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June 2017

WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER



2nd Annual
Fly-In
Co-hosted
Picnic Potluck with
PSAAC

JUNE 24TH
11AM
(Music TBD)

*Greetings WPA Green River
Chapter and PSAAC Members!*

You are cordially invited to join us for our co-hosted picnic. This fun social event brings our members and airplanes together at the start of the flying season, weather permitting. We will have steaks, chicken and hotdogs available (you cook your own). Bring a potluck dish to share and your appetite. We hope to see you there and look forward to sharing the day with you!

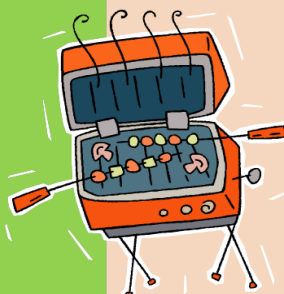
Regards,

*John Tomlinson
PSAAC President*

*Dave Lawrence
GRC-WPA President*

Located at Tom & Marian
Jensen's Hangar at
Evergreen Sky Ranch (51WA)
37303 208th Ave SE, Auburn

RSVP to Tom Jensen at
c180tom@skynetbb.com



President's Message...



Day after day of continuous rain has the potential to dampen a person's spirit. I have to admit the weather this winter was getting to me. How much longer is it going to rain, and when will I be able to fly again? If that wasn't bad enough, animals started lining up two by two in front of my hangar. Then it dawned on me; there might be a bigger issue here. I tried to convince them that the hangar would not float, and they should move on and make other arrangements. Then one day it happened. The clouds parted, the sun shined through, the animals left, and the air was filled once again with the glorious sound of aircraft engines.



According to Steve Pool the worst is behind us, and we can look forward to a great summer, and lots of opportunities for flying. We need to make up for lost flying, so let's get out there and put some space between the ground and us. Our joint fly in picnic with PSAAC is a perfect opportunity to do just that. This year the picnic will take place on the 24th of June at Jensen's Hangar. For additional information please review the newsletter for all the details. This picnic has been a tradition of PSAACers for years, and this year will be our second annual Fly-in Co-hosted Picnic. With that said, we would request that the gathering be limited to members and their guests. Great people, awesome airplanes, good food, it doesn't get any better than that. I look forward to seeing you there; it will be a lot of fun!



If you are looking for a destination where you can share your passion for flying with like-minded people, please log on to the Washington Pilots Association web site at www.wpaflys.org click the drop down menu "calendar" for a list of upcoming events. I know there is something there for everyone. Also, on the weekend of June 11 and 12, there is an Inauguration of Madras' new grass runway that you should try to attend! See flyer on page 11 of this Newsletter for more info.

Summer is always a very busy time of year so we will not have a regular meeting in June or August. However, there will be a second Pancake Breakfast at the Auburn Airport on Saturday, August 12th. Our next General Meeting will be in October with our last meeting in December closing out the year with a bang at our Annual Christmas Party & Auction! This year it will be held at the Auburn Golf Course. Refer to the chapter calendar on page 4 for more information.

Thank you again for supporting the Washington Pilots Association. Your membership is extremely important in maintaining our right to fly, and ensuring that our airports remain open and accessible.

Fly safe, Fly often,

Dave

David Lawrence, President
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*John Smutny's
Treasurer's Report
May 24, 2017*

	Date	03/16/2017	5/24/2017
Savings Account Balance (Aviation Scholarship and Development Fund)		2,014.00	8,681.00
Checking Account— Operating Funds		8,525.00	2,521.00
Due from State WPA for Dues paid by credit card		0.00	0.00
Due to State WPA for Dues paid to Chapter		0.00	-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 \$	10,539.00	11,146.00
Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund, held by State WPA for distribution by the Green River Chapter		8,137.00	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!

