

En Route

October 2015



GREEN RIVER CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR OCTOBER!



Friday, October 9th at 6:00pm

Dinner - Meeting - Wings Program

Larry & Karma Kauffman's Hangar

Evergreen Sky Ranch (51WA)

36827 208th Ave SE, Auburn

Catering provided by NY Deli

Cost \$25 pp *BYOB ~ coffee & water provided*

Our Speaker: Bruce Booker is a Commercial Pilot with a handful of ratings, a Flight Instructor, and a mission pilot and flight and ground instructor in Washington State's air search and rescue program. He has been flying for 39 years, instructing for 36 years, and flying air search & rescue for 24 years. He spent a 37-year career in law enforcement, retiring as a Captain with the King County Sheriff's Office in Seattle. He spent 8 of those years as a Captain in the Special Operations Unit, where his responsibilities included the Search & Rescue Unit and the Air Support Unit.

Our Program: The presentation will explain the search and rescue (SAR) process. It will identify some things pilots can do to avoid the need for SAR and ways to facilitate their own successful rescue. Why do some pilots need Search & Rescue (SAR) and how can you avoid becoming one of them? What does SAR do and how do they do it? How can you help with your own rescue?

Be sure to sign the roster to receive WINGS credit with the FAA after the presentation.



Message from the President:

“Life is short;” I tell myself when buying something I can’t afford or doing something I don’t have time for, then comes the rationalization. I seem to go through this same process when deciding to fly. This time of year I reflect on the flying I have done and all the missed flying opportunities of the summer. I tell myself I will fly more next year. Does this sound familiar? If it does let’s work together on more flying next summer. We always seem to do better with the support of others. This may be one of the many reasons we belong to organizations like the WPA. We enjoy and sometimes need the support we get from each other. I wonder how I have supported others and how they have supported my flying this year. What have you done and what support have you enjoyed this year? I would be interested to hear your stories, feel free to send me an email and tell me how

the support of another WPA member affected your flying in the past.

Our Chapter did a few things together this summer but the most important thing we did was to fly. There is no greater example of our success in supporting aviation than flying. In doing so we support all aspects of the industry or hobby as some may view it. When you are not flying the story telling can become the important part of the equation. Tell people you encounter about your flying experiences in such a way that they see the need and joy of flying. Their opinions and voting tendencies are determined only by their knowledge. They won’t support something they know nothing about. You are the teacher when it comes to Washington aviation!

There are a number of things the WPA has accomplished over the past year. I won’t beat that drum too hard because you can read about them in the *WINGS* publications and at www.wpaflys.org. I will say that your membership is vitally important to these accomplishments. The number of members we have has been getting the attention of our political community from our cities to the state and even federal levels when AOPA grabs onto one of our stories. I would like to focus your attention on the friendships you have fostered as a member of our chapter. How often do you see your flying friends? I don’t see any of you when I am flying. Fuel pump conversations are rare and short. The best and most immersed aviation conversations take place at aviation meetings and events. I wish our Chapter meetings could last much longer, we are usually rushed to get through a dinner, a program, or exit a restaurant. Our next meeting will not be rushed. We have a nice dinner planned, a Wings program, and all the time we want to continue the conversations. All at a great venue! Members Larry and Karma Kauffman are hosting the October 9th meeting in their hangar with all the comforts of home. We also have a fun December meeting planned, you don’t want to miss it.

I ask; “How many more summers do you think you will be flying?” You answer; “God willing, I am hoping for (your number here) and I am sure a few of those will have major distractions. There are few things in life I enjoy like flying. So why wouldn’t I fly the wings off my airplane for so few summers? I know the realities, so I ask for your support and encouragement to help me get into the air. I will love it and thank you for the encouragement. It is all in the priorities I set...”

We are looking into a weekend trip next spring that will add another event you will enjoy. Get your ‘significant other’ ready for this. I know they will like it because it will be developed with them in mind. Your WPA membership enables many friendships and activities otherwise unknown to the best pilot.

