

Washington Pilots Association, Paine Field Chapter

2 May 2008

7:55- Call to Order by President followed by pledge of allegiance

Old Business – There is still a need for people to serve as chairperson for the following committees: Christmas party, Aviation Academy, GA Days, Legislative.

New Business – The chapter website has been moved to a different server and is now up and running.

Committee Reports:

GA Days – Rich Jones is looking for pilots to fly the Young Eagles program who must be EAA members with proper insurance. He also needs people to work at the tent. Les Smith needs people to help distribute advertisement flyers to the schools. Les told us about articles and radio spots being done to promote the event. Jim Morgan asked for volunteers to help run the WPA booth. Susan Kennedy asked for volunteers to help set up and break down. It was announced that there will be a dinner for the volunteers Thursday night before the event. Robert Hamilton who will be the announcer at the event asked that people bring music appropriate for aviation to play at the event. Stephanie announced that the venter booths were full.

Fly Outs – Saturday May 24 would be to Sekiu.

Safety and Education – Jim Faustina announced a meeting on runway safety at the Spokane FSDO on May 13th and that plans were moving ahead to put on a riveting seminar soon.

Other Business – It was announced that Whidbey Air Park had a new dinning facility. Jerry asked that people kindly RSVP for the general meetings as it causes problems for us in not knowing how much food to prepare.

8:20 – Program – Speaker Bob Papadakis who is a tech. Rep. from Boeing and a former Naval Flight Officer spoke about the new EA18 Growler which is replacing the EA6B Prowler in the Navy's electronic warfare mission. The EA18 is a two seater larger version of the FA18 with a pilot and electronic counter measures officer. It has eleven wing stations which hold communication and radar jamming equipment, fuel tanks, AGM -88 anti radar missiles, and AIM -120, medium range, air to air missiles with launch and leave capability. It's special radar, Data link communications, and helmet controlled targeting make the Growler a particularly formidable weapon system. The Growler is assembled in St. Louis and the first one will be coming to Whidbey Island N.A.S. in June of this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10

