



# SPOKANE FLYER

August 2012

## AirVenture AdVenture by Gary White

Carolyn and I departed for Oshkosh AirVenture on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>. We followed I-90 through the continental divide via Missoula (fuel), Anaconda, Butte and finally Billings. Following fuel and food in Billings, we went on to Dickenson, ND where we called it “quits” for the day after eight and a half hours of flying and over eleven hours including stops.



The next day we only progressed to Jamestown, ND where we needed to wait out weather in our path. Fuel and food provided the time we needed for the weather to pass. We then went on to Moorhead, MN where we stopped for the night and I was able to visit a former colleague who is now working for Appareo in Fargo, ND. In case you haven't been following, Appareo Systems makes a GPS/ADS-B receiver that works with Foreflight on the iPad. It works great!

The following day we flew south to Alexandria, MN where a line of convective storms halted our progress again. Food and fuel seem to work great to pass the time for weather to clear out. We then flew on to Eau Claire, WI and then on to Nowatzki Field, WI where we stayed with friends for the night.

Nowatzki Field is just about 15 miles from Ripon, where the conga line forms for AirVenture arrivals. We took our place in line, rocked our wings and were cleared for runway 27 on the “green dot”. It was a challenge not to overtake an LSA ahead who wasn't real consistent with altitude or airspeed, but we managed. We were parked with the vintage aircraft and camped under the wing for six nights.

AirVenture was wonderful. Carolyn described it as Arlington on steroids. We had a great time deciding what to see, where to go and what to do. There is so much, you just can't see it all in a week. We bumped into Jerry Richardson who flew commercial into Chicago and drove to the event. Our camp survived two strong thunderstorms on Wednesday and Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Others around us weren't as lucky as the microburst's shredded a few tents.

We departed early Friday morning into a “VFR” sky. We flew home on a southerly route via Madison, Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City and finally O'Neill, NE. What's in O'Neill Nebraska? Our oldest son, Andrew flying BE99s for Ameriflight! We had a great weekend with Andrew catching up on things and getting the royal “tour” of his office, the BE99.

Leaving O'Neill we flew to Rapid City, SD (Made a flight seeing tour around Mt Rushmore as well as Devil's Tower), and we stopped for fuel and food in Sheridan, WY. Our last stop for the day was Billings, MT where we stayed for the night. The next day was cooler and clear as we retraced our route along I-90 over the “rocks”.

The total trip included just over 29 hours flight time. Carolyn and I split the legs and the duties as PIC and Nav. We both really enjoyed ourselves and had a great experience. Carolyn is already asking ... when is the next time?

### UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

*No August General Meeting  
Go Flying Instead*

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**Wilderness Within Reach**  
"Hutton Settlement Kids Fly-Out"  
Cavanaugh Bay Airport (66S)  
Saturday, August 11, 2012

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**Fairchild AFB Survival School**  
"Surviving in the back country"  
September Chapter Meeting  
Wednesday, September 19th, 6 p.m.  
Longhorn BBQ  
2315 N. Argonne (I-90 Exit 287)

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**Spokane Airport ATC Team**  
"Meet the folks in that tall tower  
and Approach controllers"  
October Chapter Meeting  
Wednesday, October 17th, 6 p.m.  
Location:  
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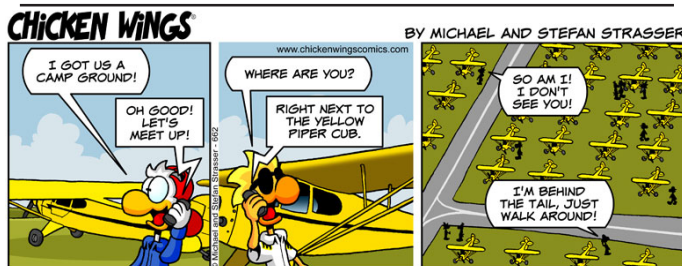
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**President's Message: Terry Newcomb**

My brother and I flew from Spokane to Olympia during the July heat wave. The weather could not have been better and the views were spectacular over the Cascades! On our return trip, ATC cleared us to 9,500' into Bravo airspace and then, due to traffic, vectored us north. We had SeaTac just off our left wing



before we were allowed to resume course to Spokane. As we exited Bravo, ATC thanked us for our help and told us to have a good flight over the mountains, and I thanked them for getting us through Bravo airspace. It was a good day to fly, "carpe flyem."

