's what she learned to fly in! After 3 perfect landings on her own, Betty jumped (well gently sat inside with the help of Leo Dondlinger) in the Stearman with Molly. These girls shared a wonderful flying experience that neither of them will ever forget. It was an amazing afternoon! Thank you to all who flew-in and supported our event! Kevin Hanson from the Courier Herald attended and interviewed Betty. He was also a very fortunate journalist who got to fly in a Stearman and take photo's of Betty's flight!



Photo credit Linda Latta

For more info on the interview, go to: <https://www.auburn-reporter.com/news/pioneer-pilot-fly-girl-returns-to-the-skies/>



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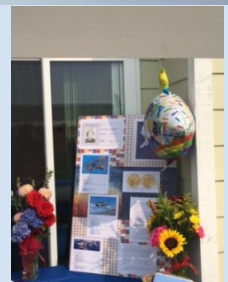
Photo credit Linda Latta



Photo credit Cindy Boettger



Photo credit Marlo Jones



Our Chapter's 2nd Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser of the year was awesome! We had about a dozen pilots and their airplanes fly-in! Thank you all for supporting our Chapter's fundraiser for future pilots and promoting aviation in our community! Thank you also to the Auburn Airport for loaning us their kitchen, restrooms, and building! And thank you to the members who volunteered and helped with everything!! I will let these pictures speak for themselves!





Christmas Party

**TICKETS
ON SALE NOW
ONLY \$35**

Incl. meal & entertainment

Saturday, December 9, 2017

6:00 pm — 10:00 pm



Bogeys Public House (253) 876-1957
Auburn Golf Course
29630 Green River Rd SE, Auburn
www.bogeyspublichouse.net



There will be a dessert auction this year to support the scholarship and development programs, let us know if you want to bring your scrumptious specialty!



Entertainment by
8 Second Ride

Check them out at <http://www.8secondride.com/>

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!
PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY NOV 25th.



For tickets, please contact John Smutny
at wpagrc@gmail.com or mail payment
to: WPA GRC, 36850 204th Ave SE,
Auburn WA 98092





BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2017

Home of Dave and Brenda Lawrence – Auburn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by President Dave Lawrence.

MEMBERS:

Dave Lawrence - President
Shane Mahoney - Past President
Dick Migas – Vice President
John Smutny – Treasurer
Mike Latta - Director (absent)
Linda Latta - Secretary (absent)
Curt Scott - Director via phone
Coleman Boettger - Director (absent)
Robyn Mahoney – Newsletter Coordinator (absent)
Leo Dondlinger – Director
Gail Dondlinger - Representing Linda Latta to take minutes

Guests: John and Leone Tomlinson representing PSAAC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Previous Minutes were read and accepted by John S and Leo Dondlinger.

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny

Savings of \$8,681 were reported. These funds are earmarked for the Scholarship Fund. We will be awarding \$1,000 to Aviation High School, Clover Park, and Green River College respectively.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership Promotion: Curt Scott talked about ways to potentially increase membership. One idea was to broaden events and to invite non pilots at a community level to events. Another idea was to adopt a school, high school or middle school, to promote aviation with talks about aviation at Physics or Science classes. Additionally, Curt suggested the idea of a \$5.00 membership for students **through their college years**. Shane recommended that he develop a very short presentation to present at the next state WPA meeting in July. Dave Lawrence has accepted the task of requesting a time slot for Curt at that meeting.

Newsletter Content: Next newsletter will be published June 2. It will include an announcement that no meeting will be held June 9th. That meeting will be replaced with a joint picnic with PSAAC to be held on June 24 at the home of Tom and Marian Jensen.

NEW BUSINESS:

WPA Christmas Party for 2017: Dick Migas talked about the WPA Christmas party. He has reserved Boney's at Auburn Golf Course. The cost for the meal will be \$26.95 which includes rental of the facility and tip. There will be a cash bar. He has arranged for a four piece band at the cost of \$600.00. Additional details will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Request for Pancake Breakfast Photos: Robyn requested photos of the Pancake Breakfast and of the Ranger Creek Clean UP be submitted to her by May 31st to be published in the next newsletter.

LOGO Wear: John Smutny suggested that WPA members attending any aviation events should wear their WPA Chapter apparel as a way to help advertise WPA.

ACTION ITEMS:

Dave Lawrence to research possibility of Curt presenting at State WPA meeting about decreased membership fee for students at Green River College.

WPA Membership Calls for the Picnic to be made about June 10.

Dick Migas – 1-22

Dave Lawrence – 23-45

Shane Mahoney- 46-68

John Smutny 69-112.

NEXT MEETING:

The Board meeting scheduled for July 19 will be cancelled as we have no general meeting until October 20, 2017. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2017.

ADJOURNEMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm by President Dave Lawrence.

Thank you to Gail Dondlinger for taking minutes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Linda Latta

Secretary

Washington Pilots Association

MISSION STATEMENT:

To Advance and Protect the Interests of General Aviation in Washington State through Advocacy, Outreach, Education, and Social Activities.



Dick Migas, Vice President



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Linda Latta, Secretary



Curt Scott, Director

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