



# SPOKANE FLYER

DECEMBER 2010

## UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS:

**No December Monthly Meeting**  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!.

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**January 2011 Monthly Meeting**

Chapter Elections  
Special Surprise Program  
Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
Marie Callendars  
2111 N. Argonne., Spokane Valley  
6:00 p.m.

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**Annual Banquet and Silent Auction**

February 26, 2011  
Luxury Box  
10504 E. Sprague-Spokane Valley  
6:00 p.m.

## Auction and scholarship news

by Tom Morris

Your WPA Spokane Chapter board members are working hard on collecting auction items for the benefit silent auction in February. If you haven't donated an item for the auction it is time to step up and get something in. In the past, it has been pretty much left up to the board members to secure items for the auction. This year we are looking to the membership to help secure or donate something. Items don't have to be elaborate. Purchase and donate a small tool set or a bottle of your favorite wine in a basket with cheese and crackers or maybe a wall plaque or picture. Please contact any board member with a donation so it can be itemized and listed for our event.

As of December 3rd, no Scholarship Applications have been received. We are getting close to the deadline for getting applications processed. The deadline has been extended until Jan 20, 2011. Pass the word along to those that may be interested in obtaining a scholarship application which can be downloaded from our Spokane Chapter WPA website: [www.wpaflys.org/Chapters/Spokane/Spokane.html](http://www.wpaflys.org/Chapters/Spokane/Spokane.html). Remember, the scholarship can be used for new rating instruction, as well.

## Winter flying in the Northwest

by Tom Morris CFI



It can be beautiful, yet a challenge! With our local winter temperatures many considerations must be taken before getting into the air. First you should look at the outside temperature for the possibility of the need to preheat your engine before starting. With the multi weight oils we have today, we have a greater advantage than those of yesteryear. Most feel if the temperature in the engine compartment is below 30 degrees F it should be preheated. Before the decision to fly is made, check the temperature and dew point, especially in the cooling part of the day. It doesn't take much to trigger a fog event if melting snow or rain has occurred in the last several days.

You have decided to go and all looks well. Is the ground wet? Even though it is above freezing, will you get to an altitude that will freeze moisture in your wheel pants or brake assembly? Be sure and let your engine warm enough prior to take off for good oil cooler and carburetor operation. Always check for carb ice just before a **smooth and slow** power application on the takeoff roll. Winter temps can be hard on engine cylinders. As for takeoff, and for landings, do small power changes. Do not thermal shock your engine by cooling it down too fast, or going from a cooled engine to full power abruptly. Touch and goes on a very cold day must be done with care to protect the big fan out front.

A clear blue sky with snow on the ground makes for a beautiful flight, but remember your emergency landing areas are now more limited. Carry emergency supplies in the winter you may not need in warmer flying months. I have a friend that carries a can of Orange paint in the winter. Mostly white airplanes on white snow are hard to spot, just a thought! Go out and have fun, just do a bit more planning and have a good flight!



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Chapter general meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month except August and December.  
Board meeting are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

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**President's Message: Duane Lukan**

At our November meeting Spokane Tower Front Line Manager Mitch Roland's presentation was a real crowd pleaser. He provided air traffic control from a controller's viewpoint and explained some of the ways traffic around Spokane International and Fairchild Air Force Base can be managed to keep us all safe. It generated enthusiastic discussion with pilots who transit the area frequently. For his part he questioned why so many pilots cruise the area without talking to ATC. Some are going out of their way to avoid the class C airspace when they could be cleared through it and save some time. He gave us good reason to believe that our lives would be simpler not more complicated if we talked with each other.



Our next general meeting will be at Marie Callendars January 19, 2011. We don't have a program firmed up yet but have some options to consider.

Our administration will see some changes for the year 2011. We will reschedule voting to the January meeting since we didn't get it done in November. Here is what the lineup looks like: We have three directors, Marc Ruggiero, Marian Heale, and Jim Leighty whose terms extend through 2011. We don't have vacancy there. For officers, Carolyn White will continue as secretary, and Dave Lucke as treasurer. I will have one term as past president. We have had an unfilled position for president-elect (to serve as 2011 president). The board had tentatively decided on rotating the 2011 president's duties perhaps quarterly among board members as has been done in the past under similar circumstances, however Tom Morris offered to cycle back into that position for 2011 and his offer was gratefully accepted. That leaves the position of president-elect to be filled for 2011. The board, acting as nominating committee, has nominated Terry Newcomb as candidate for the position. We will open that up for further nominations from the floor and conduct a vote at the January meeting.

