



## Spokane Chapter

# SPOKANE FLYER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 16, 2008

9:00 A.M.

Bird Aero Museum  
Fly-Out.

Meet at the base of the Felts Field Tower at 9:00 a.m. to "Plane-Pool" up to Dr. Bird's private airstrip near the shores of Pend Oreille Lake.

*A unique experience!*

Hutton Settlement  
Fly-Out  
Saturday, August 23rd

*The kids love it!*

## Members "flip" over burgers at big barbeque bash



Dave Lucke and the kitchen crew oversaw the sizzling cuisine

Bill Jackman's home and hanger at EllerPort was the site of the annual WPA/Spokane Chapter picnic. Dave Lucke flipped the burgers and hot dogs to feed about 25 chapter members and guests. The weather was perfect with good conversation and an excellent meal.

With the recent fires, our host had to run off to a de-briefing meeting mid way through the event. He did leave the ever-faithful "Bob" the dog to maintain security.

A good time was had by all and next year promises to be bigger and better.



Chatting while awaiting the "dinner is served" announcement

## Hutton Settlement Fly-Out needs planes and pilots

Each summer the WPA/Spokane Chapter hosts a fly-out and beach-in for the kids of the Hutton Settlement in the Spokane Valley. The destination every year is the same-Cavanaugh Bay airport (66S) and beach at Priest Lake, Idaho. This year, the fly-out is planned for Saturday, August 23rd

We need planes and pilots to make this a success. If you can spare a day with your plane and some great kids, drop Blake McKinley an e-mail at [blake@spokaneendo.com](mailto:blake@spokaneendo.com) or phone Blake at 924-0070.

It's always a great event and you get paid in smiles from the kids.



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**President's Message: Gary White**



The President's Aero Commander lifting off from Dr. Bird's strip

This past month on July 16<sup>th</sup> Bill Jackman hosted the annual picnic/BBQ at his home at EllerPort. One aircraft flew in and everyone else managed a ground bound arrival. A great time was had by all who attended. Many thanks to Bill Jackman, Dave Lucke ("Grill Master"), Duane and Judy Cocking, and all who helped make this event possible. Social activities are one of the four cornerstones of the Washington Pilots Association (Advocacy, Education, Outreach and Social Activities). This month, on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Spokane Chapter of WPA will have another opportunity to participate in a fly-out social activity.

Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>, is the Bird Aviation Museum fly-out. Meet at the base of the tower at Felts Field (transient parking by the terminal) at 9:00 a.m., and "Plane Pool" for a fly-out to Bird Aviation Museum. You may choose to drive if you wish, and driving directions may be found at <http://www.birdaviationmuseum.com>. It is about a 1 1/2 hour drive from Felts Field to the museum. The airport identifier is ID19 ([www.ainav.com](http://www.ainav.com)), and is 1900 ft long by 100 ft-wide strip with an elevation of 2,192 feet. The runway is paved asphalt and is in good condition. Landings to the north are preferred with left traffic, since the runway slopes uphill to the north. Density altitude could play a factor, so please consider your aircraft's weight and performance.

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## WPA WORD PUZZLE

Summer flying, fun, and destinations is our theme this month.

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CAVANAUGHBAY	BLUEANGELS
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## Lower Granite Airport Update



The past 12 months took a toll on our trail. The grass overtook the walkway and had to be mowed by the adjacent campground operator to keep it passable.



Tom Morris organized a work day at Lower Granite State Airport. The goal was to get the pathway cleared, to make it more passable.

The airstrip has been rolled and oiled, the oil is about 6 to 15 feet wide, varies where you are at. You can also see ATV tracks fresh right down the side of the runway. The Boyer Park crew said they try to watch the traffic, but can't get them all. Tom would like to put up a sign at the path head on the runway edge to say the same as the sign at the other end of the strip for ALL vehicles to stay off the runway. Aircraft wheels will eventually pull rocks up, but not like the vehicle tires, especially atv tires.



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**The challenge is still on!**



The editor took this snap of Grand Coulee Dam on his return trip from Kelowna, BC in June.

Remember the President's challenge. Fly somewhere exciting or scenic, take some photos, then send the pix and your memories to Gary White for inclusion in his "summer challenge" PowerPoint presentation this fall. Hey...those same great shots could end up right here in the Spokane Flyer, too.

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**President's Message**

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Forrest M. Bird, MD, PhD, ScD was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts. His father, a World War I pilot, taught him to fly at the age of 14. During World War II, Dr. Bird joined the Army Air Corps as a technical training officer, flying many of the advanced aircraft of the era. He became involved in high altitude physiology and developed one of the early practical oxygen diluter demand valves for use in turbo/supercharged aircraft. Earlier, positive-pressure oxygen breathing valves required too much effort to open. His prototypes made it much easier for the pilot to use. Later, he was involved in the development of the anti-G suit. In the early 1950s, Dr. Bird took what he learned from the development of his demand valve, and what he learned from the anti-G suit, and created the first practical positive pressure ventilator. A version of this early ventilator is still in production today and is sold world-wide (Bird Mark 7A). Dr. Bird has devoted his career to the care of critically ill patients. He has since developed his fourth generation of positive pressure ventilators. His ventilators have saved countless patients who could not have survived conventional therapies. Dr. Bird has been inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame as a result of his lifelong achievements.

Please join us on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The aviation portion of the museum is amazing and very self-explanatory. I would be happy to tour those interested through the medical portion of the museum (upstairs), where Dr. Bird has displayed his past and current ventilators.

If you are intending to fly in, please call me (509) 891-6473) or send me an e-mail (gcwhite1@earthlink.net). I would like to notify them if we exceed ten aircraft.

We'll see you there on the 16th.

Gary