

WPA-PAE Chapter General Meeting –4 May 2012 - Summary Minutes

Call to order at 1940 hr by President Steve Waterman

Introductions: Frank Hummel introduced two new members, a former member and a guest: Jan O’Neill & Bob Collins (UAL Retired); Jeff Jobe; and Pete Skantrino (sp?)

Officer & Committee Reports Presented

- a. **President’s report:** Aviation Day needs person in charge of WPA information tent. Aviation Academy needs volunteer help on Navigation day 16 May. Skykomish airport work party (June) needs a chapter member to liaison with WA DOT and coordinate volunteers.
- b. **Treasurer Report:** Greg B. gave an oral report (same data as presented to board).

Committee Reports:

- a. **Membership-** Frank H. reports 198 members
- b. **Legislative-** Les S. provided overview of Land use issues, WA DOT economic impact of WA airports via state website, and reports WA Dept of Revenue approaching independent flying clubs re sales tax issues (same data as presented to board).

New Business:

- a. **Aviation Day 2012-**May 19 – Posters are available for distribution to schools and public places. Volunteers meeting Thursday nite (17th), food sponsored by our chapter. Volunteers receive info, parking pass, identification clothing, etc at meeting. Sat nite BBQ dinner hosted by HFF. Both museums admission are free to attendees & volunteers. Contact Frank Hummel, our WPA volunteer coordinator.

Program: Formation Flying by Rich Jones & Stephanie Allen

Rich and Stephanie described their personal journey from introduction to flying to formation flying and Rich’s FFI certification. Rich and his 2 brothers received pilot’s licenses the same year. Their family farm in the Midwest had its own runway, as did many others.

Rich described the intensive process it took and the extraordinary dedication of the instructional pilots to get Rich and other Bonanza pilots trained and certified for formation flying. Rich described the visual clues and formations they learned, and then practiced.

Stephanie described how she and Rich utilized the techniques to take off simultaneously on the same runway, climb, and fly formation with their dissimilar planes: his V35J Bonanza and her award winning C172 (Oshkosh 2008). Both planes appeared in formation on the cover of EAA Vintage Airplanes Oct 2008.

An inspiring program by our own chapter members, who sought and achieved a higher level of skill and enjoyment in flying.

Next Meetings: June 1 at Le Bistro (Sno Isle) July at KAWO Air Event at Dave Wheeler’s new hangar

Meeting adjourned at 2045 hrs

Respectfully submitted
George Futas, Secretary