Sincerely,

Shane Mahoney
President, GRC-WPA

shane@skynetbb.com



*John Smutny's
Treasurer's Report
September 29, 2015*

	<u>5/27/2015</u>	<u>9/29/2015</u>
Savings Account Balance	2,011.69	2,012.52
Checking Account - Operating funds	5,762.77	4,652.95
Checking Account - Aviation Scholarship and Development Fund	1,053.06	1,924.06
Due from State WPA for Dues paid by credit card	24.00	79.00
Due to State WPA for Dues paid to Chapter	0.00	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	0.00	0.00
<u>Due to Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$7,798.46	\$8,668.53
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*

CONGRATULATIONS TO **SCOTT BARNES** A GREEN RIVER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT WHO IS THIS FALL'S RECIPIENT OF
A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FROM OUR
CHAPTER!! WAY TO GO SCOTT!! THANK YOU TO
OUR MEMBERS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORTING FUTURE AVIATORS!!!





Zak Nyberg is the recipient of our \$1,000 scholarship provided to the Raisbeck Aviation High School last Spring! Please read Zak's "thank you" letter below:

9 June 2015

Mr. Shane Mahoney
Green River Chapter WPA
37031 208th Ave SE
Auburn, WA 98092

Dear Mr. Mahoney,

Thank you for the Green River Pilots Association Scholarship, I appreciate your generosity very much. I will use this scholarship to help fund my flight training at Green River Community College.

I plan to obtain my pilots license before I leave Green River. This will help me achieve my goal of flying conventional geared aircraft and eventually becoming a National Championship Air Racer in the future. When I transfer to a four year university such as San Jose State University or Western Washington University, I plan to major in business.

Thank you once again for your interest in Raisbeck Aviation High School and awarding me with such a generous scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zak Nyberg".

Zak Nyberg



Chapter elections are coming up next February 2016. If you are interested or know someone who you think might be interested, please contact any one of the Board Members.

This club doesn't run by itself!!

THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST WAS A HUGE SUCCESS DURING AUBURN DAYS AT THE AUBURN AIRPORT!!! A SHOUT OUT to several members who helped are Jim Matthews, Dick Migas, Mike & Linda Latta and friend Judy, Jim & Karen Flynn, Shane & Robyn Mahoney, the Civil Air Patrol, the Auburn Airport Staff and some we must be forgetting! We had about 120 hungry people attend and made good for our scholarship accounts!



A BIG thank you to all who attended and contributed!!

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU TO SEVERAL MEMBERS FOR HELPING



Karen handling the donations while Jim & Dick manage the grill and drink coffee!



This picture doesn't show it but there were about 12 airplanes that came out!



Jim & Dick slaving over the hot griddle!



We were fortunate to have the Civil Air Patrol help us out this year! They were tremendous help with set-up!



Thanks to Jim Matthews for trying to keep up with the coffee drinkers! He said he must have served up 250 cups of coffee!



All in all, it was a nice day albeit a bit cloudy, but still a lot of fun and camaraderie among fellow aviators and their families!



WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION

GREEN RIVER CHAPTER

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AUCTION

Costs ~ \$30

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Festivities will begin at 6:00 pm

Dinner served at 6:45 pm

Auction starts at 7:45 pm

Entertainment-to be announced

Located at the Rainier Room in the Truitt Building

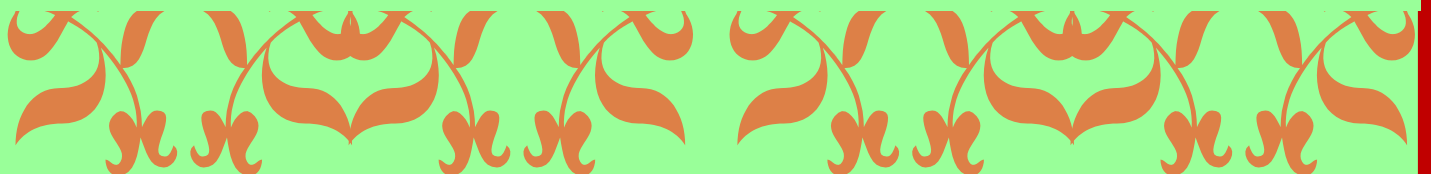
(Upstairs at Oddfellas - use entrance around back)

102 W Main Street, Auburn

WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS! Please gather your treasures, or offer up a service, or solicit donations for auction items! Get your artistic juices flowing and create a masterpiece to donate!

Tickets will be available at the October Meeting.

Be sure to "Save the Date".