By all measures 2010 has been a successful year for the Spokane Chapter. Our major activities, the annual banquet and scholarship presentations, Wilderness Within Reach, Fall Foliage Flight, and work at Boyer Park airstrip have all flourished. Thanks go out to all the workers who have made that happen. It's been a pleasure and a distinct honor to be a part of the team.

Best wishes for the holidays and we will look forward to seeing you at the Jan. 19 meeting.

Duane

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BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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# The dreaded airplane tax

by Dave Lucke

Last year we dodged the bullet thanks to several WPA members that wrote lots of letters to legislators, WPA management, The Washington Aviation Coalition and our lobbyists.



Senator Hunter said "If you can't tax a rich airplane owner, who can you tax"? That is the philosophy of several legislators in Olympia looking for new revenue.

So an agreement has been reached to introduce legislation in the next session that will increase the excise tax on GA aircraft as follows: Single Engine Aircraft-\$150, Multi Engine Aircraft-\$250, Multi Engine Turbine Aircraft-\$2500. All of the revenue will go to WSDOT/Aviation for airport improvement.

That is the "Cliff Notes" version of the legislation. Keep in mind that there can be several modifications as the process grinds to a vote. Special thanks to Blake McKinley and John Townsley for continuous barrage of letters and emails to legislators in Olympia.

Stay tuned and be prepared to write, call, and e-mail your legislators. We'll have bill numbers and legislator contact information in future newsletters and on the web site.

Remember, last year's proposal was based on a percentage of the value on your aircraft.

# Flying Farmers seminar lands in Moses Lake



INTERNATIONAL FLYING FARMERS

Please mark your calendars for the next annual Pilots Safety Seminar which will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011. The seminar will again be held at Big Bend Community College Flight Training Center, Building 3000 on Grant County International Airport in Moses Lake. The address for the building is: 7400 Andrews Street, Moses Lake.

**The seminar is free.** It is sponsored by the Washington Flying Farmers, Big Bend Community College and the FAA. It is open to all pilots and anyone interested in flying. Bob Clarke and John Swedburg will be the instructors. Please bring a current Seattle sectional chart. Topics to be covered will include: Annual Proficiency Training, TFR's, Special Use Airspace, Changes to the AIM, Sport Pilot and Light Sport Aircraft, TSA and General Aviation, Runway Safety, FAA Pilot Proficiency Program, and Cold Weather Operations along with the changes in aviation which have taken place in the last year. Pilots will also receive 3 credits for the Wings Program for attending this seminar.

Look for the email notification from FAA regarding the seminar and register on-line at [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov).

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments will be available. The seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will go until 3:30 p.m. with a lunch break at noon until 1:00 p.m. You may bring a sack lunch or eat downtown. Eateries around the airport are very limited so if you're flying in, stow a lunch in the plane.

If you know of any other pilots that might be interested, please invite them to attend.

For more information call Jerry or Nina Richardson at 509-765-9735 or email [jrichardson@moseslake-wa.com](mailto:jrichardson@moseslake-wa.com).

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## December Flying Tip from the FAA



If the desired landing spot is being undershot and a shallower approach is needed, both power and pitch attitude should be increased to readjust the descent angle. It is important to remember that a constant airspeed must be maintained. The pitch and power change must be made both smoothly and simultaneously. This will result in a shallowing of the glidepath with the resultant aiming point moving towards the desired touchdown point.

Want to learn more about approaches and landings? You can find the Airplane Flying Handbook on the internet at: [www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/handbooks\\_manuals/aircraft/airplane\\_handbook/](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aircraft/airplane_handbook/).



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## Chapter elections in January!

Nominations are now being accepted for the Spokane Chapter Board of Directors. The president-elect slot needs to be filled. We will be open to nominations from the floor to add to Terry Newcomb's nomination and proceed with a vote.

Now is your chance to take an active role in the chapter and help promote aviation in the Spokane and surrounding area. If you'd like to be a part of the organization, please contact any of the board members listed on page two of this newsletter.

See the President's message on page 2 for details.

## 2011 Membership Renewal time is here

It's time once again to renew your WPA membership.

You can do so either on-line at [www.wpaflys.org](http://www.wpaflys.org), or by sending a check for \$31 to the Spokane WPA. When you renew, please include an email address as we will be using email more to communicate with members. Renewal time is also the opportunity to make your financial contribution to the WPA lobbying efforts in Olympia. If we lose this battle our tax bills will make the lobbying costs look like small change.

Thanks for renewing early and supporting the WPA.