There is no meeting in August but WPA members will be flying the Hutton Settlement children to Priest Lake on Saturday 8/11/2012. It's always a rewarding experience, if you would like to help, please give us a call.

In the fall try to keep your third Wednesday available each month because we have the Fairchild Survival School Leaders speaking to us about surviving a crash in the back country and the Spokane International ATC will speak in October about the activities at GEG. We hope to have wings credit available for these programs. You are welcome to join us for all these great activities. Check out our website at [www.wpaflys.org](http://www.wpaflys.org) Spokane Chapter.

Fly safe, Terry Newcomb



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## Wilderness Within Reach Fly-Out is this Saturday



Remember the good old days when you were a kid and spent a great day at the lake having fun with your friends? You can make those same memories for the kids of today.

Saturday August 11 is the Wilderness Within Reach fly-out for the Hutton Settlement kids. It's a trip from Felts Field to Cavanaugh Bay (66S) on Priest Lake for a day enjoying the forest, beach and water. There is still room for more planes and pilots!! For info call Terry Newcomb at 208-699-3716. The schedule is meet at the SFF Skyway Cafe at 8:30 with a 9:00 a.m. take-off. The return departure will be about 3 p.m.

The kids will be bringing their lunch. For pilots: Bring your own or the restaurant at Cavanaugh is open for your dining pleasure.

Pilots need to be aware that while the strip is not considered difficult it is in mountainous surroundings and you should be comfortable in that element. Check the numbers and ensure that your aircraft has an adequate performance margin for the mission. The strip is not paved so some extra take-off distance is required. Know before you go how much weight you can carry. You can count on passenger weights of more than 100 pounds.

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## 2012 Chapter Picnic



Dave Lucke



Herb Millhorn

About 30 WPA Spokane Chapter members gathered on July 18<sup>th</sup> for the 2012 Annual Chapter picnic. Once again, Duane and Judy Cocking opened their hangar for the event.

Master Chef Dave Lucke held the ceremonial spatula and flipped the burgers and brats for the very last time. It's true-Dave is retiring this year after flipping hundreds of burgers for the annual BBQ. Dave is now taking applications for the next generation of gourmet cooks to carry on his fine tradition.

On hand for our program was veteran Idaho back-country pilot, Herb Millhorn and his wife, Alice. Herb has spent years exploring the remote airstrips in the Idaho wilderness in his Cessna 185 and delighted the crowd with a few tales from those adventures. Herb has produced a video of his adventures titled, "Idaho Exposed-a flying tour of Idaho's backcountry airstrips."



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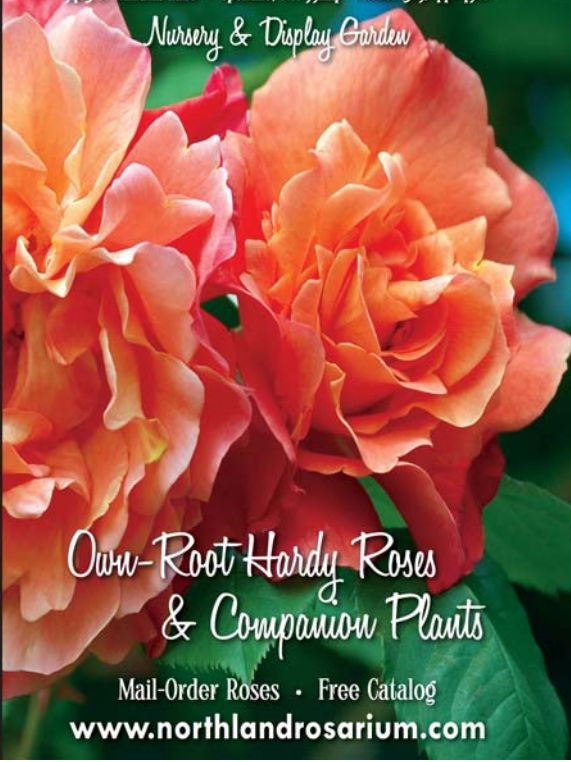
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