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
- July 19 at 7pm Board of Director's Meeting at Lawrence's home
- August 12 Pancake Breakfast during AuburnFest at Auburn Airport 8-11 am see flyer for more info. ****NO AUGUST MEETING****
- Sept. 27 at 7pm Board of Director's Meeting at Lawrence's home
- October 20 at 6pm General Meeting
- December 9 at 6pm Christmas Party & Auction at Auburn Golf Course

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

Our Pancake Breakfast Results...Notwithstanding the inclement cold,

weather, we had a really nice turn out of members, Green River College Students and even a few members from the Paine & Bremerton Chapter flew in! The Green Tails, headed up by Professor Coleman Boettger, washed five airplanes, a **huge THANK YOU** to those that flew-in supporting the plane



wash! The hotcakes were professionally flipped by our very own Grill Master Dick Migas, followed by delicious turkey sausages grilled to perfection by President Lawrence! Thanks to the rest of the gang of volunteers including, Linda Latta for greeting each customer with a fresh cup of coffee and showing them the tip jar, Shane Mahoney for his incredible organization of supplies and set-up, and our very own "donut man" Leo Dondlinger for bringing his mixing tool along with towing the trailer filled with tables & chairs, thanks to Flynn's for borrowing them, Tom & Marian Jensen for the superb hash browned potatoes, and lastly, Mark Babcock for always showing up early for set-up and staying after for clean-up. Without all of you, this little Saturday airport pancake

breakfast fundraiser would not run as smooth! Oh yeah, I might as well as put in my two cents in, I helped too! Thanks to all of you who came out, we truly appreciate your donations!!!

See you on August 12th for the next one!!!



RANGER CREEK CLEAN-UP

Submitted by: Terri Danz, Troop 401 Committee Chair
& Member-Green River Chapter/Washington Pilots Association

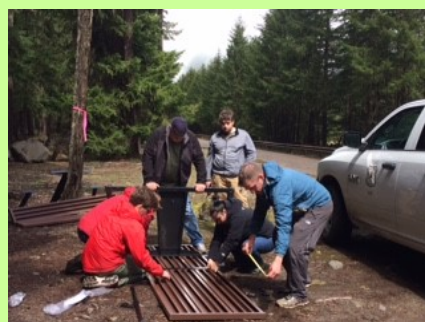
For the fourth year in a row, Boy Scout Troop 401 of Auburn joined the Green River Chapter of Washington Pilots Association to clean up Ranger Creek State Airport on May 13th.



The pilots' association chapter adopted Ranger Creek Airport many years ago and gathers to clean it up and make it ready for seasonal use on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend every year. Troop 401 joined the effort in 2014 as part of their community service, and enjoys working with the pilots and seeing their air-planes up close.



This year, sixteen members of Troop 401 joined 22 members of the pilots' association. Participants cleaned up the runway, windsock and camping areas, and put together six new picnic tables for airport/park users to enjoy.



RANGER CREEK

By: Al Banholzer

There was a big surprise when we arrived for our annual Work Party this year! Ranger Creek was totally white! It had snowed in the early morning hours. In all the years we have been opening "our airport", this was the first time we had snow this late in the year. Thankfully, by about 11:00 the snow had melted. Even with all the bad weather this year we had 38 people show up to help out and two airplanes made it in late morning. Again this year we had members of Boy Scout Troop 401 from Auburn helping in our clean-up.



Including travel time we provided 249 hours of our time helping the State Aviation Division and USFS support the Ranger Creek area. Paul Wolf, State Airport Manager, outlined and directed the projects accomplished. This year we checked and cleaned the usual elk do-do off the runway. Two new Wind Socks were installed. Small saplings were pulled out along the sides of the runway. One new airport warning sign installed. Marv Olsen helped the Boy Scouts and two USFS workers assemble five new metal tables and installed them in the West side camping area. A general clean up of the runway and USFS camping areas produced two large bags of trash that we carried out.



