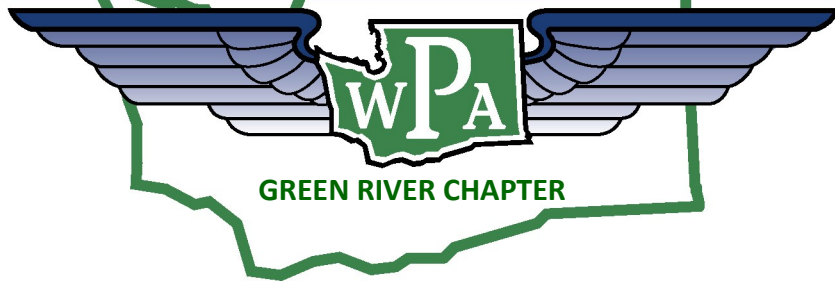


December 2015

WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION



GREEN RIVER
CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

Christmas Party and Auction

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Festivities will begin at 6:00 pm

Italian Style Dinner served at 6:45 pm

Live Auction starts at 7:30 pm

(Proceeds go to our Aviation Scholarship & Development Fund)

Tickets \$35

Incl. meal & entertainment



Rainier Room in the Truitt Building

102 West Main Street, Auburn

(Upstairs at Oddfellas - use South entrance around back)

Entertainment by

Steven Sogura, as Elvis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fw88JLnQu40>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8kUgNL56UI

R.S.V.P. OR PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY DEC. 6th IN ORDER TO GIVE A FINAL COUNT TO THE CATERER. PLEASE CONTACT SHANE MAHONEY AT shane@skynetbb.com or 360-802-2300. THANK YOU!

Message from the President:



As we prepare for our Scholarship Auction and Christmas Party, I reflect on our WPA Mission Statement, let me explain. The planning has required hours of work with others. If I could only quantify all the discussions it has generated about Aviation, the contacts we have made, the laughs, the board meetings, talking to potential auction donors and potential attendees, it all adds up. This effort is exactly what our mission statement is all about with the core pillars of Advocacy, Outreach, Education, and Social Activities. I can't think of another event that includes all of these things like this. I only wish I had time to do more. I love doing things that can make a difference and are enjoyed along the way. Would you like to take part in the fun? It is easy. Dig up an auction item by looking through your stuff or perhaps asking one of your favorite businesses to donate an item or

service. Anyone need carpets cleaned, how about a transponder certification, or a you fill in the blank. You will feel good seeing your item auctioned off to help a student with their aviation career. Just bring the item or a 'certificate for a service' to the auction or get it to me. If I can get them early I can prepare the auctioneer. And of course RSVP to attend the Auction.

It is that time of year when we renew our WPA Memberships. Please do not confuse this with a subscription. As a member this is your organization. Our accomplishments are your accomplishments. I hope you take pride in what you do and what we do together. Please do not delay in renewing your membership by going to www.wpaflys.org. We have a lot to do and the journey will be fun too.

How about those Seahawks, win or lose we still love 'em right? How about those politicians, win or lose we still support 'em right? I mean, we support and respect the office they hold, and them for holding it. It does not always matter if your candidate wins an election. What matters is how you deal with it. There are several things you (we, the WPA) support that will require our work and that of our political representatives. How are you going to deal with this? Are you going to pound the pavement, demonstrate, lobby...? Those are not in my immediate plans. The first step in protecting and supporting WA Aviation is to renew your WPA Membership, then to monitor what we are doing and speak up as you feel the need. Then speak up again and again. We listen even when it seems like we don't hear it the first time. This sounds just like the political process on a smaller scale, I guess it is. We have a limited budget to do an unlimited amount of good for Aviation. We must prioritize, plan and act accordingly. This all takes leadership and membership. The WPA has great leaders and they have great plans. What we most need is members. Our plans require resources that members provide through both dues and the political horsepower you provide as voters. Even your threat of a vote can influence the political process. Deal with it, and please renew your WPA Membership now.

So what plans does the WPA have you ask? One of many things we are doing is to review where all of the money the State collects from Aviation taxes and fees goes. You should know by now that WPA efforts helped move the Excise Tax you pay each year with your airplane registration to fund the State's Aviation needs. But what about all the other fees? The gas tax on Aviation fuel sales, the B&O tax on your local FBO, hangar taxes, the taxes airlines pay with each ticket sale...? Did you know that an airline that charges \$200 for an airline ticket which includes free checked bags pays more in taxes than an airline that sells the same ticket for \$150 plus \$50 in other fees? I am just scratching the surface here and will not list all the other work to do, trust me, there is plenty.

