

# En Route



*February 2017*

## NEWSLETTER

### Annual Meeting

**February 10, 2017**

6pm Social / 6:45pm Dinner / 7:30pm Meeting & Election / 8 pm Program

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

**BYOB**

**Catering provided by NY Deli \$25/pp**

**Coffee & water provided**

### OUR GUEST SPEAKER

**Jerry Burr of Burlington is a long time Cub pilot with experiences you will want to hear about. Including the work he has done in conjunction with Micro AeroDynamics Inc. Micro AeroDynamics Inc. is an Anacortes based company that provides Vortex Generators for installation on many general aviation aircraft types. Jerry's experience with these vortex generators is vast, starting with his Cub, the prototype airplane for Micro AeroDynamics Inc. We expect his program to start about 8pm.**

## President's Message...



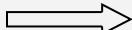
It was July 1975 when I saw her off in the distance. As if paralyzed, my legs were frozen and unresponsive. Everyone, and everything around me faded away as I was drawn to elegant curves and classic beauty. It was an awkward moment, to say the least, my wife to be at my side, and now I have a love at first sight experience. Oh great, just what I needed. As she passed out of sight I knew without her there would always be an unfilled void in my life. Even today after forty-one years she continues to occupy a special place in my heart.

It was one of those magic mornings in the northwest when I awoke. Crystal clear blue filled the sky, Mt Rainier, wearing a coat of fresh snow, complemented with a small lenticular cloud

seemed only an arms length away. Once again my thoughts drifted towards her. Unable to resist any longer, I had to see her.

The door swung open, and all the emotions from our first encounter 41 years came rushing back. It had been far to long since our last encounter. Slowly and cautiously I looked her over trying not to overlook those subtle areas easily missed by someone in a hurry. I'm not sure if I was anxious or excited as I pushed her out of the hangar. Our last meeting went well. I said to myself, so relax and enjoy the moment. Mags off, two shots of prime, throttle idle, four blades, mags on, throttle rechecked to idle, I grab the prop and think here we go. Nothing. I can't believe she didn't start on the first pull. OK, I think to myself, is there a message here? Offering a little encouragement one-cylinder fires on the next pull. Next pull, one by one the other cylinders reluctantly join in as the prop slowly increases speed and the engine settles in at a smooth idle. I can't help but smile. Untying the tail my hat blows off, and I realize that like my dog my Tcraft finds it amusing to remove my hat.

Born in 1946 she is now 70 years old. After all those years she has managed to keep a trim figure. As a matter of fact I think she is smaller now than before, because it is now difficult to gracefully get seated without bumping the throttle. Bumping the throttle when getting seated always adds more drama than necessary. Typical of a nice day, there is a gentle wind from the north. Lined up, the throttle is advance slowly. My feet started dancing on the rudder pedals like Michael Jackson as we accelerated straight down the runway. With all 100-horse power unharnessed it wasn't but a moment before the ground started to fall away. The climb speed increases above optimum, pitch up, speed still increasing, pitch up again. Finally the speed settles at 60 knots as I reference the wing to the horizon. I was shocked at the pitch altitude. I don't remember this level of performance before. Surely this is what it must feel like to be in a Richard Bach novel. Joined together aircraft and pilot, I'm sure we transcend the physical laws of nature.

A glance at slip indicator confirmed what my butt was saying, little more right rudder please. As we flew down the Green River matching the river turn by turn I noticed several white objects in our neighbors pasture. Is that what I think it is? Yes our neighbor has added some Charolais to their livestock. (white cows for those of you not cow savvy) Civilization looms straight ahead to the west. An attempt at a chandelle leads us east bound to check out Bergseth. Its still a little early, but maybe we will see Tim Heneghan prepping the sailplanes for a late morning launch. No activity at Bergseth, we climb up level with the ridgeline on a southerly heading trying to spot some local wild life. Just off the nose is Mt. Peak. A slight right turn sets us perfectly for a turn about a point of the observation point. Its always fun rocking your wings to the friendly waves of those who have made the trek to the top. Southwest bound now we are off to over fly Burnett, to see if Jeff Leng has started construction on his hangar. Nothing as yet, I need to talk with that guy. 



