

# En Route



*December 2016*

**WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION**



## NEWSLETTER

## Christmas Party and Auction

Tickets only  
**\$30** incl. meal &  
entertainment

**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2016

**Time:** 5:30 pm — 9:30 pm

**Place:** Rainier Room in the Truitt Building  
102 West Main Street, Auburn  
(upstairs at Oddfellas - use south entrance around back)

**See next page for more details.....**



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**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

Social & Silent Auction starts at 5:30 pm

Carved Roast Beef & Chicken Dish served at 6:15 pm

Live Auction starts at 7:00pm

Bill Campbell, Auctioneer [aprilbrown.com](http://aprilbrown.com)

(Proceeds go to our Aviation Scholarship Funds)



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Entertainment by *The Cowchips*

Auction items secured so far... Dinners, Golf, Aviation Services, Gifts, Dinner Party for 25 people at the Longhorn BBQ in Auburn, and many more items. If you have any items you would like to donate or can acquire, please get instructions from John Smutny to turn them in before the party, see below.

**RSVP or PRE-PAYMENT** is required by **NOV 30th**. For tickets, please contact JOHN SMUTNY at [wpagrc@gmail.com](mailto:wpagrc@gmail.com) or mail payment to:  
WPA GRC, 36850 204th Ave SE, Auburn WA 98092

## President's Message...



Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This is a time when many of us will have the opportunity to gather with family and friends, over-eat and discuss the year that is fast coming to a close. For the past several years, Brenda and I have been fortunate to spend our Thanksgiving with a very special family. They are very gracious, not just to us but to many others as well. Every year I have sat at a large table filled with many friends. I look around at everyone gathered, and think how blessed I am to share in their company.

Don't worry I'm not going to get all mushy on you, but I have had similar thoughts at our gatherings of the Green River Chapter of WPA. We have really great people in our group. It is fascinating when I get to know you better, and listen to your story. Many times after our conversation I would think to myself "that's amazing, I had no idea". It is truly an honor for me to be associated with our group. Thank you for that!

I guess while I'm in a reflective mood let's do a quick look back of this last year.:

I would have to say it was a very good year! Our work parties supporting our state airports were very successful, Shane and Robyn's tip toe through the Tulips tour was an awful lot of fun. The Pilot's Bill of Rights was passed this year which gives us relief from the third class medical requirement. This is a monumental event and should stimulate growth in general aviation.

One of the objectives of WPA is to create opportunities to enjoy each other's company at social events. Our next event is coming up soon. Please mark your calendar for our Christmas party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years, our Christmas gathering is sure to be lots of fun for everyone. I hope to see you there!

I know at some point in our lives we have all said to ourselves, "If I were king I would do such, and such". Well, this February you will have the chance. We will be having elections for all positions in our chapter. There are many talented members in our chapter who have a lot to offer. Please consider jumping in this February and sharing your talents.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who has supported me personally in my first year as president of our Green River Chapter. I could not have done it without you. Thanks again to everyone who have committed to be members of WPA. I wish you all the very best this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Be well, and fly maxima,

*Dave*

David Lawrence, President  
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*John Smutny's  
Treasurer's Report  
November 18, 2016*

	Dates	11/18/2016	10/5/2016
Savings Account Balance		2,014.67	2,014.48
Checking Account		10,558.64	9,777.14
Due from State WPA for Dues paid by credit card		240.00	24.00
Due to State WPA for Dues paid to Chapter		-1,092.00	-168.00
Due to State WPA for PAC paid to Chapter		0.00	0.00
Due to State WPA for GA News paid to Chapter		-125.00	0.00
Due to Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund		0.00	0.00
	Totals \$	11,596.31	11,647.62
Aviation Scholarship and Development Fund held in Checking Account		4,616.14	4,616.14
Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund, held by State WPA for distribution by the Green River Chapter		2,182.00	5,182.00

**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!**



# Green River Chapter Members Take Boy Scout Troop 401 Flying

By Terri Danz

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

It wasn't the best day for flying, with low ceilings and a short window of good visibil-

ity, but the Boy Scouts of Auburn Troop 401 had a great experience nonetheless. The troop has participated in the Ranger Creek Work Party for the past three years as community service, and were thanked by the Green River Chapter with discovery flights offered by Tom Jensen, Shane Mahoney, Leo Dondlinger, Mike Latta and Nelson Brown.



After all Scouts – and a few very happy parents – got a chance to go for a flight, they were all treated to a barbecue in Dave & Brenda Lawrence's hangar, and John Smutny offered posters of a C-182T cockpit for the Scouts to take home. Com-

ments on the event from the Scouts included, "So cool!" and "That was awesome!"



To encourage future aviators, Tom Jensen and Dave Lawrence gathered logbooks and applications for the EAA Young Eagles program for all the Scouts that participated. These were handed out at the 11/1 Troop Meeting and Terri

Danz will be gathering those applications signed by the Scouts' parents to send in to EAA.