Sincerely,

Shane Mahoney
President, GRC-WPA

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*John Smutny's
Treasurer's Report*

November 18, 2015

	<u>9/29/2015</u>	<u>11/18/2015</u>
Savings Account Balance	2,012.52	2,012.67
Checking Account - Operating funds	4,652.95	5,430.10
Checking Account - Aviation Scholarship and Development Fund	1,924.06	1,924.06
Due from State WPA for Dues paid by credit card	79.00	252.00
Due to State WPA for Dues paid to Chapter	0.00	207.00
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	100.00
<u>Due to Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$8,668.53	\$9,311.83
 Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund, held by State WPA for distribution by the Green River Chapter	 \$ 265.00	 \$ 265.00

*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 wpagrc@gmail.com*

Here's a link to a video with Scott Barnes, the 2015-16 WPA
Green River Chapter Scholarship Recipient!

https://youtu.be/ULuIIY_iVXQ

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Thank you, Thank You, Thank you ~ to our gracious hosts Karma & Larry Kauffman for opening up “Larry’s Man Cave” or “hangar” and host October’s General Meeting! There were 45 members who attended and non-members who came for the *Wings* program.

Thank you to Bruce Booker who shared a fascinating light on the Search and Rescue process! I’m sure many of us were in awe of the amazing work this organization does for anyone who is in need of their services (and they do it all for free)!!!! Be careful when you are out there flying and remember be prepared, safe flying and be a responsible pilot.

Another great meal was provided by NY Deli! Larry shared his two tap keg, as shown in the picture below. Shane didn’t get too distracted from running the meeting being inches away from the tap (: he claims he was only drinking coffee :)



Advocacy. . . Our Legislative Agenda

It is relatively easy for a government agency to do studies and make recommendations for action but it is another thing to change the way things have always been done. The state WPA Board is asking all of us to work with them on the following items identified in the State's Airport Investment Study performed over the last few years. We hope to affect the actions taken by our government and local airport authorities to improve airport funding and infrastructures. How do you help? Read the study and use the grey matter between your ears. Then make your ideas known to the Board and start following your own ideas as well as any you read about on the WPA web site, *WINGS*, etc. ~Shane

Establish a State-Sponsored Revolving Aviation Infrastructure Loan Fund. #4 - 1k. For those in government this program is similar to the CERB (Community Economic Revitalization Board). Airport Sponsors may borrow funds at low interest rates.

Reallocate Airport Leasehold Tax to the Aeronautics Account. #6 - 3b. Instead of property taxes airports collect 12.84% leasehold excise tax on all revenue. Check your hangar rent invoice. While a good portion of that funding goes back to the cities and counties from whence it came, the State's General Fund is also a beneficiary.

Modify the State Aircraft "Sales Tax (6.5%)" and Excise Tax on Fuel. #9 . . . 3d. While the Federal, Military and Commercial are exempt from the \$.11 cents per gallon, Commercial operators must pay the sales tax on fuel burned (flying) over the State.

Develop a Best Management Practices (BMP) Guidebook / Toolkit for Airports. 10 - 4f. The concept entails a toolkit to help airports move toward self sufficiency in terms of capital development programs.

References are from the Airport Investment Study found using the following link;

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/AirportInvestmentStudy.htm>

Washington Pilots Association



Green River Chapter
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2015
Mahoney Residence – Auburn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Shane Mahoney.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shane Mahoney Mike Latta
Mike Werner Larry Kauffman
Tom Jensen Robyn Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the August 10, 2015, Meeting were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Shane opened up the meeting announcing that the State WPA is raising the dues from \$31 to \$40 effective the end of October. Our Chapter took in \$12 and the State took in \$19. The Board had a discussion as to what we were now going to charge the members. The Board agreed to keep it the same at \$12.