Unfortunately prior obligations are prompting a course change towards home. Up ahead, and insight is Cawley South Prairie. What a great place. My memory is suddenly flooded with many wonderful memories of time spent with good friends and beautifully restored airplanes. A leisurely pass reveals Earl and Joan Root's hangar door open. Could it be they will grace our skies today with their Stinson Detroiter? We can only hope! My scan rate accelerates as we close in on Curt and Sandy Bryan's airstrip. I can't see him but I know Curt is on patrol in his Navy RV-4 looking for his next unsuspecting victim to fly by. With the throttle pushed up we accelerate through the danger zone, clear of Bryan airspace. Northeast bound now and trying to figure out where they hid Evergreen Sky Ranch, 5 clicks to turn on the lights as a warning that we are inbound. Is that the white fence on 384<sup>th</sup>? Why yes it is, mystery solved. The windsock tells us that we will be dogleg to final to miss the big honkin tree just to the south of the approach end of 34. A slipping turn over Jim & Karen Flynn's house puts us on a perfect dogleg to final. The nose aligns with the runway in the flare as we set the reference attitude for what looks to be a landing that will surely water my neighbor's eyes. I smile. But wait, either I didn't feel us land, or I flared too high. The firm contact with the runway and bounce were quick to answer that question. I guess that was her to say "don't ever take me for granted, and don't think too highly of your piloting skills. Slouched low in my seat I taxi home. I notice Mike Latta holding card with a big 3 on it. I chuckle, and think to myself, that's why I love living at Evergreen Sky Ranch. This is defiantly a slack free airport!

What a glorious way to spend the morning. It was certainly a period of rest and renewal. I feel extremely grateful that I live in a country and state where I can fly a 70-year-old airplane wherever, and whenever I want. I get to decide what altitude to fly and whether or not I want to talk on the radio. Every aviator has had many experiences like this I'm sure.

The Washington Pilots Association is here to make sure that does not change. There are many members of WPA involved behind the scenes trying to stay ahead of unreasonable regulations by the FAA, as well as the state and municipalities.

Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Mike Latta's hangar. At that meeting we will be sharing some of our thoughts for fun events this summer. This is the meeting when we conduct our yearly elections as well. We have many extremely talented and committed aviators in our chapter. I would encourage you to consider filling one of our open positions and put your talents to work supporting our aviation community. Thanks to all for being involved in WPA, specifically our Green River Chapter. The airplanes are nice, but it is the people that add value to our group. I am honored to be a part of it. For those who served in elected positions, thank you for your time and effort supporting our chapter. Those individuals are Dick Migas, John Smutny, Laurie Johnson, Linda and Mike Latta, Shane and Robyn Mahoney, Michael Sealfon, Curt Scott, and Colman Boettger.

Be well, and I hope to see you at the next meeting!

*Dave*

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*John Smutny's  
Treasurer's Report  
January 25, 2017*

	Date	11/18/2016	1/25/2017
Savings Account Balance		2,014.67	2,014.97
Checking Account		10,558.64	8,777.64
Due from State WPA for Dues paid by credit card		240.00	408.00
Due to State WPA for Dues paid to Chapter		-1,092.00	0.00
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
	Total \$	11,596.31	11,200.61
Aviation Scholarship and Development Fund held in Checking Account		4,616.14	8,019.14
Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund, held by State WPA for distribution by the Green River Chapter		2,182.00	8,137.00