Washington Pilots Association



**Green River Chapter
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 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.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Shane Mahoney President - present
Mike Werner – Vice President- present
Jim Flynn – Past President - absent
Linda Latta - Secretary - present
John Smutny – Treasurer- present
Mike Latta - Director -present
Brian Beaulac – Director – absent
Michael Sealfon – Director - present
Curt Scott - Director - present
Robyn Mahoney – Newsletter Coordinator- present
Tom Jensen – Sr. Board Advisor - present

Guests:

Jim Posner – WPA VP West
Ken Kellogg - Guest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting of April 1 were approved. They will be posted in a future newsletter. Members are asked to let Robyn or Linda know of any changes needed and corrections will be sent out with the minutes of this meeting if needed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Shane Mahoney

Shane Mahoney reported on the successful Pancake Breakfast and Airplane wash.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Linda Latta

There were no updates needed. No secretary’s report at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny

John Smutny provided the Treasurer's Report. There is \$5,762.77 in checking and \$2011.69 in savings. Payment has been made for scholarships awarded for 2015. \$340.00 profit was made on the most recent pancake breakfast at Auburn Airport. Full Treasurers report with balances will be posted in the Newsletter. Action Item: John to update on-line financial report and Robyn will add financial report to Newsletter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter publication: Robyn has material for a full issue. Plans are to publish Newsletter by June
Action Item: John S to write a paragraph summary of the Pancake Breakfast and Plane wash to include in Newsletter and get to Robyn by May 28.
Suggestion was also made to add congratulations to Bob Dempster for the first flight of his World Cruiser recently at the Arlington airport.
2. Second Pancake Breakfast during Auburn Days – Aug 15: Shane Mahoney will call a special planning meeting in mid-July to plan for the next pancake breakfast.
3. Airplane Wash: Green Tails will participate in another airplane wash on August 15. Action Item: Curt Scott to put event on Green Tails calendar and recruit Green Tails to participate in airplane wash. Curt to communicate to participating Green Tails that members will give them airplane rides following the plane wash as a further gesture of integration of Green Tails in WPA chapter activities.
4. Scholarship Awards: Senior Awards Night at Aviation High School scheduled for Monday June 8, 6-8 pm. Michael Sealfon volunteered to present the \$1000 award we have provided. Shane will send Michael needed contact information via e mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Next WPA Meeting Location:** Next meeting scheduled for June 12 at Mike and Linda Latta's hangar on Evergreen Sky Ranch. 6:00 Social Hour, 7:00 Dinner, and 8:00 Program. Peter Morton, Aviation Consultant will speak on UAVs. Help is needed late Friday afternoon for set up of tables and chairs. Drinking water will be needed and will be provided by Linda. All other food will be catered by New York Deli from Enumclaw. Robyn and Linda will meet with caterer to determine menu. Final price to be determined after menu is selected. There was discussion turning program in FAAST program. Action Item: Mike Werner to check with appropriate authorities to determine if this is possible. Shane to contact speaker to determine if he is willing to submit his content for FAAST program approval.
2. **Future Calendar:**
June 5 – Members are invited to Crest for Graduation party for Ben Littlefield at Littlefield's hangar.
June 7 - Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club Annual Picnic – Jon Holmberg's hangar at Evergreen Sky Ranch
June 8 – Graduation at Aviation High School
June 13 - Bomber Boogie Fly-In at Pasco, WA Airport - period dress encouraged
June 13 - Great Northwest Air Race – Ephrata, WA
Additional events in WPA Newsletter

3. Phone Tree Assignments: Action Item: Shane to send call instructions to those participating

Curt Scott - Patton – thru end of alphabet
Mike Werner - David thru Kauffman
Shane Mahoney – Latta thru Parker
Brian - Alldredge – Dan

4. Discussion led by Jim Posner, Westside VP of WPA:

Jim is in process of visiting all chapters to support chapters in their activities. He discussed his priorities for the organization, including a push to get all the 15,000 pilots in WA with an active medical to become members in WPA. He discussed the goals of WPA, including advocacy, education, outreach and social. He has written a white paper emphasizing the importance of increasing the membership numbers in order to have greater influence on legislation in Olympia. There was an animated discussion of what aspects of the WPA mission is the most appealing to current and future members. All agreed that meeting the needs of members is important to continue to recruit and retain members.

5. Next Meeting

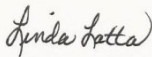
Date: June 12

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

Speaker: Peter Morton

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm by President Shane Mahoney.



Linda Latta, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

JIMMY & ROSALIND BALL

and BRUCE & JUDY BOOKER

Washington Pilots Association



Green River Chapter

General Meeting

June 12, 2015

**Mike and Linda Latta's Hangar, Evergreen Sky Ranch,
Auburn, Washington**

Call to Order:

7:55 pm by Shane Mahoney, Chapter President

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes as published in Newsletter were approved.

