

February 2016

NEWSLETTER



Annual General Meeting

February 12, 2016

6:00 pm Social / 6:45 Dinner

7:30 Elections / 8:00 Program

Mike & Linda Latta's Hangar, 37329 208th Ave SE, Auburn (51WA)

Home/360-825-7134 ~ Cell / 253-670-0532

Cost of dinner: \$20 approx. **BYOB ~ Coffee and water provided**

OUR SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING...

Laurence M. Schafer began his career with USDA Wildlife Services after earning his BS in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana in 1997. His first position was as a specialist at Atlantic City International Airport. In 1999, he became the Project Leader for the Wildlife Program at O'Hare International Airport, where he conducted his master's research on the efficacy of raptor translocation as a management tool. Though devastated to have to leave the soothing climate of Chicago, Laurence accepted a position as the Airport Coordinator/Staff Wildlife Biologist for USDA Wildlife Services in Washington and Alaska in 2002. While here, Laurence is dedicated to assisting airports better manage their wildlife hazards and increase aviation safety. His secondary interests are collaborating with the USDA Wildlife Services National Wildlife Research Center and other agencies to develop additional operational management tools and Wildlife Hazard Assessment techniques. If Laurence cannot be reached by phone, he's probably 40-50 miles offshore chasing Washington albacore.



Laurence M. Schafer

USDA Wildlife Services

Staff Wildlife Biologist and Airport Coordinator, WA/AK

President's Message...



Dear Members:

"I am looking forward to February!" The February weather has been beautiful for flying the last few years. There is nothing like the cold clear air of February to make your airplane perform and your camera capture details at a distance. You can enjoy the snow covered mountains without even flying near them. A perfect time to introduce someone to flight. Remember, it is all about the flying and an empty seat is a missed opportunity.

February has other activities too; Our Chapter meeting and program on Friday the 12th and the NW Aviation Conference on Feb. 20-21. Both of these meetings will have elections. On the 12th we will be selecting our next Board for the Chapter and on the 20th we will select our next Board for the (State) WPA. It is this time of year when we should reflect on our aviation past and think about all it has meant to us. Will the next generations be able to enjoy aviation like we have? Of course they will, if we continue to stay strong as an organization and protect it. As a Board member for the past several years I can tell you it has been great to be part of such an effort. The feeling of satisfaction and the rewards are hard to describe. And it really doesn't take much effort if we stay organized in our actions.

Now is the time to decide what type of role you would like to play in protecting aviation for future generations. The door is wide open. You could be a silent member of some organization like the WPA, the President of the entire organization, or anything in between. But most of all, be a member. Please also consider taking a position on one of these Boards. Between our existing Chapter Board members and new candidates that have stepped up, we have people to fill all positions but we do encourage new blood. I have served on the Board for five years and have decided to try other ways to support the WPA mission. I will work alongside the new President to ensure an easy transition and our continued success. The primary skill needed to hold any of these positions is organization. If you can organize the Board members to come to a meeting, keep them on task and from telling too many stories, you can be a successful President too! The Board does most of the work together and we have a great history to follow and build upon. It really is easy and fun!

Enough business, back to flying. We have planned an overnight outing to see the Heritage Flight Museum, Skagit Regional Airport and the spring tulips near La Conner on April 9th. See details in this Newsletter. We are also planning to support the AOPA Fly-In on Aug 20th in Bremerton. We have reserved a block of rooms so we can attend the Barnstormers party on Friday night and volunteer to help on Saturday. Please calendar these dates and plan for a couple fun aviation weekends. More details to come later. Do think about those empty seats!