**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!**

# 2017 CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS

**January 25** at 7pm ~ BOD Meeting at Dave Lawrence

**February 10** at 6pm ~ Annual Meeting at Mike & Linda Latta's Hangar (see first page for more info)

**February 25-26** ~ NW Aviation Conference & Trade Show, Puyallup Fairgrounds. Including the 99'S Companion Seminar

**March 29** at 7pm ~ BOD Meeting at Dave & Brenda Lawrence

**April 8** ~ Tiptoe through the Tulips, more info to follow

**April 14** at 6pm ~ General Meeting (TBD)

**May 6**, 8am-11am ~ Spring Pancake Breakfast & Airplane Wash w/Green Tails

**May 13** ~ Ranger Creek Clean-up

**June 9** at 6pm ~ General Meeting (TBD)

**June** ~ Picnic (TBD)

**August 12**, 8-11am ~ Auburn AugustFest Pancake Breakfast

**September** ~ BOD Meeting (TBD)

**October 13** at 6pm ~ General Meeting (TBD)

**November** ~ BOD Meeting at TBD

**December** ~ Christmas Party and Auction (TBD)

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





## Shop The Official WPA Apparel Online Store!



Since becoming a reality last fall, the WPA Online Apparel Store has been a huge success with members throughout the state. This partnership with our approved vendor, Budd Bay Apparel, allows WPA members to purchase a variety of Official WPA embroidered merchandise from the WPA Online Store. All embroidery is the highest quality. Please allow four to six weeks for order delivery as orders are collected by the vendor and produced all at once. By grouping orders and running them together, we can keep the costs down, although some wait times might be a bit longer.

### [WA Pilots Association Online Store](#)

The Official WPA Logo and Chapter personalizations are available from a dropdown menu. Please be sure to use the dropdown menus for selecting your size and the embroidery you want.

What a great way to show your support for all the great things that WPA does for GA in Washington State and to show your pride in your local chapter!

[https://www.agpestores.com//buddbaypromotions/groupproducts.php?prodgroup\\_id=13648&prodgroupbypass=true](https://www.agpestores.com//buddbaypromotions/groupproducts.php?prodgroup_id=13648&prodgroupbypass=true)

A **HUGE** SHOUT OUT TO



**LAURIE JOHNSON**

FOR TAKING CHARGE OF OUR CHAPTER'S APPAREL LAST YEAR!!!! WE ALL TRULY APPRECIATE THE PROFESSIONAL LOOK SHE HELPED US ACHIEVE AT EVENTS LIKE OUR PANCAKE BREAKFASTS AND CHAPTER MEETINGS!!!!

# Christmas Party & Auction



Our auctioneers, April Brown and Bill Campbell, did a phenomenal job! Their experience and professionalism brought in over \$9,000 for our aviation scholarship and development funds! Their lively commentary and easy way to entertain the crowd added to the night's entertainment! We had several bidding wars to spice up the night, one of the highlights was when Mr. & Mrs. Flynn split up and sat at opposite ends of the room so they could bid against each other

which brought loads of oohs & aahs and cheers! We played a "Heads or Tails" game that was a hoot that raised an additional \$150! Everyone enjoyed the live music performed by *The Cowchips* by singing along to old familiar songs which brought them out of their seats to boogie! The Roast Beef and fixins' was tasty! There were scrumptious desserts auctioned off



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# ELECTIONS

## GRC WPA Officer Elections, February 10, 2017

Please consider being nominated for one of the open positions. Just make your preference known to any of the 2016 Officers by February 10th.

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>2016 Officers</u>	<u>2017 Positions</u>
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<b>Officers (1 year term)</b>		<b>Nominations so far;</b>
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President	Dave Lawrence	Dave Lawrence
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Vice-President	Dick Migas	_____
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Secretary	Linda Latta	Linda Latta
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Treasurer	John Smutny	John Smutny
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<b>Past President (1 year term)</b>	Shane Mahoney	
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<b>4 Directors (2 year term)</b>		
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Position 1	Michael Sealfon (2)	_____
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Position 2	Coleman Boettger (1)	Coleman Boettger (2)
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Position 3	Mike Latta (2)	Mike Latta (1)
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Position 4	Curt Scott (1)	Curt Scott (2)
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<b>Newsletter (non-elected)</b>	Robyn Mahoney	Robyn Mahoney
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**CORRECTION:** The February 2016 Newsletter, Page 4, Christmas Party Write-Up, should read:

**...THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING GENEROSITY WHETHER DONATING AN ITEM OR BIDDING. YOU ALL MADE THIS NIGHT UNFORGETTABLE AND THE PROCEEDS WILL HELP FUTURE AVIATORS!**



**Subject: ACTUAL FOOTAGE OF LAST BOMB RUN OVER JAPAN**

When you have time to look at history....36 minute clip.....