With the weather being rather cool we would have run out of the normal amount of coffee consumed if it was not for Green River Chapter of the WPA's industrial size electric coffee pot. The Mahoney's, Danz's and Olsen's camped out in the area the night before the Work Party. It was wonderful using power from their RV's generators. The weather however did not slow down the amount of muffins, Ranger Creek Chili, corn-bread, and cookies everyone enjoyed. The large Chili pot was again empty by the end of lunch time.

We accomplished what had to be done in order to open "Our Airport". Everyone seemed to have had a good time even considering the weather. Once again we had a successful work party and Ranger Creek is open to all for the summer flying season.

Use it, enjoy the area, and fly-safe!

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to **TOM & MARIAN JENSEN**

for facilitating the information and photo credit on
page 6 & 7 of the April Newsletter! I truly appreciated your help!

Robyn Mahoney, Newsletter Coordinator



the Green River Chapter of the
Washington Pilots Association

invites you to attend a



Pancake *breakfast fly-in**

at the Auburn Airport (S50) in front of the 506 Bldg.

Saturday, August 12, 2017

8:00 am — 11:00 am



*PROFITS GO TO THE AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT FUND



SHOUT OUT to our new favorite restaurant, [Hawks Nest Bar & Grill](#) in Darrington located right across the street from the airport 152! A fun group of us flew up in 7 airplanes last month for brunch and found a "diamond in the rough"! We had excellent service, delicious breakfast and freshly brewed coffee. Our very own Mike Latta scored points with our waitress who insisted on getting



a picture of them together to post on Facebook! Thanks for joining us on this beautiful fly-out brunch; Mike Latta, Bonnie Altenburg, Tim Heneghan, Leone & John Tomlinson, friends of Curt, Patricia & Curt Scott with friends Dr. Chris Bruekner and Michelle Thivierge, Mike Werner, Theresa White, Shane & Robyn Mahoney (not shown are Rich & Carol Alldredge). On a side note, flying over devastating Oso reminded me of lives lost and to live life to its fullest!



Pilot Profile of Kent Johnson

I was born in 1941 in Fort Collins, Colorado. My family moved to Southern California where I was raised and went to school. After high school I went to Cheyenne, Wyoming to work construction. That summer I also learned to fly and soloed in a Cessna 140. From that time I knew I wanted to fly for the rest of my life!

I went to college studying Aeronautics and got a job with Aerojet Aviation Division where I got time in a company aircraft as the Lockheed Loadstar, Twin Beach, Martin 404 and B-26.



I joined the Navy Reserve in 1962 and after passing all the tests, I went to Navy Pilot Training and received my Navy Wings and assigned VF-174 at NAS Cecil Field, Florida flying the F-8 Fighter.

Then assigned to NAS Oceana, Virginia flying an F-8 and US2C. Did some O&R flight test on the F-9 and F-8 at NAS Norfolk. After 7 years of active duty I left the Navy, but continued with the Navy Reserve until retirement in 1996 with the rank of Navy Captain.

While there, I flew an A-4 at Nas Los Alamitos, California, F-8 & F-4 at Nas Miramar, California., NARU training officer flying a C1A at Nas Point Mugu, California. College flight recruiting in a T-34 in Point



Bought a "Basket Case" Stearman "all in parts Crop Duster" in 1978 and spent nearly 30 years in restoration with final fruition in 2007.

Mugu, CA. VP flying the P-3 at NAS Moffett, CA. VP maintenance officer SRU VP-69 at Point Mugu, CA. CO MB NAS Cubi Point, Philippines. Staff-AIR operations officer coastal defense command, at NS Jacksonville, FL. I was hired by Continental Airlines in April of 1968 and worked my way to Senior Flight Instructor Captain on the B-777. Ratings ATP Airplane Multi-Engine Land 727, 737, 747, 757, 767, 777, DC-9, DC-10, L188, LR Jet, and Commercial Privileges in Airplane single engine land and rotor craft helicopter. During Continental strike from 1985-87, I worked for Boeing as a flight instructor before returning to Continental to finish my career.



1948 North American Navion



F-8 Crusader Fighter Reunion at USS Midway, San Diego.