I look forward to seeing all of you in February. I will be in the WPA / WASAR (current Board member also) booth during much of the NW Aviation Conference. Please identify yourself as I don't recognize everyone. That will also tell me you got to the bottom of this writing☺

Sincerely,

Shane Mahoney
GRC-WPA President



*John Smutny's
Treasurer's Report
January 28, 2016*

	<u>11/18/2015</u>	<u>1/28/2016</u>
Savings Account Balance	2,012.67	2,012.97
Checking Account - Operating funds	5,430.10	14,374.16
Checking Account - Aviation Scholarship and Development Fund	1,924.06	3,529.06
Due from State WPA for Dues paid by credit card	252.00	444.00
Due to State WPA for Dues paid to Chapter	207.00	-907.00
Due to State WPA for PAC paid to Chapter	0.00	-10.00
Due to State WPA for GA News paid to Chapter	100.00	-250.00
Due to Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund	0.00	-4,917.00
Total	\$ 9,311.83	\$14,276.19
Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund, held by State WPA for distribution by the Green River Chapter	\$ 265.00	\$ 5,182.00

*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*

Oh what a night we had during our Christmas Party and Auction!
We had Elvis and 95 adoring fans who joined in the fun! Oddfellows
was the perfect venue and provided a delicious meal! Let me tell
you about the auction...**THE AUCTION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH
DONATIONS OF OVER \$6,000 FOR THE AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP
AND DEVELOPMENT FUND!!! WE COULDN'T THANK THE DONORS
ENOUGH BUT WE WILL TRY...THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!** FOR YOUR AMAZING GENEROSITY WHETHER DO-
NATING AN ITEM OR BIDDING. YOU ALL MADE THIS NIGHT UN-
FORGETTABLE AND THE PROCEEDS WILL HELP A FUTURE AVIA-
TOR WITH!



Elvis & Judy Sindlinger



Left: Delicious desserts were donated by Linda, Carol, Karen, Robyn, Gail D, Laurie and Sylvia!
Above: Shane Mahoney, Leo Dondlinger and Jim Flynn



Curt Scott, John Smutny & Laurie Johnson



During a bidding war for this amazing home-made cake by Linda Latta, Karen Flynn got it for \$1,000! Woo Hoo!!



I love this one of Elvis serenading Sylvia Brown while Tom Jensen, Marian Heale and Cindy Boettger look on!



A huge thank you goes out to our Chapter President Shane Mahoney for taking charge of this event!

A LOOK BACK AT 2015

Feb 21-22nd—WPA booth at the Puyallup Aviation Conference

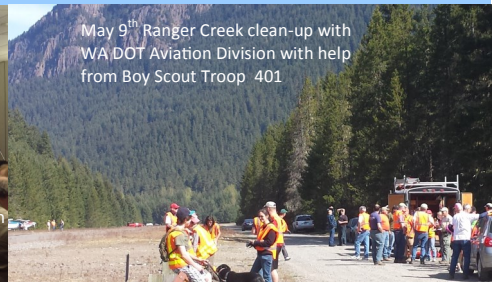
March 28-29th—WPA State Conference in Chelan



Feb 13th Annual meeting and elections, Curt Scott presentation on Green River College programs, Golden Steer Restaurant



April 10th General meeting, Allen Kam, NOAA presentation on weather, Golden Steer Restaurant



May 9th Ranger Creek clean-up with WA DOT Aviation Division with help from Boy Scout Troop 401



April 18th Pancake breakfast and Green Tails airplane wash, at Auburn Municipal Airport



June 4th General meeting, Peter Morton presentation on drones, Latta Hangar



Oct 9th General meeting, Bruce Booker presentation on WASAR, in Kauffman Hangar

Auction and Christmas party with Elvis!!!



Mike Werner, Carol Alldredge, Marlo Jones & Rich Alldredge telling stories.



Beautiful Aviation jewelry donated by Janet Gundlach



Our Auctioneer, Curt Scott, did a fantastic job! Thanks, Curt!



Nancy's airplanes donated by Tom Jensen!



Our Members



Basket full of goodies! Thank you Kauffman's!



The Cake Auction was a hit!

Thanks Ladies!



Sylvia was One lucky girl!!



Auction Items donated by Shane Mahoney



Our dedicated Treasurer John Smutny manned the check-in/check-out table the entire night! Thank you so much John, we couldn't have done it without you! Laurie, you're a peach!



