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President's Message by Dave Wheeler

Hi all – Wow, here it is spring, and today at KPAE we had:

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With this weather, please be sure that if you go fly, you are not only current (3 take offs and landings in the past 90 days) but you are competent too. It never ceases to amaze me that someone that has not flown in six months will load up their family and go, as if it were the family station wagon. I doesn't matter if you fly a 150 or a PC12, ya just gotta stay competent. So if it has been a while since you have flown, grab your favorite Flight Instructor and go do some work. How long has it been since you have done some flight at... a minimum controllable airspeed? Maybe some good old power on stalls, combined with a right turn? Steep turns continue to get us in trouble – practice some. 45° is ok, but why not go on up to 50° or 55°? Heck, it might even get you some WINGS credit. It is even easier to get it signed off now.

OK enough preaching. GA Day is quickly approaching, so do you have your hat in the ring to help out? We need everyone's help and it's a fun day, so volunteer – today! There are lots of spaces for static displays too. Every one of us that owns an airplane thinks that it is the best on the planet so get it over to GA Day and show it off. That is if you are not flying Young Eagles. Hint – Hint.

Did you go out to Skykomish last year and help out? Fun wasn't it? We are trying to organize that outing again this year. Last year we got to the airport around 11:00, broke for lunch around 3ish, and knocked off at around 6:00. Had a great dinner, a walking tour of Skykomish, then back to the airport for fun around the campfire. Next morning we had a great breakfast, chatted a while, and headed for home around noon. If you have a bit of extra time give me a call or email and we'll get you hooked up with Les Smith to get you steered in the right direction. Les did it last year but has too much going on this year to honcho, so we need a new head honcho, but, he will give you the help you need to get it together. Typically, this would be the first Saturday in June, but if you are in charge, we can do the cleanup whenever you want to do it. Even if you prefer not to be the head honcho, join us for light work and great fun together.

We have some fun lined up for the May WPA meeting as well, so we'll see you there. Remember, we're back at Le Bistro for May and June. Our new program committee is lining up a great program for June too.



May 6th General Meeting and Program

It has been remarked several times, and even in the talk of a roster, that lots of us don't know each other. Yes, we see each other at meetings, events like GA day and the Christmas party, but we really don't know much about each other.

With that in mind, we thought a get-to-know-you night would be just the ticket to at least partially remedy this shortcoming.

Here's how it will work.

After dinner and dessert, we'll start. As you will notice, there will be a numbered "tent" at your table. Each person at each table will give a 45 – 60 second talk about themselves. Tell your name - what you do (for work or what you invest your time in) – what you fly – and an interesting fact about you – etc. At the end of the last person (assuming 10 to a table) we'll number off 1 through 10, starting with the person that went first with the talks. Your number is your new table number, so get up and go to "your table" number, and start over. So at the end, you will have met many new folks, and actually, maybe, at the next meeting be able to say "Hi there (insert name here) how's it going?"

The Everett Chamber of Commerce uses this technique for businesses to become knowledgeable about one another so why not steal their idea?



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General Aviation Day May 21st 2011

To volunteer, contact your Volunteer Organizer Frank Hummel at 206-499-9384 frankh909@gmail.com

To display your aircraft, contact your Display Aircraft Chairman Shane Morgan at 425-328-8054 shanedd@softhome.net

If you are an EAA member and want to fly Young Eagles or help with the Young Eagles office, contact the EAA Young Eagle Coordinator Dan Thomas at dancolleenthomas@juno.com

CALLING ALL GADAY VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

GA Day is THE BIG EVENT for all of our members to step up and show the public our love of flight .Many people have never seen a plane up close and are very curious as to what we all do when we get into a plane and climb into the sky. This is our opportunity to show them what it is we do. By taking the mystery out of flight and showing them our passion, I believe we can open the doors to the possibility of learning how to fly! You only have to think back to how it all started for yourself! VOLUNTEER for GA Day and ignite that passion in others. Show them your joy! Sign up now!

All volunteers are invited to a **PIZZA PARTY** at the Museum of Flight Restoration Center at Paine on Thursday May 19th at 6:00 pm. There you will receive a custom GA Day event shirt and be given the details of your participation in the next day's events. It will be fun and it is a great time to meet your fellow members. Besides, it is free!!! **YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS PARTY BY MAY 5th** so we can plan on food. Sign up at **Steve@SteveWaterman.com**.