Treasurer and Secretary's Report:

No additional information. Reports published in the Newsletter.

New Member Introductions:

Dan Shoemaker, Chriss Cancro, Karen Mitchell, Karlheinz Schwab

Guests: Jim Posner (Westside WPA Vice President), Bertram Doney, Nick Doney, Mark Gaponoff, James Johnson, D Kunkel, Ed Miao, Jack Vanover, William Jackson, Bill Roberson, John Cirino – adjunct faculty Green River Aviation program, George Comollo - Department chair, Green River Aviation program

Announcements from members:

Tom Jensen reminded group of the fly-in at Pasco, WA, Saturday night June 13. The Bomber Boogie Fly-In has a WWII theme and those attending are encouraged to wear period costume. Tom will attend in 8th Army Aviator Uniform - see attached photo .

Tom Jensen provided update on House Bill 1526 related to Aviation Tax use. This bill is killed for this year; however, Jim Dent was able to get an amendment attached to WA Budget for this year that would direct all aviation excise taxes to aviation rather than into the general fund. For more information on status of this legislation, please see article in most recent WINGs Newsletter.

Andrea Chay, 99's Member, announced a planned Flying's Companion Seminar for this fall. More information will follow; however, the program will probably be October 3rd at the Renton Airport. Please contact Andrea for more information.

Jim Posner, West Side WPA VP encouraged members to check out the "Flights Above the Pacific Northwest" site on Facebook - known as FATPNW.

Curt Scott shared that a number of aviation organizations have formed the Washington Aviation Alliance and key leaders from these organizations are now members of the WA Aviation Alliance Board. The focus of this group is to continue to work toward fair treatment of aviation by the legislature. He noted that 1/3 of the economic base of the Puget Sound comes from aviation, and emphasized the importance of joining aviation organizations to en-

sure that aviation has a voice in Olympia.

New Business:

1. Newsletter

a. Shane Mahoney thanked Robyn for work on the Newsletter and asked members to notify him or Robyn of any issues or concerns related to the Newsletter.

He also encouraged members to look up other chapter activities on www.wpafllys.org.

2. Pancake Breakfast during Auburn Days

a. Pancake Breakfast and Airplane wash will be held again on August 15 at Auburn Airport.

3. Thank you to Ranger Creek Clean Up participants

a. Excellent turnout, weather and food

b. Special thanks to Al and Esther Banholzer for their organization of this event

c. Remember to sign in if you fly into Ranger Creek – utilization record of airport is important

4. Christmas Party

a. Shane asked for volunteers to help plan the Christmas Party for 2015. This is always a special event and anyone interested in helping plan it should call Shane.

5. Auburn Airport Open House

a. A special open house is planned for June 26 for Auburn Airport to communicate the master plan for that airport, particularly with relationship to business development. Please plan to attend if you are interested in learning more about business plans for the airport.

b. Since Green River Chapter of WPA has been more active with Auburn Airport and provided input about high fuel prices, please note that the Airport has responded and now has significantly reduced the price of fuel when paying with cash.

6. Wings Program

a. Wings Program Presentation by Peter Morton, Aviation Consultant

b. Topic: Unmanned Aircraft Systems, UAS

c. Presentation included updated information on rapidly advancing technology related to UAS, including fascinating video of applications of this technology and how it may be used in the future

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

Brief Chapter meeting will be held on Saturday August 15 at Pancake Breakfast at Auburn Airport.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Linda Latta

Linda Latta , Secretary

Washington Pilots Association



Green River Chapter BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES August 10, 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.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Shane Mahoney President - present
Mike Werner – Vice President- present
Jim Flynn – Past President - absent
Linda Latta - Secretary - present
John Smutny – Treasurer- present
Mike Latta - Director -present
Brian Beaulac – Director – present
Michael Sealfon – Director - absent
Curt Scott - Director - absent
Robyn Mahoney – Newsletter Coordinator- present
Tom Jensen – Sr. Board Advisor - absent

Guests:

Jim Matthews, Guest
Laurie Johnson - Guest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting of May 27 were approved. They will be posted in a future newsletter. Members are asked to let Robyn or Linda know of any changes needed and corrections will be sent out with the minutes of this meeting if needed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Shane Mahoney

Shane Mahoney reported there will be no membership meeting this Friday evening or at the Pancake Breakfast to be held at Auburn Airport this Saturday, August 15.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Linda Latta

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved. There was no other secretary's report at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Smutny

John Smutny provided the Treasurer's Report. There is \$5,753.45 in checking and \$2012.18 in savings. Website will be updated. No dollars have been received from the state WPA, with outstanding balance due to chapter of \$55.00. A donation of \$20.00 was received for the scholarship fund. Dues are due at the end of the year with the option of a 3 year payment.