SPRING FLY-OUT

GRC-WPA

April 9 & 10, 2016

Reserve your room by March 9, 2016

10 Rooms are blocked out for Washington Pilot Assn.

<http://www.laconnerlodging.com/channel-lodge/>

205 N First St, La Conner, WA 98257

360-466-3101 or 360-466-1500

Saturday, April 9th

1100 - Meet at Skagit Regional Airport <https://www.airnav.com/airport/KBVS>
Flyers Restaurant <http://www.eatatflyers.com/> and order lunch, on your own

1230 - Taxi to Heritage Flight Museum <http://heritageflight.org/> and tie down airplanes for overnight, tour museum

1430 - Transportation to the Skagit valley tulip fields -> hotel

1700 – Check into the Channel Lodge, \$186.75, taxes included, water front queen room

1830 – Dinner at The Oyster and Thistle, see menu and prices here <http://theoysterandthistle.com/>

Sunday, April 10th

0800 - Gourmet Continental Breakfast at the lodge, included with room fee

1000 – Transportation to airport, pay up for the transportation fees and tips (estimate \$25 each)

Time to go visit another airport in the area, maybe lunch in the San Juan's...

Backup plan for bad weather: Drive and meet at the airport restaurant, same times for everything

Questions: Please contact Shane Mahoney 425-269-8740

AOPA FLY-IN

BREMERTON NATIONAL AIRPORT (KPWT)

AUG 19-20 BREMERTON, WA

<http://www.aopa.org/Community-and-Events/AOPA-Fly-In/2016/Bremerton-Fly-In>

Help Make It Happen

VOLUNTEER

The 2016 AOPA Fly-In will be at Bremerton National Airport this year. Please join some of your fellow Chapter members in the work-party and fun! Our Chapter is blocking out rooms for Friday and Saturday night, August 19th and 20th, so we can attend Barnstormers Party Friday night and participate in the Fly-In all day Saturday. We will be requesting volunteers to help with set-up and submitting the volunteer roster as a group so no need to volunteer on their Website. Lodging will be announced at a later date. Calendar these dates now.

Thank you and I hope to see many of you there!

Shane Mahoney

GRC—WPA President

425-269-8740

PILOT PROFILE OF

LARRY KAUFFMAN

I watched my cousin strap a F-102 to his backside. He then performed a max performance takeoff piercing the clear blue sky with his Delta Dagger. That was 1968. I was 10 years old; my course was set.

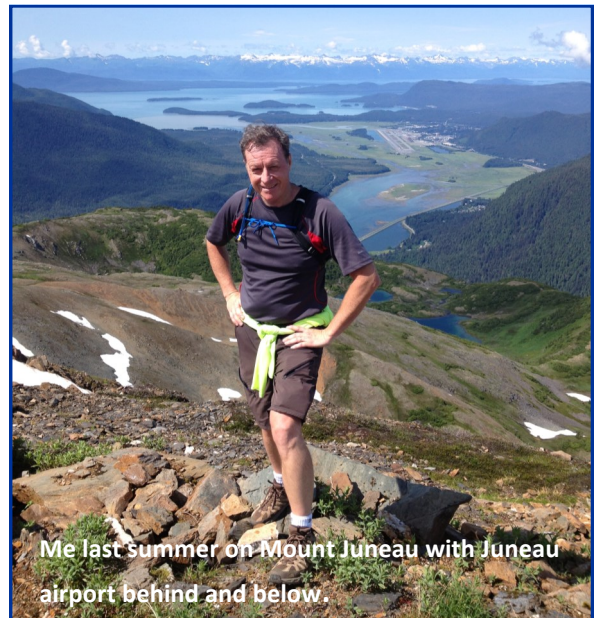
I was a small town Southern Idaho farm boy. I could make pretty good money shoveling ditches and milking cows on the farm. This gave me the funds I needed to get my private pilot license (Cherokee 140) while still in high school. I continued flying general aviation aircraft through college and competed with the Boise State University Alpha Eta Rho team making it to Nationals in 1980.

