

WPA-Paine Chapter General Meeting

2 March 2012

Summary Meeting Minutes

President Steve Waterman called the meeting to order at 1945 hrs. at the Sno-Isle Café, Everett WA.

Introductions

One new member was present and introduced: Bryan Gunkel, Naval Flight Officer & FAA- ASEL.

Six members of the Arlington Chapter WPA were welcomed as guests

Officer and Committee Reports

- President-Steve W. reported that at the state WPA meeting at NW Aviation Conference in Puyallup, our member Kevin Kelly received the Dick Corey award. It is regarded as WPA's top award, is not an annual award, and is presented only when special recognition is warranted.
- Treasurer- Greg Bell provided a copy of the financial report to each table (attached).
- Membership - Frank Hummel reported 192 members were paid.
- Legislative -Les Smith summarized his report on these activities (copy attached).

Unfinished/New Business

President Steve addressed the following subjects:

- General Aviation Day- Brian Johnson, KPAE airport management provided updates on Aviation Day, being held on 19 May. A single admission fee will be charged for all events. Parking will be off site with shuttle transportation. Frank Hummel will be in charge of coordinating WPA volunteers and will be sending out an email to members.
- Webmaster- the chapter needs a volunteer Webmaster – looking for volunteer.
- Safety and Education Committee – still need a volunteer to chair this committee.

Good of the Order: Nothing raised by the members

Program: A Long Career in Aviation by Kit Carson

Kit entertained us all with his long history of aviation experiences and humor, starting with how he and his brother built a glider as teenagers and learned to fly, his experiences as military pilot, instructor pilot, then engineer and flight test pilot with Boeing through most of their jet airplanes.

Adjourned at 2115 hrs by President Steve.

Respectfully Submitted: George Futas, Chapter Secretary

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**WPA – Paine Field Chapter
Treasurer's Report
March 1st, 2012**

Last month's balance	<u>\$12,646.15</u>
Deposits	<u>\$1,193.00</u>
February Meeting Dinner Income (38 x \$13)	\$494.00
Aviation Academy Registration (1 X \$60)	\$60.00
Membership Dues Income (9 X \$31) + (8 X \$40) + \$40 PAC	\$639.00
Withdrawals	<u>\$773.10</u>
Sno-Isle Tech - February General Meeting Dinner	\$480.48
Kevin Kelly - Aviation Academy Expenses	\$292.62
Present Balance	<u>\$13,066.05</u>
Amount we owe State WPA (last month was erroneous)	\$1,380.00

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Legislative Activities

In Olympia,

House Bill 2244 passed by House and Senate, awaiting the Governor's signature.

House Bill 2089, which calls for a one percent excise tax, is languishing, awaiting assignment to committee.

In Congress,

House aviation subcommittee Chairman Tom Petri (R-Wis.) on March 1 fired off a letter bearing 195 congressional signatures (versus 118 last year) to President, reminding him that user fees have been proposed by presidents of both parties but were overwhelmingly defeated each time. This was in response to a user-fee proposal appears in the White House's 2013 budget package. That's nearly half of the House, and a majority would very likely oppose the measure, if it were to make it to the House floor for vote. The Senate Caucus is now circulating a similar letter for signatures.

In other aviation news,

The NOAA ruling on Marine Sanctuaries went into effect this past Monday. I had a conversation with folks from AOPA about how we should proceed. Their guidance is that we should await a response to the AOPA/EAA joint letter. They also advise that we remain on standby for a letter writing campaign. Further announcements will include where those letters should be directed. (such as perhaps NOAA Asst. Administrator; FAA COO)

Politico.com reports that an unnamed Defense Dept. official urged his colleagues to "synch up" with the GPS industry back in 2010 to defeat LightSquared's proposed cellular communications network. The e-mail, if authentic, would bolster LightSquared's claim that it was the victim of a coordinated attack by government insiders and the GPS industry. The political news site said it received a copy of a Dec. 29, 2010 e-mail in which the official said Defense needed to coordinate its efforts with the commercial GPS industry before the National Telecommunications and Information Administration began to study the question of whether LightSquared could coexist with the navigational system.