I had met my wife Karen, a flight attendant, while flying with Continental Airlines. My Mother was on the flight and went up to Karen and said she really had to go out with me, that I was a really nice guy, and no matter what rumors might have been, that I was not married! We married in 1971 and started a family right away and have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. In 1974, I bought a "basket case" of airplane parts, worked on it off and on, over the course of 30 years, then finally completed my Stearman after retirement in 2002. I flew the Stearman for several years, sold it in 2011, and

bought my current airplane a 1948 North American Navion and still enjoy flying it today!

RAF Fly- In Madras, Oregon

June 10-11, 2017. Madras Municipal Airport (S33). Madras, OR.

Mark your calendars; the RAF invites you to a special fly-In at Madras, Oregon (S33) to inaugurate the opening of its new grass runway.



Tailwheel pilots know it's safer to take off and land on grass runways and, therefore, especially appreciate the benefits of operating on a grass surface. But all aircraft are welcome. Tricycle or tailwheel, grass surfaces provide a great experience and more flying fun!

The event begins on the morning of Saturday, June 10 with the opening of the new runway. Opportunities for fly-outs to local backcountry airstrips will continue throughout the morning.

On Saturday afternoon the [Erickson Aircraft Collection](#) will present a special program for fly-in attendees on their restoration process. Their beautiful warbird collection will be on display, up close and personal. Saturday evening enjoy barbecue dinner kindly hosted by Rob and Tracy of [Berg Air](#).

Sunday morning you are invited on a fly-out to Sunrise Valley Ranch Lodge for a no-host breakfast. The Sunrise Valley Ranch airstrip, located in the Ochoco Mountains about 60 miles southeast of Madras, is the newest backcountry airstrip in Oregon, and was developed with RAF assistance. Owners Larry and Susan Fildes are excited to introduce pilots to their lodge and the activities offered.

Camping at S33 is available Friday, Saturday and Sunday adjacent to the FBO office, or under your wing adjacent to the new grass runway. RVs can also be accommodated.

For additional information contact Richard Mayes, rmayes@theraf.org or go to <http://theraf.org/civicrm/event/info?id=333>

Gear-Up Now for Summer Flying!



The WPA Online Store is CURRENTLY CLOSED. Be sure to visit the wpaflys.org website often to check for opening dates and new offerings. Apparel and caps are available with the Official WPA Logo—with or without your Chapter Personalization.

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. Questions—Please call Lynn at 360-709-0483.

Show your Chapter Pride!



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2017

Mike and Linda Latta's Hangar – Auburn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Dave Lawrence. The flag ceremony was conducted by a Boy Scout Troup 401 Color Guard to open the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Lawrence President
Shane Mahoney, Past President
John Smutny – Treasurer
Mike Latta - Director
Curt Scott - Director
Robyn Mahoney – Newsletter Coordinator
Linda Latta – Secretary

Guests: Boy Scout Troop 401 Color Guard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny

John reported on our successful Christmas Party Auction fundraising efforts for scholarship funds. Full Treasurer's report will be placed in Newsletter. The proceeds from the auction placed a total of \$9,159 into the scholarship fund. Three scholarships will be awarded in 2017 in the amount of \$1,000 each to Clover Park, Green River Aviation Program and Aviation High School.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections: The following officers were elected to the Board:

Dave Lawrence, President
Dick Migas, Vice President
Linda Latta, Secretary
John Smutny, Treasurer
Leo Dondlinger, Director

Mike Latta, Director
Robyn Mahoney, Newsletter
Curt Scott, Director
Coleman Boettger, Director

Upcoming Events:

Dave provided a calendar of upcoming events.

Feb 25 – WPA Annual Meeting at Aviation Conference in Puyallup

April 8, 9- Spring Fling Tulip Tour

Formal Program: Jerry Burr, from Sedro Wooley provided a presentation on the topic of Vortex Generators.