That same year I got a pilot slot with the Idaho Air National Guard. Here my general aviation flying faded from view. After USAF Pilot Training and F-4 school I was back in Boise a few years latter flying the Phantom II (A highlight of my Phantom days in Boise was I got to fly F-4s with my cousin, turned mentor, noted in the opening line of this missive). This was during the Reagan years so I could make a reasonable wage being a "Guard Bum." But then I became a family man and needed to find a steady job.

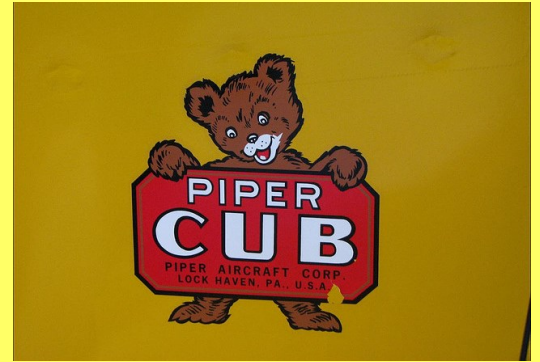
I worked full time at the Idaho ANG for 2 years as an Instructor Pilot in the RF-4C. Subsequently I flew 3 years for Boise Cascade Corporation. While there I flew great equipment (Lear 35, Lear 55, Hawker 800, Falcon 50) and traveled across North America flying to major airports and places I had never heard of before. In 1992 I was hired at Alaska Airlines where I was a first officer on the B-727 and MD-80 before upgrading to my current position of Captain on the B-737.

Parallel and concurrent to my corporate and airline flying I continued with Idaho ANG where I flew the RF-4, F-4E, F-4G, A-10 and C-130. During my 30 years of commissioned service with the Guard I was able to visit numerous countries on several continents. Most of these places were quite friendly while other locations I discovered there were folks who intended to do me harm. I usually responded in kind. I retired from the ANG in 2011.

At that point I had some spare time and jumped back into general aviation. I bought a 1965 C-172F with a low time Lycoming O-360 bolted on the nose. I am delighted to again be in this world of small airplane flying. I have been especially pleased to find good folks to spend time with in this sphere, of note, the WPA-GRC.



The Importance of Type Clubs



You have finally made the decision. The stars have aligned and you are going to buy an airplane. While you have decided to purchase you are not quite sure what to purchase. This depends on several factors:

What is your "mission"? Do you want to fly lazily around the area, watching the sunset or do you want to fly high and fast?

Are you interested in a taildragger at all?

Do you plan on carrying more than one passenger?

Do you want a composite, aluminum or tube and fabric style airframe?

Homebuilt or certified?

Low wing or high wing?

These are just a few of the questions you must ask yourself before making the jump.

For the purpose of this story, let's say you are interested in a classic tube and fabric taildragger for local flying and the occasional "big adventure." You would like an aircraft that holds its value and yellow is your favorite color. You have chosen the Piper Cub. Now what do you do?

This is where the aircraft Type Club comes in. Type Clubs exist to help owners, prospective buyers, pilots and enthusiasts of certain airplane types answer questions and keep these airplanes flying. For just about every airplane manufactured, there is a type club. Type Clubs are out there for 1929 WACO biplanes up through and including modern Cirrus airplanes. They also exist for many amateur built aircraft.

With a little research you find the "Piper Cub Club" is the type club for long wing fabric covered Piper aircraft. This encompasses the E2, J2 and J3 "Cub," the wartime L4 "Grasshopper," the J5 "Cub Cruiser," the PA-11 "Cub Special," The PA-12 "Super Cruiser," the PA-14 "Family Cruiser and the PA-18 "Super Cub." This is a production run from 1934 to 1994! The short wing fabric Pipers are represented by the "Short Wing Piper Club." This includes the PA-15, PA-16, PA-20 and PA-22.