Also there is a **FABULOUS POST GA DAY PARTY!!!!!!** for all adult volunteers at Paine Field, location to be announced, starting at 5:30 p.m. after GA Day closure. The event will include music, great food, your favorite beverage. (lotion may be needed for all those sunburns). Again, **SIGN UP BY MAY 5th** so we can provide food for all those attending! Please contact Karen at kgimse@aol.com to make your reservation.

I am looking forward to seeing you at all the events and thank you for helping to make this the best GA DAY ever!!!!!! Remember, PEOPLE MAKE THE EVENT, planes are second.

Cheers. John Stieber, GA Day Chair

That's right. General Aviation Day is coming soon. This will be our 16th year. By partnering with Flying Heritage Collection and Historic Flight Foundation and their joint Fly Day event, our attendance grew to 8,000 last year. With a good weather day, we can reasonably expect 10,000 attendees.

With that many attendees, your help is needed more than ever. We need volunteers to assist in many aspects of the event, including:

- WPA Tent
- Parking, Visitor Vehicles
- Parking/Ramp, Aircraft
- Vendor Setup & Teardown assistance
- Young Eagle Ground Support

To volunteer, contact our GA Day Volunteer Coordinator, Frank Hummel. Frank will match you up with a position. You can reach Frank at frankh909@gmail.com

Give back to the Chapter. Volunteer for GA Day!

WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION AND PAINE FIELD PRESENT
GENERAL AVIATION DAY

FREE YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS (KIDS 8-17) • STATIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY • CASCADE WARBIRDS
FLYING HERITAGE COLLECTION AND HISTORIC FLIGHT FOUNDATION FLY DAY AT NOON
50% OFF ADMISSION AT FHC • HISTORIC FLIGHT FOUNDATION OPEN HOUSE 2-5PM
FIRE FIGHTERS 5K AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST • MUSEUM OF FLIGHT RESTORATION CENTER
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SATURDAY, MAY 21
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
PAINE FIELD
FREE ADMISSION

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Aviation Academy Receives Donations by Kevin T. Kelly, Aviation Academy director

Jim Hannah, a WPA Anacortes chapter past president and member, passed away on February 15, 2011. Jim learned to fly when he was about 16 years old, and flying remained a passion throughout his life. He joined United Airlines in 1955 and often said he was the luckiest man alive to have worked in a job he would have paid to do. Jim worked as both a pilot and in management was Chief Pilot of the Seattle base for many years and ended his career flying routes to Hong Kong and Singapore as a DC-10 captain.

Jim wanted others to share in the passion for flight as well. Jim's daughter, Karen Huber, recently contacted me to inform us of Jim's wish to have donations made in his honor to the Aviation Academy program. Dave Wheeler and I had the pleasure of flying over to Anacortes to attend the chapter's general meeting on April 12, 2011. I presented an overview of the Aviation Academy program, and correlated our passion of sharing knowledge of aviation careers and flying opportunities with those expressed by Jim.

Anacortes chapter president Ken Davies, along with Karen Huber, took the opportunity to formally present donations made by Jim's family, friends, and fellow WPA members in the amount of \$910. It was an honor to meet Karen and learn more about Jim, and Dave and I had a great time meeting the members of the Anacortes chapter.

As agreed to at the April chapter board meeting, the donations made to the Aviation Academy program will be used to provide scholarships to underprivileged students so that they may have the opportunity to learn more about aviation.

For more information about Jim Hannah, please visit:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/skagitvalleyherald/obituary.aspx?n=james-graham-hannah&pid=148799722&fhid=6903>



Jim Hannah,



Answers to last months trivia questions

Question #11. Our presidential and vice-presidential candidates and their spouses are: John McCain, Cindy McCain, Sarah Palin, Todd Palin, Barack Obama, Michelle Obama and Joe Biden. We know that John McCain and Todd Palin are pilots. Who else is a licensed pilot?

In 1982, when she knew she would be doing a lot of flying with her husband and so she could overcome her fear of flying, Cindy McCain got her private pilot's license.



