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by John Dobson



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Please make your reservations for the Goodrich tour as soon as possible. Deadline is 7/29.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE August 15th

President's Message

Something for everyone! At the beginning of 2004 the PAE Board put together a smorgasbord of events, fly outs and trips. Not sure what to do with July we suggested some kind of tent revival and parts exchange. On July 9th we held a "swap meet". We used the inside grass-courtyard area next to Flight line Services. The Airport staff erected a tent on the ramp and we brought in an outside food vendor to cook burgers, polish sausage and serve potato salad for \$5.00 per person. I also snuck in a case or two of three-buck-chuck. Stephanie put up flyers about the APO. Mitch and Kevin did there part with the email and website.

Rain, wind and all, this turned out to be one of our better programs and definitely one that merits a second look. Other than marketing to our base membership and using the communication tools available we had no clue who or how many would attend. The net effect was members and nonmembers flew in, brought all kinds of stuff, bought over 60 meals and in general had a really great time.

On a personal and very gratifying note, the estate of Peter Jarvis, our member who passed on last month, brought most of his belongings from his hangar. (Thanks to Rebecca for helping the Jarvis family and to Rich and Stephanie for helping price everything). A good deal of Peters' belongings was sold and the funds given to his family.

I also enjoyed watching members sell to other members (at great prices) knowing that stuff they had been holding onto was going to a good home . . . and would get used.

This event has the potential of becoming a truly premier event at PAE. If we take the time and plan our marketing to include the other airports and surrounding WPA Chapters I believe that we could see well over 200 attendees. We might even consider a two day event. What I need is your input. If you have been to memorable swap meets let me know what you liked. For those of you who attended this one let me know what we could do better.

As we look to 2005 I think the "swap meet" is one worth keeping.

At the State WPA Board Meeting Kirk Kleinholz, State WPA Pres, advised that between now and the August meeting in Republic he wants each of the chapters to identify those issues most affecting General Aviation. Currently his short list includes the following:

1. NPRM for restricted area at Bangor

2. Proposed runway closure at The Dalles

3. Anacortes perimeter fence dispute.

At the same time Kirk is focusing his efforts on identifying all organizations,

individuals and political entities that have anything to do with General Aviation. This is all part of a strategy to become politically connected. Anyone with interest or suggestions is asked to contact Kirk or myself. It is time the WPA takes our political action to the next level.

Flyouts and "Hangar Flying"

by Rebecca Lohman

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Is everyone busy? Yes, but we must find time to fly! I hope you have been enjoying your summer so far. Some

weekends there are just too many things happening all at once. A number of our group are off to the "big fly-out", Oshkosh. This year I have to miss this outstanding event. If you have never gone I do recommend that you do whatever it takes to get there. While flying in a GA plane is the best, well, the most fun, I have flown commercial and the EAA is so organized that ground transportation from several local airports to Oshkosh it not a problem. If camping is not your thing housing is available.

We have a number of up coming events in August. The fly-out to Republic is something I hope you have on your calendar, the last part of August. It is a weekend event, or you can make it a one day trip, but you will miss out on the fun. There is a camping area nearby, as well as local motels, but you need to make your reservations as a large group from all over is expected. Upcoming is the Blackberry Festival, on the Bremerton waterfront. Once again, a free shuttle from the airport is provided, so no excuse for not going!! As I write this I do not have the dates handy, but I will provide that info at the August meeting, and you can check our web site calendar.

Also in August is the Diamond Point fly-in, as well as the Abbottsford International Air Show, Abbottsford, BC. I have gone to this for many years, by air and car, it's a great show, more flying that you want to see, makes for a really long day, but for those of us, OK, me, that have a love of military aircraft, this is the one to go to. If there is interest we could car pool—get a carload rate to enter.

One last thing, if you missed the fly-out to Jackpot, you missed a great time. Next year I hope that you will plan to join us. It was fun to just relax without a set schedule for every moment. Many of us gathered poolside, a number took advantage of the golfing that was available, and some tried their hand at the tables.

As always, you do not have to be a number of WPA, nor a pilot, nor own a plane, to join us Most Saturday mornings, 10:00 am, at Regal Air, Paine Field, and fly-out for breakfast or lunch. It is very spontaneous as to our destination. As a courtesy, if you fly with someone, please consider a "thank you" for your flight by helping with the cost of fuel. If you think auto gas is high, check aviation fuel!

I hope to see you Saturday mornings! (I am still subject to some Saturday overtime—not willingly I might add). Come with a suggestion of a place you would like to go!!