Contacting the Cub Club by phone (email works as well) you will be greeted by Jamie the office manager. She is there Monday through Friday. She will tell you the benefits of joining the Cub Club for \$35 per year, including but are not limited to, six bi-monthly newsletters, technical information and advice, instructor and mechanic references, specialty tool sharing, plans and technical data as well as apparel. You state you are interested in purchasing a Piper Cub and have some questions. Jamie will transfer you over to me (John Hofmann) who will be "your guide."

John Hofmann

john@club.org



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2015

Home of Shane Mahoney – Auburn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shane Mahoney President
Mike Werner – Vice President
Linda Latta - Secretary
John Smutny – Treasurer
Mike Latta - Director
Curt Scott - Director
Robyn Mahoney – Newsletter Coordinator- present
Tom Jensen – Sr. Board Advisor

Guests:

Coleman Boettger
Larry Kauffman
Hunter Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 29 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny

John Smutny provided the Treasurer's Report. There is \$4612.95 in checking and \$2012.52 in Savings. Website will be updated. No dollars have been received from the state WPA, with outstanding balance due to chapter of \$252.00. There is \$265.00 in the state scholarship fund and \$1,924.00 in the chapter Scholarship Fund.

We have received dues from 11 new members in 2015. The membership list has been updated.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter publication: The Newsletter will be published by Robyn Mahoney on November 25. A notice about the December 17 WPA Party will be included. Newsletter needs to be sent directly to Kevin for WPA newsletter publication. Marion is requesting information from Chapters to include in the state newsletter.

2. **Auburn Airport Advisory Board:** The November meeting was cancelled today. Meeting is held every other month. Mike Latta attended the meeting in August and reported that there was a lot of energy to promote the interests of the Auburn Airport exhibited by board members. The city will be putting out to bid the future management of the airport. The airport is currently making money for the city. The airport is currently closed for re-surfacing of taxiways and runways. The request previously presented by Mike Latta for discounted fuel prices for Angel Flight was denied.
3. **Green Tail Integration:** Curt Scott announced that he has retired from Green River College. He introduced the new Faculty Advisor for the Green Tails, Coleman Boettger. Coleman joined WPA during the Board meeting. He was encouraged to consider joining the Board as a Member at Large. A new idea was brought forward related to integration by Curt Scott. He suggested a Saturday afternoon event to include Green Tails in informal conversation with aviators at someone's hangar for discussion of basic aviation topics. No action was taken on this idea. Next integration activity was identified as initiation of Green Tails to the WPA Christmas Party.

Action Items:

Coleman was asked to take flyers back to school and promote the event.

One week from meeting, board members were asked to send ideas for Green Tail integration to Shane.

Board members were invited to a Green Tail event at Coleman's on November 20 at 1:30 at Coleman's home.

4. **Scholarship Awards:** There are no scholarship issues for this meeting. There is currently money for one scholarship. The hope is to make enough money from the WPA Christmas party for a second scholarship. There was discussion of idea that the WPA Board wanted to get names from the schools and select individuals for scholarships. It was clarified that the WPA Board can make the recommendation; however, the school determines who is awarded the scholarship. The awarding of the scholarship for 2016 will be done in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

State WPA Board Meeting Report: Tom Jensen and Shane Mahoney attended the state WPA Board meeting. They reported that there was significant discussion of standardization of activities of the various chapters. Same logos are expected and literature was distributed to demonstrate expectations of standardization. There was also a discussion of cash flow and the need to promote new memberships. President John Dobson is attempting to upgrade the WPA management system, in particular the on-line communication system. The system is in need of upgrading. The old system was hacked and had to be shut down.

Action Item: Curt Scott was asked to write an article about GreenTails and their ongoing relationship with the Green River Chapter of WPA, and include information about the recent scholarship award. The article is to be submitted to state WPA for publication in their newsletter.

Logo Wear: Laurie Johnson continues to work on getting various items available with Chapter Logo, as approved by state WPA.