Question #12. Who was the first US president to get a pilot's license?

- A. JFK
- B. Ronald Regan
- C. John Travolta
- D. Dwight Eisenhower

Question #12. D. Dwight Eisenhower got his pilot's license in 1939.

Question #13. Today the event in Oshkosh is called EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. It has been in existence, though not by that name, since 1953. What cities have hosted this event?

- A. Oshkosh and Green Bay
- B. Oshkosh, Milwaukee and Beloit
- C. Oshkosh, Milwaukee and Rockford, Illinois

C. The EAA Convention as is was originally called, began in Milwaukee with 100 visitors. In 1959 the event became too big for the Milwaukee airfield and moved to Rockford, Illinois, where it stayed for 10 years. The event outgrew Rockford and was moved to Oshkosh where there are two long runways and lots of room for planes to park and room for tents for camping. This year they had 750,000 visitors and the EAA gathering has become one of the world's largest aviation events!

Question #14. Describe the inception of the FAA.

- A. In prehistoric times, three ape-like men hatched from dinosaur eggs and formed the FAA.
- B. The FAA was formed 50 years ago by a presidential decree.
- C. In the '60's, there were 5 guys who all had been turned down for a pilots license and vowed to get back at licensed pilots and formed the FAA.

B. The FAA was formed on August 23rd, 1958 by President Eisenhower signing the Federal Aviation Act creating the FAA.

Question #15. Why was the FAA created?

- A. The jetliners were coming.
- B. There were lots of midair collisions.
- C. Both A and B.
- D. Too many general aviation pilots had bad attitudes.

C. The advent of jetliners and too many midair collisions spawned the creation of the FAA.

Question #16. Relating to aviation - what is SLOP?

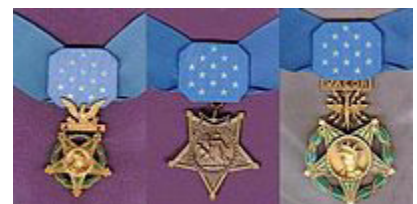
- A. What your wife fixes you for dinner when you get back very late from flying.
- B. What your instructor calls the last three bad landings that you made.
- C. An acronym for Strategic Lateral Offset Procedures.

C. With the advent of GPS and extremely accurate navigation, the odds of a midair collision, say over a VOR, or descending or climbing on an airway are very high. SLOP allows the pilot to offset his position by 1 NM. It is also used for wake turbulence avoidance from a preceding aircraft. SLOP does require ATC permission.

This month's Trivia Question

True or False:

Charles Lindbergh was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his trans-Atlantic flight.



"If the enemy is in range, so are you." Infantry Journal

"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed."

U.S. Air Force Manual

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."

- General MacArthur

"You, you, and you Panic. The rest of you, come with me."

- U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt.

"Tracers work both ways."

- U.S. Army Ordnance

"Five second fuses only last three seconds."

- Infantry Journal

"Any ship can be a minesweeper....Once."

"Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do."

- Unknown Marine Recruit

Clean it, if it's Dirty.

Oil it, if it Squeaks.

But: Don't Screw with it if it Works!

USAF Electronic Technician

"If you see a bomb technician running, keep up with him."

USAF - Ammo Troop

"Yea, Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death,
I Shall Fear No Evil.

For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing."

"You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3."

- Paul F. Crickmore (test pilot, SR-71)

A Navigator's Definition of Latitude & Longitude:

Latitude is Where We are Lost, &

Longitude is How Long We've been Lost There!

USAF Navi-guesser

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"If the wings are travelling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter — however, it's probably unsafe in any case"

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine air plane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."

"What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots?"

If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies;

If ATC screws up,.... The pilot dies."

The three most common expressions (or famous last words), in aviation are:

"Why is it doing that?"

"Where are we?"

and "Oh Sh..t!"

"Airspeed, altitude and brains.

Two out of three are needed to successfully complete the flight."

"Mankind has a perfect record in aviation.

We never left one up there!"

"Flying the air plane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground who is incapable of understanding or doing anything about it."