Fly Safely,

Steele-Away

Larry and Leanne Steele would like to invite you up to the "Steele-away" on Lake Cavanaugh for a day of Fun in the Sun, Sunday August 22. We will provide the Burgers and the Dogs if you 'd please bring an Appetizer, a Salad or a Dessert. If you have Floats Fly on in if not call and I'll mail or fax you a map. Home 425-481-0278 Lake 360-422-6089.

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Jackpot Thank You

by George Luck

For over 10 years, Larry (and Leanne) Steele have been chairpersons for a fantastic flyout to Jackpot, Nevada!

This year, we again enjoyed the fun, sun, visiting by the pool, winning and gambling at Cactus Pete's, golf (and Jerry Miller's handling the golf "complex" betting finances), and the Saturday evening buffet party arranged by Larry and Leanne. It was a special event from June 24th to June 27th organized by a special couple to our Paine Field Chapter of WPA. WE THANK YOU AND SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR YEARS OF WORK for the JACKPOT FLYOUT WEEKEND!!

David and Linda Strand answered your call to volunteer to carry on your work as chairpersons for the Jackpot Flyout—and we are very grateful for their agreeing to "fly with this demanding flight plan"! Larry Williams and Vuonne have volunteered to ning and organizing the

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eekend.

THANK YOU AGAIN, LARRY and LEANNE!

See you all at next year's Jackpot Flyout!

Goodrich Tour

Goodrich is hosting a buffet dinner in recognition of the support we provided by displaying aircraft at their employee's event. RSVP is required to attend the dinner and tour. RSVP at our web site or 425-353-2110 ext 5700. We need first and last name and nationality of attendees. It is important, in respect to Goodrich, to get an accurate count of attendees. If you RSVP, and find you cannot attend, please cancel your reservation. RSVP

Jackpot 2004

In general, the Jackpot turnout what somewhat less than typical due to thunderstorms, rotten departure weather and schedule conflicts, but

everyone had a great time. The flyout included 9 aircraft (including one from Yakima) and 25-30 people. Several folks arrived Thursday and golfed on Friday morning. Saturday golf was displaced

due to a large tournament. The hotel outdid themselves again with a double suite for our Saturday night party and lots of great (and spicy!) hors d' vouerves. Later that night we had a great time when we commandeered a blackjack table as the WPA table and held it for no less than 3 solid hours. We were the loudest, laughingest group in the casino and turned one very morose dealer into a new man. Larry Steele, who did a great job as

must be made by July 29th. **No** cameras are allowed.

If you are flying in, aircraft parking is available at Goodrich by reservation.

- •1845-1900 Arrivals at Hangar 3 Main Entrance on the corner of 30th Ave SE and 112th, Parking anywhere except airline customer spots.
- •1900 Dinner and Dessert Buffet style Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Caeser Salad, Beverage, Dessert
- •1930 WPA meeting
- •2000 Program consisting of brief executive overview of Goodrich ATS followed by a facility tour to be led by Goodrich employees
- •2100 or earlier as applicable close and escorts out the door

always coordinating the event, announced at our party that he is retiring from that role after this year to focus on other personal & business



needs. Larry started unofficially coordinating the trip about 10 or 12 years ago and we all thank him for his efforts. But in looking around the crowd at the party, we successfully

tapped two new "volunteers". Dave Strand has agreed to coordinate the flyout next year, and Larry Williams has agreed to coordinate the golf event. The tradition lives on. Jim O'Connor told our group that the Jackpot flyout began in 1968 as a timed rally, in which prizes were awarded. Thirty six years- not bad for a WPA tradition.

Just thought you might want to know about the weekend.

Christmas Party

Please mark this year's Christmas Party date on your calendar now—Friday, December 3rd, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mill Creek Country Club, 15500 Country Club Drive, Mill Creek.

We have a social hour(pay-as-youbuy bar), four course dinner, aviation feature program/speaker, door prizes, 2004 awards presentations, and ending with social hour.

Nancy Rota will be taking your reservations this year, and this is one event that requires advance reservations and payment before Wednesday, November 24th. We will have reservation forms at the September Hanger Party, and in the September-October-November Newsletters as well as on the Web Site.

But NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

Ant questions at this time, please call Carolyn Luck at 425-337-2128.

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY August 6, 2004 Paine Field Goodrich – 7:00 p.m. <u>Reservations Required</u> see page 3 for details

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Aug 6th	Goodrich tour
Sept 10th	Hanger Party
Oct 1st	Flying in Alaska
Nov 5th	Year in Review
Dec 3rd	Christmas Party

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