Shane suggested that as a club we should plan another fun event in addition to the Christmas Party. Even though the board has tried to facilitate fly outs every year, the weather was never cooperative. Larry suggested a fly out to the Skagit Museum. It's his friend's and holds many cool WWII Airplanes. Since it's not very far and if weather became an issue, we could still drive there and have fun. We could arrange for lodging and tour the Tulips Festival or have a clam bake. Larry will contact his friend at the museum. Tom suggested we organize another round robin event even though it was a lot of work in the past, it was still a lot of fun. We could do better at marketing the event to get more participants. We could even plan a spot landing during the fly-out to the museum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Smutny was unable to attend the meeting so Shane read the Treasurer's Report from John which stated:

<u>Finances</u>	
Savings	\$2,012.52
Checking/operating funds	\$4,652.95
Checking/Scholarship Development fund	\$1,924.06
Due from State	\$ 79.00
TOTAL	\$8,668.53
Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund held by State	
WPA for distribution	\$ 265.00

These figures include paying out \$1,000 to GRCC Scholarship recipient last week. There are a couple new members since May.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarships - Last Spring our chapter awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Zak Nyberg, a student from Raisbeck Aviation High School. He wrote us a nice thank you letter that should go in our Newsletter. We awarded another \$1,000 scholarship to a student at GRCC this fall and his name is Scott Barnes. We should invite all scholarship recipients over the past years to attend a meeting.

Newsletter – Tom suggested we should add a piece about current issues at State WPA level.

Auburn Airport Advisory Board – Shane wasn't able to attend last month's meeting and is looking for someone else to attend. Mike Latta offered to go. The meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 am each month.

Green Tail Integration – We didn't have much communication with the Green Tails over the summer because a lot of them are out of town over their break. We need to invite them to a general meeting. We also need to send them the Newsletter. Shane has their emails.

Christmas Party & Auction – This year's Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 17th in the Rainier Room of the Truitt Building (upstairs from Oddfellas) in Auburn. Robyn was able to secure a good deal by having the party on a Thursday and booking it was a fundraiser. We want to focus the party not only as having a good time, but also a way of promoting and generating funds for our future Scholarship recipients. Shane suggests we invite PSAAC, Green Tails, EAA Chapters, WASAR, Auburn Advisory Board, Pro Flight and asking the leaders from each organization to manage their own count of attendees.

Entertainment – The Board agreed that having some sort of live entertainment at our Christmas party is a necessity. They feel that it is important in order to promote membership and keep members. We have enough funds in our checking/savings accounts to help fund the entertainment.

Auction Items – Suggested donation items are:

Fuel card at Auburn Airport – Shane to secure

Spencers Aircraft – Mike Latta or John Smutny will talk to Weatherbee

Pro-Flight – Tom will secure

Foreflight – Shane

Welding donation – Tom

Biplane ride – Mike Werner

Airplane ride to lunch - Curt Scott

Cakes and/or desserts – have tables compete against each other for highest bid as done at Museum of Flight Auction.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections – Elections are coming up in February 2016. We need to think about who we can approach to join the Board. Possible candidates are Dave Lawrence, recently retired, Kyle or Rachael Clark, young people who could add a different view on topics, and Larry Kauffman, a new member of WPA with a world of experience.

Future Speakers – Earl Wein and Addison Pemberton (Is someone going to ask these gentlemen?)

General Meeting - Our next Meeting will be on October 9, 2015, Bruce Booker agreed to do a presentation on Search and Rescue, eligible for a FAA Wings Credit, and held at Larry and Karma Kauffman's hangar. NY Deli will cater the meeting. Robyn will handle ordering the food. The Board agreed on charging no more than \$25 per person for dinner. We will provide coffee and water. Tom and Larry have water containers and cups. Larry talked to Jim Flynn about borrowing his tables and chairs.

Future Meeting Locations/Catering– Mike Latta offered his hangar. Larry suggested we try Kelly's Mercantile to cater to one of our meetings. We will contact the Merc for our February meeting.

Call Tree - Assignments were distributed and calls are to be made on Monday the 5th or Tuesday the 6th. Callers need to report to Shane with head count by Tuesday night since he has to let Ed the caterer know the final count by Wednesday morning. Shane will send out call instructions.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Robyn Mahoney

Robyn Mahoney, Newsletter Coordinator

Washington Pilots Association

MISSION STATEMENT:

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



CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS

December 17th ~ Annual Christmas Party & Auction

January 13, 2016 ~ Board Meeting (Mahoney's)

February 12, 2016 at 6pm ~ Annual Meeting ~ Elections

April 2-3, 2016 (tentative) ~ Fly-out/over-night to La

Conner ~ Tulip Festival and Heritage Flight Museum Tour (more info later)

April 8, 2016 ~ General Meeting

May 2016 ~ Spring Pancake Breakfast & Airplane Wash w/Green Tails

May 7, 2016 ~ Ranger Creek Clean-up

June 10, 2016 ~ General Meeting

August 2016 ~ Auburn Days Pancake Breakfast



Go to <http://www.wpaflys.org> for State sponsored and other special events.

2015 Green River Chapter Board of Directors

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