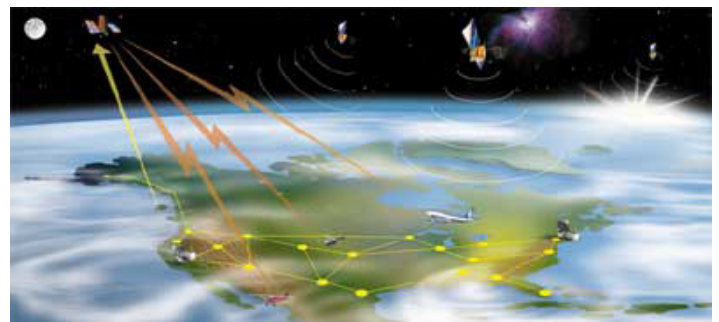
"The Piper Cub is the safest air plane in the world; it can just barely kill you."

- Attributed to Max Stanley (Northrop test pilot)

"There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime."

April Program Review

Bruce Williams from Bruce Air on the new WAAS GPS in IFR. Go to Bruceair.com (BruceAir.com, home to a (mostly) aviation-oriented website operated by Bruce Williams, a flight instructor, writer, and aviation consultant) for information provided during this presentation. The presentation qualified for WINGS credit.



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"Make Your Aviation New Year's Resolution," from the December 2010 issue of EAA Sport Aviation. Part 2 of 2



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FLY THE PLANE OF YOUR DREAMS. In our survey in the November issue, flying a P-51 topped the list of dream planes. Visit www.Stallions51.com or www.Incredible-Adventures.com to arrange your flight. Or what about flying a Tiger Moth, Stearman or Extra 300 we highlighted in the January issue.



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START A RESTORATION PROJECT. EAA President/CEO Rod Hightower spent seven years restoring his Stearman. Visit www.Barnstormers.com or check out the latest *Trade-A-Plane* to find a project that you'd enjoy. You, too, could bring a piece of aviation history back to life.

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MAKE THAT CAREER CHANGE TO YOUR DREAM AVIATION JOB. Stuck in a rut in your life? Aviation is one of those avocations that often becomes a vocation. Check out aviation jobs on www.Aerolabs.com now.

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GO PARAHAWKING. Fly a paraglider alongside trained birds of prey in the Himalayas of Nepal or the Pyrenees north of Barcelona, Spain. www.Parahawking.com.

ATTEND THE RENO AIR RACES. Going to Reno is surely on your aviation bucket list. Read all about Reno on page 40 of this issue and start making your plans for next September. Learn more at www.AirRace.org.

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GET AN INSTRUMENT RATING. This will make traveling in your own plane more reliable, and the skills you'll develop should make you a safer pilot.

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BECOME A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR. It's a great way of giving back to the aviation community or to build hours for higher ratings. We need more flight instructors because we need more pilots! Visit www.SportAviation.org for a link to the FAA's advisory circular that tells you how.

BUILD AND FLY A FREE-FLIGHT OR RADIO-CONTROLLED MODEL AIRPLANE. Model building is another great winter activity and a way to involve your family. The Academy of Model Aeronautics, www.ModelAircraft.org, can get you started. Review "The Ultimate Light Aircraft" in the August issue.

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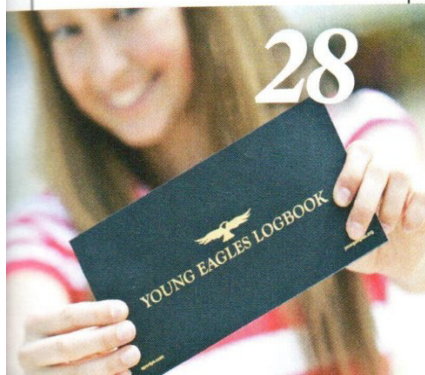
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VOLUNTEER AT AN AVIATION MUSEUM OR FLY-IN. Experience the camaraderie of the aviation community and learn more about aviation while meeting new people.



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READ AN AVIATION BOOK. Ernest Gann's *Fate Is the Hunter*, any of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's books, and Wolfgang Langewiesche's *Stick and Rudder* are all classics. Have you read them? It's a great winter aviation activity.



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TAKE SOMEONE WHO ISN'T A PILOT FLYING.

Set a goal to introduce a certain number of people to aviation. How about setting a goal of six? If each of the approximately 120,000 EAA members who are pilots flew six people next year, that would equal 720,000 new people introduced to flying. How cool would that be!

