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Next Newsletter deadline:  
April 19th  
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General Meetings  
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6:30 pm door opens  
7:00 dinner is served  
8:00 meeting  
& program

## President's Message by Les Smith

This excerpt from a March 9th email from Marjy Leggett says it well...

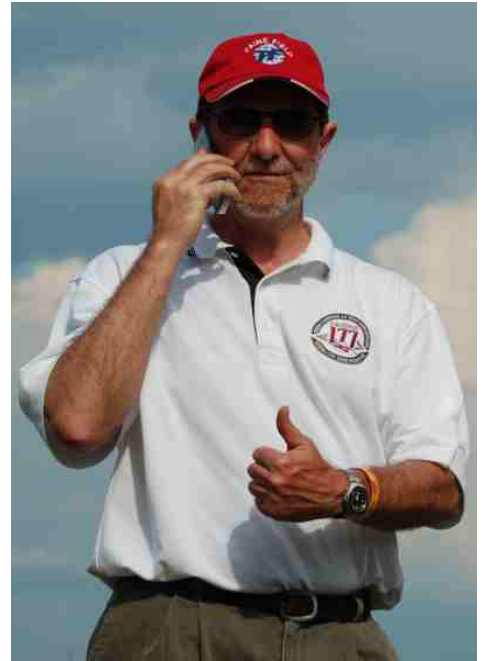
Congratulations! It's an airport!! After several years of studies and riding the ups and downs of the tides of opinions on the fate of Vista Field, today was the big vote. In a unanimous decision by the three port commissioners, they voted to keep the airport open!

March 9th was a meeting of the Kennewick Port Commission. It included public testimony, where thirty-six people spoke in favor of keeping the airport open and six wanted it closed. John Sibold of the WSDOT Aviation Division, Carol Moser chairman of the state Transportation Committee, and John Dobson of Washington Pilots Association were among the notable speakers in favor of keeping Vista Field open. They represented a clear majority of pilots and proponents among the estimated more than 150 in the room.

This is a powerful example of your WPA in action. When representatives from WPA provide testimony, legislators take notice, realizing the membership numbers they represent. That's why your membership is so important to our mission of Advocacy.

Elsewhere, WPA is leaning into the fight on the Olympia front, as the State Legislature weighs Excise Tax amendments that drastically change the tax burden on aircraft owners. This affects not only owners, but all aviation business in Washington, and hence renters as well. The aviation lobby in Olympia tells us they see results from the grass roots campaign that is telling our legislators that this is bad legislation. With special session called beginning March 15, this issue will likely be history by the time this newsletter hits your mailbox. Let's hope we can take a quick sweet breath of victory, knowing that our letters, faxes, and phone calls made a difference.

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## April Program Accidents and Tower Operations



Dave Wheeler will discuss the newest Take Off, Maneuvering, and Landing Accidents information from the FAAST Team. The FAA has a database of the accidents that happen, and always at the top of the list are Take off and Landing, and low level maneuvering. This presentation will look at several accidents in each category and then dissect them as to what may have happened with the underlying message that this could happen to you, and here is a few things to think about so it won't.

KPAE Tower – Tower Operations. Holly will discuss the latest events and “need to knows” from the KPAE Tower.

## May Program: John Rutter – “Engine Out at 5,000 Ft.”

While flying over the San Juans in his A36, with his partner and their kids on board, John lost all engine power and the cabin filled with smoke. Hear, and see, how he made an amazing off-field landing on Lopez Island.



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### WPA Maintenance Training Seminars



All seminars are 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. @ EVCC Paine Field, Bldg. C80

April 10th 2010- Cliff from Aircraft Magneto Services in to talk about Magneto's.

Notice: This is the last seminar of the season.

**Photos by Les Smith**



### 7 Aircraft squawking 2007 to KORS on Mar 6th

To see part of the flight filmed by Bill Gardner go to [aeronaut2.myfastmail.com/FlyingFormationFun/](http://aeronaut2.myfastmail.com/FlyingFormationFun/)

### Feb 27th Flyout to KPLU

Cont. from pg 1:

Closer to home, General Aviation Day is shaping up well. Planning is underway. More food appears to be in the works. Our friends at Historic Flight Foundation and Flying Heritage Collection plan to again add their magic to the event. Dave Waggoner and his staff at Paine Field are our strongest allies in pulling together this event. Let's hope we have another day of great weather this Saturday, May 15th. Remember, Marilyn Fries, our volunteer coordinator, has lots of volunteer opportunities available. With more volunteers, we can better distribute the work and duty cycles can be shorter. This is our Chapter's Signature event – be a part of it!