WPA Christmas Party: Scheduled for December 17 at 6 pm, upstairs above Oddfellas in Auburn. Robyn shared the flyer that was prepared for distribution and board members made suggestions for revisions. It was suggested the Flights Over Pacific Northwest Facebook page should be used as a place to advertise the event. We need an attendance of 110 to be on par with what we did last year. The restaurant has discounted food substantially in support of this charity event. There will be a no host bar. 65 people are needed for event to break even.

Action Items:

Auction items are to be taken to Shane's hangar.

Further planning for party will take place after the close of the Board Meeting.

Phone Tree: All members need to call those on their list by Dec 6 and report back to Shane. Please record comments, wrong numbers, etc. so that list can be updated and Shane can review feedback. An accurate list of those who have paid is needed and a list of those planning to attend.

Phone Tree Assignments:

Tom Jensen- Member number 1 through 20

Larry Kauffman – 21 through 41

Shane Mahoney – member 42 through 63

Mike and Linda Latta – member 64 through 84

Mike Werner - member 85 through 105

Robyn Mahoney – member 106 through end of list

Please do not call those in red on list who have requested no calls.

BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS FOR 2016: There was a general discussion about which positions will be turning over and needing nominees for the 2016 Slate of Officers. There was a suggestion that individuals going off the board present the name of their replacement, after they have discussed the idea with that individual and determined that they are willing to serve. It was also suggested that there be a nominating committee and that names for officers should NOT be solicited from the floor during open meetings

Action Item: Shane will convene a nominating committee after the first of the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tulip Festival Fly-Out: First or Second Weekend in April.

Action Items: Shane to reserve block of rooms, Larry K to arrange for Museum Tour, Ground Transportation to be reserved.

AOPA Regional Fly-In, Bremerton: WPA has volunteered to help with this event, and we would like our chapter members to be part of the volunteer group. A very large number of planes are expected. Rooms will be blocked for Thurs, Fri, and Sat night. There will be a VIP dinner on Friday night, invitations to be determined. Also there will be a larger dinner Saturday night with open attendance.

Action Item: Mark your calendars now.

NEXT MEETING:

Board Meeting

Date: January 13, 2016

General Meeting

Date: February 12, 2016

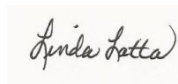
Elections and Program – Mike Werner

Time: 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner, 8:00 Program

ADJOURNEMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 by President Shane Mahoney. The group continued to meet to discuss details of the Christmas Party.

Respectfully Submitted



Linda Latta, Secretary

TAKE-OFF's...

While putting together this Newsletter, I realized there was something missing! Flying Airplanes!!! Remembering previous

Newsletters that Karen Flynn created as past editor, she always put in a cool airplane video! With that in mind, I went through my video files and found a couple of very special video's of my 3 year old Grandson's first airplane ride in Grandpa's Piper Pacer (OMG those eyes!!), along with a couple more videos of ESR pilots! Feel free to send me your own videos for a future Newsletter, they're always welcome! Thanks for watching!! Fly Safe...

<https://youtu.be/GqrbaGacrrl> Part 1.

https://youtu.be/5_vf4aHosu4 Part 2.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_lctNsIGB4&sns=em

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_kJ9wuX-Fg&sns=em



Washington Pilots Association

MISSION STATEMENT:

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



2016 CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS



January 13 ~ Board Meeting (Mahoney's)

February 12 at 6pm ~ Annual Meeting in Latta's Hangar (51WA) ~ Elections ~ Dinner catered by NY Deli

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

April 8 at 6pm ~ General Meeting (TBD)

May (TBD) ~ Spring Pancake Breakfast & Airplane Wash w/Green Tails

May 7 ~ Ranger Creek Clean-up

June 10 at 6pm ~ General Meeting (TBD)

August ~ Auburn Days Pancake Breakfast

October at 6pm ~ General Meeting (TBD)

December ~ Christmas Party and Auction (TBD)

2015 Green River Chapter Board of Directors

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Curt Scott	Tom Jensen

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