PARTICIPATE IN THE VALDEZ STOL CONTEST. Practice short takeoff and landing skills, and then put it to the test in Valdez, Alaska, on your schedule for the first Saturday of July. Read all about it in our July issue. Not ready to test yourself? It's another great vacation destination. Visit www.ValdezAlaska.org/events/flyin. **38**

TAKE A HOT AIR BALLOON. The silence and serenity of floating gently above fields at dawn or dusk is simply one of the most awe-inspiring experiences you can have. The Balloon Federation of America maintains a comprehensive site at www.BFA.net. **39**

FLY IN A FLIGHT SIMULATOR or buy a flight simulator program for your home computer. Yes, you can fly in airline simulators. Otherwise, desktop simulators are powerful tools both for entertainment and training. Visit www.VirtualAviation.org for links to a variety of simulators. **40**

41 **WRITE ABOUT YOUR AVIATION ADVENTURES.** Start a blog or create a website that highlights your flying activities. EAAer Bern Heimos documents his trips around the United States at www.VintageFlying.com. It's a popular site with pilots and non-fliers. You just might inspire someone else to become a pilot.



42 **WATCH A CLASSIC AVIATION MOVIE.** Weather too bad to fly? Settle back with an aviation film. Visit www.Aerofiles.com and click on "Films and TV" for an alphabetical listing of almost every aviation film ever made.

43 **VISIT OLD RHINEBECK AERODROME.** It's a magical place that takes you back in time to a World War I airfield, where the sky is filled with Fokkers, Sopwiths, and even earlier aircraft. Visit www.OldRhinebeck.org to get your trip planning started.

ATTEND AN FAA SAFETY SEMINAR—it's free, it increases your knowledge, and as you earn your Wings certificates, you may save money on your aircraft insurance. Learn more at www.FAAsafety.gov. **44**

45 **JUMP OUT OF A PERFECTLY GOOD AIRPLANE.** The world is full of jump schools. Grab your courage and check 'em out. You know you really want to!



46 **JOIN YOUR LOCAL EAA CHAPTER** (or start your own!). As EAA Founder Paul Poberezny often says, "Airplanes bring us together, but it's the people that keep coming back together." EAA chapters offer friendship, camaraderie, mentors, and just plain fun. Find a chapter or learn how to start one at www.EAA.org/chapters.

47 **TRY AIR RACING.** The Reno Air Racing Association holds a Pylon Racing Seminar each June; visit www.AirRace.org/PylonRacingSeminar.php. Not quite that adventurous? How about participating in the annual EAA AirVenture Cup Race? Visit www.AirVentureCup.com.

48 **FLY TO A NATIONAL OR STATE PARK.** Glacier Park International Airport and Grand Canyon National Park Airport will get you right there, but most national parks have airports nearby, as do many state parks. It's a great way to engage your family in aviation.

49 **TAKE A GROUND SCHOOL COURSE.** It's a great first step to earning your pilot certificate as you learn about the forces of flight (thrust, drag, lift, and gravity), airspace rules, navigation, and much more. It can be done in a class or on your own—online or by book.

50 **ATTEND EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2011.** It is The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration. Yes, we might be biased, but nowhere else will you see the variety of aircraft, attend more forums, or meet more aviation enthusiasts than at Oshkosh each summer. Mark your calendar for July 25-31, 2011, and start your planning now at www.AirVenture.org.

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9001 Airport Road
Everett, WA 98201

Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
Catered dinner \$13 at 7 P.M.,
Meeting & Program@ 7:45 PM

RSVP required for Dinner by May 2nd

Wpa.painedinner@hotmail.com or
call 425-388-5125 ext 6

May 6th

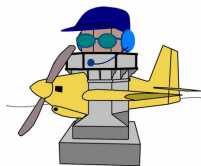
"Get-to-know-you Night"

Calendar of Chapter Events

May 5th Board Meeting

May 6th General
Meeting

May 21st General
Aviation Day



June 2nd Board Meeting

**FLY OVER THE SWIFTSURE SAILBOAT RACE
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**BBQ STYLE LUNCH AT SEKIU AIRPORT
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SATURDAY MAY 28th**

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