

WPA General Meeting Minutes - October 1, 2004

Helga Byhre treated us to a fascinating program about bush flying in Alaska. Helga has had many very serious adventures in Alaska, any one of which could be considered as "the adventure of a lifetime". Those of you who missed may get yet another opportunity to see this program. While we have had some excellent programs at our chapter meetings this is the most exciting program we have seen in a long time.

We had a great time at the Hangar party this year. Bill Baum hosted it at his hanger. He has done a great job of decorating the place since he bought it from Russ Keyes several years ago. We thank Bill for having us over.

Kirk Kleinholtz reported on the SOC (Save Our Communities) meeting that was held recently. The SOC people believe that the Paine Field mediated role determination negotiated some years ago prohibits regional jet traffic. Snohomish County Airport does not believe this is true. They are gathering their war chest and expect to raise a half a million dollars in order to fight regional jet traffic at Paine Field.

On Saturday, 10/9/04 - John Dobson is having a planning meeting at his house starting at 3:00PM. John is having burgers for us and is providing the food. RSVP at the web site and directions will be provided via email if you need them.

The first aircraft owner/operator maintenance seminar of the fall season began on October 2, 2004 - 8:30am to 10:00am. Check our web site for future maintenance seminar agendas.

Toys for tots will be coming up in a couple of months. Please bring them to the Christmas party or drop them off at the airport office.

Stephanie talked about the Flybys supporting the Mukilteo Light House Festival Parade. We had three formation groups and a significant number of single airplanes fly by the parade route. The Light House Festival organizer and Light House Festival Parade organizer would like to include us in all future events. This is a very positive thing for our relationship with the local community.

WPA Board Meeting Minutes 10-09-04

Our October WPA Board Meeting was held at John and Karen Dobson's house where we were treated to refreshments and dinner. Tom Little joined us from the Green River WPA chapter just to see what we were doing. We had the opportunity to share some ideas with Tom during our social time. The Green River Chapter has moved to the Renton airport and the current Airport Manager has been very helpful to the Chapter.

The bulk of the board meeting was spent establishing the Paine Field Chapter 2005 calendar. Dates were established for all meetings and Paine Field Chapter events. This will be published on our web site at <http://www.wpa-painefield.org/>.

We decided that we are not doing the WINGS program this year because we do not currently have anyone who is willing to be the WINGS committee chairman. We will revisit this decision if someone steps forward to take on this program.

We decided to discontinue the Fly-outs chairperson position at the recommendation of Rebecca Lohman, our current Fly-outs chairperson and Stephanie Allen. Saturday Fly-outs will continue at 10:00am on Saturday mornings as they have been. Those who meet will decide their own destination. This has been the norm for a significant period of time. Major Fly-outs (like Jackpot) will continue to be organized by a chairperson.

We have several committee positions open and we will be looking for people to fill them during the next month.

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