GENERAL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Newsletter publication:** There is no content for a newsletter at this time, so none will be published in August. .
2. **Second Pancake Breakfast during Auburn Days – Aug 15:** Robyn will send e mail to membership indicating there is no meeting on Friday pm and a reminder about the pancake breakfast. Planning for Pancake breakfast: Menu will include pancakes, sausage, oranges, coffee and orange juice. Real Half and Half will be purchased for coffee. Mahoney's have supplies and equipment. Help is needed at 7 am to set up for start of breakfast at 8 am going until 11 am. Latta's, John Smutny and Laurie Johnson, Jim Flynn, Jim Matthews and Brian Beaulac agreed to come early to help set up.

Action Item: Shane to check on availability of restrooms for event

3. **Airplane Wash:** Shane has not had a return phone call to confirm if Green Tails will be doing an airplane wash.

Action Item: Shane will contact Green Tails to determine plan.

4. **Auburn Airport Advisory Board Participation:** No one was able to attend the last meeting. A commitment is needed for attendance at this meeting. Meeting is scheduled for third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 am. Next meeting is August 19.

Action Item: Shane and Brian will check with each other in the future to make sure one of them is attending.

Mike Latta presented his desire to request the Advisory Board approved discounted gasoline for Angel Flights. He discussed this idea with the airport manager who asked that he bring the request to the meeting on August 19.

Action Item: Mike Latta will attend with Shane Mahoney and take this request forward.

5. **Green Tail Integration:** No new information on this topic at this time.
6. **Scholarship Awards:** A thank you note was received from Zach Nyberg, Aviation High School senior, for his scholarship. No information is yet available regarding Green River scholarship designee.

Action Item: Copy of Zach's letter to be published in upcoming newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Next WPA Meeting Location/ Agenda:** Discussion was held about location of next general meeting. Consensus reached to have the next meeting at the Golden Steer if available. There is a desire to have a WINGS topic. One suggestion was Winter Flying.

Action Item: Mike Werner will report back to board members during breakfast this Saturday regarding ideas for future topics and speakers.

Action Item: Shane to check on availability of Golden Steer. Mike Latta's hangar will be held as a backup location for meeting, if needed.

2. **Phone Tree:** All members need to be called to remind them there is no meeting on Friday pm and request they come to the pancake breakfast. Also, each member will be asked if they can assist in serving for any part of the morning. If they are available, they are to call Shane.

Phone Tree Assignments:

Mike Latta - Alldredge through Ben Dale

Jim Matthews - member 31 through 63

John Smutny – member 64 through 95

Shane Mahoney – member 96 to end of list

Reminder not to call those in red on list who have requested no calls.

3. **Logo Clothing Options:** Laurie Johnson presented options regarding ordering new shirts, hats, etc. with club logo. She has a vendor willing to create custom orders with no minimum number to be ordered. Vendor would need correct file from WPA headquarters to create logo.

Action Item: Shane to check with state headquarters regarding version of logo approved for use. Laurie to get quotes for various items such as hats, shirts, polos, etc. Laurie will get samples and present options at next meeting.

4. **Christmas Party Planning:** Discussion was held regarding having the party on a Thursday night instead of the weekend to take advantage of more potential sites at a lower cost. Tentative date of December 10 was discussed. It was also suggested we might want to integrate other groups into party, including PSAC, WASAR, and Green Tails. A subgroup of board will continue to discuss Christmas party planning and bring ideas back to the board.

Next Meeting

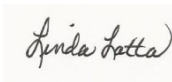
Date: October 9, 2015 at the Golden Steer.

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

Speaker: To Be Determined.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm by President Shane Mahoney



Linda Latta, Secretary

CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS



October 9 ~ General Meeting ~ 6 Social, 7 Meeting,
8 Wings program at ESR Kauffman's Hangar
(see first page of Newsletter for details)

December 17, Thursday ~ Annual Christmas Party and Auction (see
page 6 for details)

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

2015 Green River Chapter Board of Directors

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