NEXT MEETING:

General Meeting: April 14, 2017 Location TBD

ADJOURNEMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted by;

Linda Latta

Secretary



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2017
Home of Dave and Brenda Lawrence – Auburn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Dave Lawrence.

MEMBERS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from previous meeting of January 24, 2017 were read and approved. Final copy to be sent to Robyn for Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny

John was unable to attend this meeting. Full Treasurer's report will be sent to Robyn for publication in Newsletter and will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership Renewals: Work on this is in progress. State sent out written reminders regarding membership renewal. There was a discussion as to whether or not we should phone those in our chapter who have not renewed. The membership list needs updating prior to making these calls, as some on the list have deceased or do not want to be called. Shane suggested that after list is updated we should call local chapter members to remind them to renew.

Flights Above The Pacific Northwest (FATPNW): Some premium membership members were given a one year free membership to WPA. It was suggested that these individuals need to be called and asked if they would like to renew their membership. Dave will get a membership list of FATPNW members so we can invite them to Chapter Meetings and check on their desire to continue membership.

Newsletter Content: Next newsletter will be sent out April 4. Articles and Presidents message need to be to Robyn by no later than April 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chelan WPA Meeting: As reported in our last general meeting, there is a new president of state wide WPA, George Steed. Dave will include a report on the local chapter's view of proceedings of this meeting in his president's message for the next Newsletter.

Awards Received by Chapter:

Al and Esther Banholzer received the Gerber Award for Excellence in Aviation Advancement presented by WSDOT. This award acknowledges their longstanding work focused on re-opening and maintaining Ranger Creek Airstrip. We will try to locate the photo of this award presentation for inclusion with an article about this award for the Newsletter.

Chapter Award: Dave also accepted a Gerber Award for the Green River WPA Chapter presented by WSDOT. The award recognized the chapters work in support of WSDOT Adopt an Airport Program (Ranger Creek) and for the chapter's efforts to unite pilots, volunteers, educators and support the next generation of aviators.

Pancake Breakfast: Shane will go by Auburn Airport tomorrow to try to finalize dates of the Pancake Breakfast.

Logo Wear: Members may now purchase logo wear on line at wpaflys.org

Social Event Recommendations: Tulip Festival Fly Out has been cancelled. There was a discussion of other possible social events. The date and plan for Annual Picnic with PSAAC was discussed. Dave will contact PSAAC to determine joint plans. Curt suggested potential dinner fly-outs on Wed during the summer to such destinations as Olympia. Curt will e mail Dave with additional recommendations. A fly out to Copalis beach for a clam dig was also discussed. Dave will talk to John about possible dates. Additionally a Fly Out to Concrete was discussed. Plan is to review the General Aviation Fly Out dates and join some of those events.

Next Meeting Location and Planning: Next General Meeting will be April 14, 2017 at Rainier Flight Service in Renton. The location does not charge, however, it is small and has small tables. Officers will need to bring extra chairs and tables and be prepared to set them up prior to the meeting if necessary. Parking is limited at this site. Catering will be by NY Deli. We will start with a plan for 50 attendees and update the catering numbers after the phone tree reminders and been completed. Speaker will be Doug Haughton from Fore Flight.

Dave will send out call list assignments - Leo, Mike, Shane, Dave and Curt will make calls.

ACTION ITEMS:

Review of Items for Newsletter:

- Presidents Message – to be sent to Robyn by Dave
- Description of Program and Speaker - Shane to get from Doug
- Announcement of new officers
- Pancake Breakfast Notice
- Pilot Profile
- Minutes of last meeting
- Calendar of events - April 9 – Tulip Fly out for Brunch
 - April 14 – General Meeting
 - May 13 – Ranger Creek
 - May 6 - Pancake Breakfast – tentative
 - June 9 – General Meeting – possible picnic

NEXT MEETING:

May 24, 2017 at 7 pm at Dave Lawrence's

ADJOURNEMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm by President Dave Lawrence.

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.



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