I urge you to take the time to watch this authentic live footage (fairly long clip of this conventional air assault on the Japanese mainland, just before A-Bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima ! Absolutely fantastic footage of some the members of what WE consider to be THE GREATEST GENERATION!!! Riveting, to say the least.

To think of 600 B-29s all taking off to bomb Japan at one time is beyond my imagination. We hear so much about the Atom Bomb raids on Japanese cities that we forget these raids took place before that..... at least I do.

This is video from the color film archives so is of rather poor quality.... especially at full screen. The narration (audio) isn't too bad.

This is spectacular live footage of the 3,000 round trip mile air assault upon the Japanese mainland, with 3 bomber wings and a host of P-51's. This is the real way to end a war.

No matter what war footage you ever saw before, this is the real deal and will keep your undivided attention. The P-51 & B29 footage is remarkable. The strafing runs by the P-51 pilots were incredible .

There are several "breaks" as the film canisters are changed, just wait for the count down

(View Full Screen/Sound On) B-29/P-51 Actual WWII Footage :

Click below

<http://www.archive.org/details/TheLastBomb1945>



The Green River Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association is excited to announce a new program for 2017. We have decided to use a small portion of the funds raised during our many activities to gift a one year membership in the WPA and GRC to 15 lucky people.

To be eligible for the membership applicants must:

Be a student pilot or a student enrolled full time in an aviation program at a higher education institution.

Live within the Green River Chapter territory (Roughly the Renton - Kent - Auburn - Maple Valley - Puyallup - Tacoma area.)

Commit to becoming an engaged WPA member by participating in Green River Chapter events such as attending meetings, helping with Ranger Creek airport Spring cleanup and with our Chapter pancake breakfasts that raise funds for programs like this.

Along with the benefits that come with WPA membership, the members of the Green River Chapter offer enjoyable, vibrant meetings and a wealth of knowledge as you navigate through the challenges of learning to fly. Let us help you achieve your goals!

Email [wpagrc@gmail.com](mailto:wpagrc@gmail.com) to express your interest in scoring one of the memberships.

[www.wpaflys.org](http://www.wpaflys.org)

<http://www.wpaflys.org/Chapters/GreenRiver/GreenRiver.htm>



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2016

Quality Inn

Pacific, Washington

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Dave Lawrence. The flag ceremony was conducted by Boy Scout Troop 401's Color Guard to open the meeting.

### Board MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Lawrence - President  
Dick Migas – Vice President  
John Smutny – Treasurer  
Mike Latta - Director  
Curt Scott - Director  
Linda Latta - Secretary  
Tom Jensen – Sr. Board Advisor

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from previous held general meeting were published in the newsletter and were approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny

Treasurer's report is as published in newsletter. It was reported that there are currently 809 WPA members, out of 20,000 licensed pilots in the state. Recruitment of new members is vital to the organization. If you are interested in recruiting friends, John can provide a list of current members of the Green River Chapter so you will know who has already joined.

### Introduction of New Members and Guests

Dave Lawrence introduced two new members, Rick and Patty Cantois. A group of Green Tail Aviators from Green River College were also welcomed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Ranger Creek Discussion:** Tom Jensen shared information about Ranger Creek, a mountain airstrip saved by WPA members. Ranger Creek needs airport layout plans because it does not currently meet FAA standards. WSDOT is working to improve Ranger Creek. 6 WPA members met with State and Forest Service representatives to draft a new airport

layout plan. There will be consideration for improving airplane parking and camping. Draft plans will be posted on WSDOT webpage. Feedback is needed.

Al Banholzer shared that trees at the south end of the runway are a safety issue being looked at by the Forest Service. Additionally, a turn-around is needed at the south end of the runway. Space where current tie downs are located needs leveling with space for at least four airplane tie downs. A number of trees need trimming and the parking area need to be moved back from the runway. Al asked for members to call him to share other issues they would like to see addressed in the new airport layout plan.