**THANKS AGAIN DAVE & BRENDA FOR HOSTING US ALL! IT WAS A FUN DAY!!!!!!**



## 2016 CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS



January 13 ~ BOD Meeting at Mahoney's Home

February 12 at 6pm ~ Annual General Meeting at  
Mike & Linda Latta's Hangar

March 7 at 7pm ~ BOD Meeting at Latta's Home

April 8 at 6pm ~ General Meeting at the American Legion in Kent  
located at 25406 97th Place South (253) 859-9905

April 9-10 ~ Fly-out/over-night to La Conner ~ Tulip Festival and  
Heritage Flight Museum Tour

May 14 from 8am to 11am ~ Spring Pancake Breakfast & Airplane  
Wash w/Green Tails

May 7 ~ Ranger Creek Clean-up

May 25 at 7pm ~ BOD Meeting at Dave Lawrence's Home

June 5 Potluck Picnic with PSAAC 11am to 5pm ~ John Smutny &  
Laurie Johnson's Hangar, Evergreen Sky Ranch (See front page for more info)

July 12 at 7pm ~ BOD Meeting at Dave Lawrence Home

August 13 from 8am to 11am ~ Auburn AugustFest Pancake Breakfast

August 19-20 ~ AOPA Fly-In ~ Bremerton, WA

October 5 @ 7pm ~ BOD Meeting at Dave Lawrence's Home

October 14 at 6pm ~ General Meeting at the Quality Inn located at  
415 Ellingson Road, Pacific

November 2 @ 7pm ~ BOD Meeting at Dave Lawrence's Home

December 8 at 5:30pm ~ Christmas Party and Auction in the Rainier  
Room at the Truitt Building in Auburn (same as last year)

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



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**October 5, 2016**

**Home of Dave Lawrence – Auburn, Washington**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:27 pm by President Dave Lawrence.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dave Lawrence – President  
John Smutny – Treasurer  
Mike Latta – Director  
Coleman Boettger – Director  
Shane Mahoney – Past President  
Robyn Mahoney – Newsletter Coordinator

Brenda Lawrence

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting of July 12, 2016, were unanimously approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny**

John Smutny reported that we made \$645.25 during the August Pancake Breakfast. There is \$9,777.14 in checking; \$2,014.48 in savings; \$4,616.14 is being held in the aviation scholarship and development fund; the State is holding \$5,182.00 for the youth aviation scholarship fund.

We have 7 new members since our last meeting. Discussion was made as to how we can get more members. Dave suggested we send out an email to all past members encouraging them to renew. John suggests we go to flight schools and invite them to our parties and events. Also, we could allocate scholarship funds of \$560 by gifting a 1 year membership to 15 aviation students. The focus would be on students who are learning to fly. During our next General Meeting, we can ask for a show of hands for anyone who would like to pay for a meal for one of the newly awarded members.

Action Item: John will send Robyn a list of past members email addresses to send them a letter to encourage renewal. Shane will draft the message.

John will print out a message on FATPNW for whoever is interested in joining WPA gifting a 1 year membership to student pilots. The first 15 new students to Friday's October 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting will receive a 1 year membership.

**Motion was approved to offer 15 student pilots a 1 year WPA GRC membership.**

Coleman asked Dave to speak to the Green River College Aviation Club about his aviation career and to get them pumped up about aviation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Auburn Airport Advisory Board:** Dave will attempt to make contact again with Kasey.

**Scholarship Awards:** John will contact the State WPA Office to verify that the checks have been mailed to the Scholarship Recipients.

**Newsletter:** Robyn will send out the October Newsletter for publishing on October 7.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Next Board of Director's Meeting:** November 2, 2016 at 7pm, Dave Lawrence's Home.

**Christmas Party:** Scheduled for December 8 at 5:30 pm, upstairs above Oddfellas in Auburn. Dick Migas made all the arrangements with the venue, including securing The Cowchips for entertainment. We will get the same rate on food as last year since this is a fundraising event. Discussion was made as to the price to charge the members and it was unanimously agreed on \$35.00. Robyn shared the draft flyer that she prepared and the board members made suggestions for revisions. We will need a new auctioneer as Curt Scott cannot do it this year. Mike Latta will ask his son Jeff. Shane will check into asking a former Boy Scout and/or his father.

Dave suggests our December Newsletter be sent out the end of November to give members more notice of the Christmas Party and to gather items for the Auction.

**Next General Meeting:** October 14, 2016 at the American Legion in Kent.

Dave has invited Boy Scouts from Troup 401 to come to his home this Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm for airplane rides and a BBQ to thank them for helping with flag ceremonies during our Meetings and at Ranger Creek for helping with annual clean-up. John, Shane and Mike offered to bring their airplanes.

**Phone Tree Assignments:** All present board members will call and remind members of the meeting on either Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of next week. Shane will send script to Coleman and other board members..

**ADJOURNEMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 by President Dave Lawrence. The group continued to meet and discuss details of the Christmas Party.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Robyn Mahoney (filling in for Linda Latta)



# Washington Pilots Association

## MISSION STATEMENT:

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



Dick Migas, Vice President



John Smutny, Treasurer



Linda Latta, Secretary



Shane Mahoney,  
Past President

## 2016 Green River Chapter Board of Directors



Dave Lawrence, President



Robyn Mahoney,  
Newsletter Editor



Michael Sealfon,  
Director



Curt Scott, Director



Mike Latta, Director



Coleman Boettger, Director