Finally, the weather seems to be amazingly cooperative to flying. Take some time for some “Spring Cleaning”. Get out there and clean up your flying skills after winter season. Hope to see you on a Saturday Flyout soon. Be safe out there!

# Saturday May 15th 2010

**GA Day 2010 is fast approaching!** This year it will be held on Saturday May 15th. It will be at the new location by Flying Heritage Collection as it was last year. With the participation of the FHC as well as John Sessions Historic Flight Foundation, we anticipate a very exciting event. Last year we had an estimated 5,000 people attend the event and if the weather is favorable, I would anticipate an even bigger turn out this year. Some of the highlights this year will be the introduction of the new Fire Station where an awesome food court will be set up and the HFF will be bringing a B-25!

**There is plenty of need for volunteers this year.** If you have an area that you would particularly like to be involved with, it would be wise to sign up early. Marilyn Fries is our volunteer coordinator this year and can be reached by her email which is [m\\_fries@hotmail.com](mailto:m_fries@hotmail.com).

**Have an Aircraft to display?** Jim Fries is taking sign ups for anyone who would like to put their plane in our static display collection. He can be reach by his email [jrfries@comcast.net](mailto:jrfries@comcast.net).

**Young Eagles Event by Harvey EAA Chapter.** This year we have a new Young Eagles coordinator. **If you would like to be a Young Eagles pilot,** contact Dan Thomas by his email [daniel.g.thomas@boeing.com](mailto:daniel.g.thomas@boeing.com). Hope to see you all there.

*Steve Waterman, 2010 GA Day chair*

**Activities:** Kids Tent, Flight Demonstrations. Meet Grumpy, the Historic Flight Foundations B25.

**NOTAM to West Ramp users,** gate S9 will not be available for access, please follow signs for the temporary West Ramp access. This will be from 6 am to 5 pm the day of the event.



**Food now in the new Fire Station:** Fire Fighter's Pancake Breakfast and Fun Run. The Taste comes back with more food. Kiwanis are expanding thier BBQ, Kettle Corn for the sweet popcorn lovers and more.



## The Washington Aviation Coalition Opposes House Bill 3176/ Senate Bill 6873

***“HB 3176 / SB 6873 - It’s not what you think it is...this Bill creates unintended consequences for small aviation business owners who support Washington’s aircraft fleet. These companies will lose jobs that support our state’s cherished aviation heritage.”***

***This tax will impact jobs! This tax will severely impact the financial viability of small aviation companies around the State, including:***

- ***Over 116 Service and Repair Shops, who provide 2,515 jobs***□
- ***75 Fixed Base Operators, who provide 1,850 jobs***□
- ***25 Flight Schools, operating 181 aircraft. The State has 3,146 certified Flight Instructors***

***20,440 certified pilots in the State depend on the services of many small business operators to ensure the aviation system in the State remains viable.***

***There are over 178,000 Aviation jobs that provide family wage careers in Washington State.***

***The industry has seen a 50% decrease in flight operations already due to the current recession. This proposed tax increase is exactly opposite of what the aviation industry needs to recover and will have an immediate and adverse affect on the small business owners in the State.***

***The Washington Aviation Coalition opposes HB 3176 / SB 6873 and instead, requests that the Legislature help nurture the aviation industry back to health, and grow aviation related jobs in Washington State. Thank you!***



***Member organizations of the Washington Aviation Coalition are:***

***Washington Pilots Association, San Juan Pilots Association, Washington Aviation Association, NW War Bird Chapters, Washington Search and Rescue Association, Washington Airport Management Association, Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association, Washington Seaplane Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Northwest Recreational Flying Association, National Business Aviation Association***

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***WASHINGTON AVIATION COALITION***  
***One Voice, One Message***

## Recreational Aviation Foundation gains traction throughout the US

Many Washington pilots stopped by the Recreational Aviation Foundation “campsite” booth at the recent Northwest Aviation conference in Puyallup, and learned something of the mission of the RAF.