2. **Scholarship Awards:** There was a discussion of the awarding of scholarships. Scholarships are presented annually to educational institution approved by the board. The educational institution then suggests the names of recipients of the awards. Awards are based on good scholarship and citizenship. Awards are presented annually in January.
  
3. **Auburn Airport:** Dave shared that he had received calls of concern related to Auburn Airport operations, specifically regarding potential conflicts between fixed wing and helicopter operations. Helicopter operations are dominating use of space around gas pumps. Members were asked to keep an eye on use of space around the pumps and to report any issues to Casey Maiorca.

Mark Babcock, a Green River WPA member, is Chairman of the Board of Auburn Airport. He provided an update that all hangars and office space is currently rented. There has been discussion of extending the runway in 2018. A 5 year master plan needs to be developed prior to funding of this project. There are four meetings currently being scheduled annually to work on the master plan for the airport.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Potential User Fees:** Tom Jensen shared that on June 15, Representative Bill Shuster introduced an FAA re-authorization bill calling for privatization of the air traffic control system which would be funded by user fees. Tom suggested members should call their representative to make their voice heard against the plan for user fees.

**PROGRAM:** Mike Latta and Jeff Poschwatta presented a slide show detailing their journey in Interstate Cadets to the Oshkosh AirVenture in July. Additionally, Mike shared pictures and information about airplane camping in the Idaho backcountry.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**WPA Christmas Party and Auction: December 8, 2016, 6:00pm at Oddfellows, Auburn, WA**

**ADJOURNEMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm by President Dave Lawrence.

Respectfully Submitted by;

*Linda Latta,*

Secretary





**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 2, 2016**  
**Home of Dave and Brenda Lawrence – Auburn, Washington**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Dave Lawrence.

**MEMBERS:**

Dave Lawrence - President  
Shane Mahoney - Past President  
Dick Migas – Vice President  
John Smutny – Treasurer  
Mike Latta - Director  
Michael Seaphon – Director (absent)  
Linda Latta - Secretary  
Curt Scott - Director (absent)  
Coleman Boettger Director (absent)  
Robyn Mahoney – Newsletter Coordinator

Guests:  
Bill Campbell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from previous meeting will be distributed and approved via newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny**

Deferred

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**None discussed**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **WPA Christmas Party Planning:** The entire meeting was dedicated to discussing and planning the upcoming WPA Christmas Party.
  - A. **Guest Bill Campbell** was invited by Dave Lawrence. He is a former pilot for Alaska Airlines, friend of President Dave Lawrence, and a trained auctioneer. He is volunteering to be auctioneer at our upcoming Christmas Auction. His assistant will be April Brown.
  - B. **Discussion of Plans for Auction:** There was a lengthy discussion of what the group wanted for the auction and how much emphasis needed to be put on raising money. The board emphasized that we wanted to raise scholarship money, but wanted members to feel this was a celebration and not just an event to raise money. The proceeds of the auction as usual will go to the Youth Development Fund to support aviation scholarships.
  - C. **Format of Party:** The following format was agreed upon:
    - Meet and Greet Social Hour with Auction Items on Display**
    - Dinner**
    - Auction**
    - Live Music and Dancing**
    - Clean up and exit by 10 pm**
  - D. **Goal for Fundraising:** Set at \$3,000
  - E. **Needs for Evening:** Auctioneer will bring PA system. Spotters will let Leo know who purchases items. Leo will record and collect money. Auction of cakes and desserts will be last so that they may be enjoyed prior to dancing by tables that purchase them. Mike Latta will contact restaurants in Enumclaw for possible donations for auction. Dave Lawrence will contact Spencer's. Robyn and Linda will arrange for making centerpieces for tables.
  - F. **Advertisement:** Newsletter with flyers will be posted in area airports etc. and will be e mailed to membership. Newsletter will be published by Nov 17.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Additional Christmas party final planning meeting to be held Nov 30. 7pm at Dave Lawrence's home.

**ADJOURNEMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm by President Dave Lawrence.

Respectfully Submitted by;

*Linda Latta*

Secretary

# Washington Pilots Association

## MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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### 2016 Green River Chapter Board of Directors



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Newsletter Editor



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Director



Curt Scott, Director



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