

WPA Membership Meeting 05-07-04.

Rebecca Lohman announced that there will be a Celebration of Howard Peterson's life on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at Howard's hanger in Central at 10:30AM.

Treasurer's report - Jim Davidson is finally caught up after tax season. If you have got a notice that you just got your last Wings letter, don't worry Jim is mailing a check to the State WPA that should fix this.

Aviation Academy will be graduating on Saturday, May 8, 2004. Please show up with your airplane at 9:30AM. If we can not fly then graduation will be postponed until GA Days on Saturday, May 22, 2004.

WINGS - We had a turn out of about 80 pilots for the WINGS program this year. We were blessed with great weather both days and we have received very positive comments on the program organization.

We had 6 people go to the Portland last weekend for Saturday fly out. Accommodations were very inexpensive (\$59.00) for those who decided to stay overnight. A good time was had by all.

GA Days is May 22, 2004 (only two weeks away). There will be an antique car drive in as well as the display aircraft. Russ is promising a sunny day for us. The CAP is helping with parking and security. The fire department is planning on doing some demonstrations for us. AT&T is letting us use their hanger again for the pancake breakfast.

The annual Skykomish work party is on June 5, 2004. There is quite a lot of work to be done this year. There are several large sink holes to be filled this year. This is probably due to the stumps that were in the fill when the military built the airport as an emergency strip. Chip would like to haul a truck load of top soil up there because there is none in the mountains. We need chain saws, weed eaters etc to clean up.

Jackpot - Larry Steel had some handouts for the weekend fly out to Jackpot Nevada this year. A block of rooms have been reserved from Thursday - Saturday night. Those who are interested in golf on Saturday should contact Larry Steele for reservations.

East Sound is now called the Orcas Airport and they would like us to use this name on the radio now.

Jim Smith said he is still researching the fly out to Victoria this year.

Chip Davidson reported that Washington State Legislation has ended for the year.

We have made a recent change in our newsletter in order to reduce the printing costs.

WPA meeting minutes are now on our web site rather than included in the newsletter.

Concrete fly in is next weekend. Saturday is the big day for this event but it does run the whole weekend.

John Shambaugh from the Washington State DOT, Aviation Division delivered a program on State airports along with the Washington State Land use overview.

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Jim Davidson reported that he finally caught up on membership. We have 180 paid members and another 60 members that we think will probably renew. This means that we will probably have 240 members on our roster this year. We are getting on top of the payments to the State WPA and the GA News. If you have received notice stating that you have received your last State WPA news letter be aware that Jim has sent checks to the State WPA very recently.

We debriefed on the Aviation Academy program this year. Kevin Kelly did a really great job of running the program in his first year. Dave Wagoner gave Kevin some ideas on how to continue to promote the great support we got from the military organizations. Kevin has some very good pictures of the classes this year. We will use them on our web site and as part of our "Year in Review program.

We debriefed on the WINGS program. We had a very successful program this year but we decided that we should have a planning meeting about five months prior to the event in order to review our program process issues.

Portland Flyout was a very good time for the six people who went this year. We plan on going up on Friday night next year. Dave and Kelly Vanhorn found us a great hotel for \$59 per night. There is lots of fun stuff to do in Downtown Portland and there is not enough time in a weekend to do it all.

We authorized Chip Davidson to spend \$250 on a truck to haul top soil up to the Skykomish airport. Chip advised us that there is a lot to do on the airport this year.

Russ gave us a briefing on the GA Days program. We will put out a request or pilots to fly Young Eagles. Jerry Sorensen is organizing this part of the program and it sounds like he might be a little short on pilots at this point. We will be having a car show as well as the airplane displays.

On June 28-30 Paine Field will be hosting a B17 and B24. These two aircraft will be available to give rides for those people who wish to schedule them. There will be a get together on Tuesday Night June 29th at the AT&T Hanger. All WPA members are invited. There will be a no-host bar. This will also be a kick-off celebration of the Flight Interpretive Center at Paine Field.

Dave Wagoner reported that the market study for commercial service at Paine Field is progressing. Dave Wagoner is also facilitating discussions on the NASCAR race track proposal at Arlington. Dave was asked to facilitate discussions regarding the aviation issues associated with this proposal. Non-aviation issues should not be addressed to Dave as they will be addressed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Flight Ops are down significantly at Paine Field. We discussed doing some sort of study to determine what the causes are and find out if this is a regional trend or a factor more at Paine Field. We have about 550 airplanes based on Paine Field and the number has reached an all time high. In view of this it is interesting that operations at Paine Field are actually down significantly.

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