For those who missed the event, the RAF is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to preserving, maintaining, promoting, and creating public recreational airstrips nationwide. To further this mission the RAF develops informational resources, fosters airstrip projects, and organizes member involvement in the RAF’s work preserving aviation’s access to private and public recreational lands.

In response to the threat of continuing airport closures, the RAF was formed in 2003 by several Montana pilots, but early on expanded its efforts to preserving and creating airstrips throughout the US. Currently with supporters in 37 states, it works in

cooperation with state pilot and aviation organizations and is establishing state chapters under the leadership of state liaisons to ensure the future of recreational aviation for generations to come.

Bob Kay has been named Washington State Liaison and is responsible for coordinating efforts between Washington pilots and the RAF. Bob is a veteran pilot with 13,500 hours in 35 different aircraft and keeps his airplane at Crest Field near Kent. Under the guidance of the RAF, both private and public lands with recreational potential will be explored for creation of public airstrips.

The RAF can claim a tangible success story in Ryan Field near West Glacier, just minutes from the entrance to Glacier Park. A land gift to the RAF included property and a turf airstrip. After considerable upgrades by RAF volunteers, the field is now open to the public as long as the pilot requests and receives a safety briefing by emailing the RAF directors listed on the RAF website, [www.theraf.org](http://www.theraf.org). Facilities include a rustic pilot shelter, tent area, vault toilet, above-ground local rock barbecue and horseshoe pits. A courtesy van is at the field and is available first come, first served.

On public land, the RAF was successful in creating a public backcountry airstrip on US Forest Service land in central Montana. The Russian Flat site was located, and the request for public aviation use was ushered through the Forest Service public lands use process. It is the first public airstrip on Forest Service lands east of the Rocky Mountain Front. In cooperation with the Montana Pilots Association, this process came to fruition and funds and volunteer help was coordinated during many work parties. Century Companies of Lewistown provided labor and equipment to prepare the site. AOPA president Craig Fuller visited the strip, and had this to say: “This airstrip is a wonderful example of how a local pilots organization like the Montana Pilots Association in conjunction with the Recreational Aviation Foundation can work to bring a facility like this to the public.” Work continues on the strip, and its opening will be announced once the native grass surface has grown adequately to sustain aviation use.

Donations to the Recreational Aviation Foundation are tax-deductible, and further information on accomplishments and goals are outlined on the website: [www.theraf.org](http://www.theraf.org)

*submitted by Carmine Mowbay, RAF Press Secretary*

Editor's note: After seen the photo above of the Bonanza, I was intrigued about RAF and requested this article. Bob Kay the RAF Washington State Liaison email is [rkay9086@msn.com](mailto:rkay9086@msn.com)



### Ryan Field

Scott Newpower, Bonanza driver, of Billings who took honors for shortest landing at the Ryan Fly-In.



**AOPA visits Russian Flat**

### April 9th Program

Accident reviews and PAE Tower  
O'Donnells' Restaurant  
122 128th Street SE  
Everett, WA 98208

No host bar opens @6:30 pm, dinner @7, mtg & program @8

RSVP at [Wpa.painedinner@hotmail.com](mailto:Wpa.painedinner@hotmail.com) or call 425-388-5125 ext 6 required by April 6th \$15 per person

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## Calendar of Chapter Events

April 8th Board Meeting  
April 9th Maintenance Seminar  
April 9th General Meeting Accident reviews and PAE Tower

May 6th Board Meeting  
May 7th General Meeting Engine Out at 5,000 Feet.  
May 15th General Aviation Day

June 3rd Board Meeting  
June 5th General Meeting @ Sykomish, Work part & BBQ

July 8th Board Meeting  
July 10th (Sat.) Hangar Party at NWAC AWO

### Safety tip of the month:

Survival gear is not just for crashing in remote areas.

Accidents occur for many reasons, most prevalent is continued flight into IFR conditions. Two accidents a week in the US are from fuel starvation. How many have landed at an airport and were not comfortably equipped to spend the night and continued on in marginal weather only to find IFR conditions? How many were intimidated by their passengers to do the same? How many found that the fuel pumps were not working and continued on just to find that the winds were against them? Survival rule 101: be prepared to spend a night at an airport, whether in a hotel or in a pilot's lounge. Pack what it takes to do so and add something for your passengers to do the same.

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