



# SPOKANE FLYER

DECEMBER 2011

## UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

(No December Meeting)

**January 2012 Chapter Meeting**

*Program:*

**"Surprise Guest and Topic"**

&

**"Meet the New Chapter Officers"**

*NEW LOCATION:*

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6 p.m.

Longhorn BBQ

2315 N. Argonne Road (I-90 Exit 287)

## The WPA Auction needs you!

It's time for the Annual Benefit Auction. In a new twist we're asking each member to come up with an item this year. It would be great if you could find that perfect pilot gift on sale and donate it to the auction. Perhaps you have a woodworking or metal working hobby and can create a unique item. If your company makes or sells a product, and it doesn't have to be aviation-oriented, consider a donation. If you have a skill or service such as aircraft mechanic, instructor, aviation medical examiner, etc. that can be donated to bid on, let Tom Morris know at 924-5544. This is our primary fund-raiser for the chapter scholarships, vet flight, and Hutton Settlement flight.

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## Land use conflicts continue around GEG

by Dave Lucke

On November 22nd, Larry Krauter and Ryan Sheehan from Spokane Airports and I testified before the Spokane County Commissioners against a requested zone change for about 7.7 acres near the approach path of runway 21 at Spokane International Airport (KGEA).

The property is on the south-west corner where US 2 and Geiger Boulevard cross. The current zoning is light industrial. The owner wants to change to a mixed use designation, which allows for permanent residences. The City of Spokane and Spokane County are in the process of adopting the guidelines for land use within the FAA overlay zones. The property owner previously submitted a zone change request to the Spokane Planning Commission and was denied. The owner has appealed that decision to the County Commissioners, which they did on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Commissioners will rule on the request at their December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

These types of battles are getting more frequent and will continue. The management at Spokane Airports has been very wise to acquire ownership of a lot of property around the airport. We all have seen what happens when unrestricted growth is allowed to encroach around airports. Along that line, John Townsley forwarded a link to an interesting article in the Los Angeles Times about the Santa Monica airport:  
[www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-santa-monica-airport-20111126,0,2756011.story](http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-santa-monica-airport-20111126,0,2756011.story).

When leases expire in 2015, the City of Santa Monica says it won't be obligated to operate the facility as an airport. The FAA disagrees, standing with pilots and passengers. Foes cite noise, pollution and plane crashes. This is a perfect example of what happens when residential property is allowed to encroach on valuable airports.

The worst encroachment I have seen is the approach into the Caracas, Venezuela airport. The airport is located on the Caribbean coast with lots of high rise buildings. I don't know what the minimums are for the ILS but the airplane is level with a lot of buildings on the approach from the north.

Short final approach to runway 10 in Caracas, Venezuela (SVM)





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Board meeting are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

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**President's Message: Tom Morris**

Here we are again at the end of another successful year. We have, as a group, made good headway. Slow as it seems, we have pushed ahead by helping some aviation students achieve their goals. The Snake River airports are now open year around. We have been working on that item since 2005 and have finally seen the green light on our efforts. The WPA has voiced our opinions and was heard with regards to the building height issues on the West Plains and we continue to push in favor of protecting the Aviation Industry at our airports across the State. Thank you, WPA Members, for making a difference. Just being a member adds weight to our numbers and strength to our voice. Together we, with the other aviation groups hold the future to what Aviation will be.



I would like to thank Spokane Airways for their hospitality in hosting the November general meeting in their hangar. The program, a Wings Event, let us see and speak to the ATC controllers that we work with at approach and SIA tower. Our thanks to Michele and the ATC crew for taking the time to share what goes on in those tower cabs and radar rooms.

We have a new general meeting facility. Randy Ingram, the owner of the Longhorn BBQ has opened his upstairs meeting room to us. Our first meeting at the Longhorn on Argonne will be January 18th at 6 p.m.

We will need to get a head count for the meetings to establish a food count. It will be buffet style meal with 3 different meats to pick from for around \$15.00 per person, paid individually to the Longhorn.

At the end the year, we also fill our officer and board positions with some newly elected members. I would once again like to thank everyone that held a position in the past, and welcome the new officers and board members to their positions.

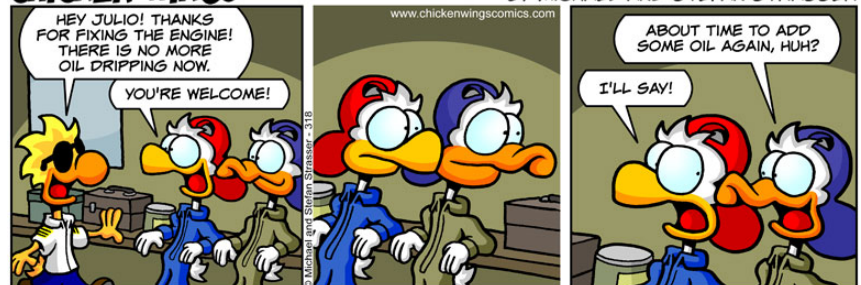
Our last task is the Annual Benefit Auction. I'm asking every member to come up with an item this year. Find something on sale and donate it to the auction committee. The auction committee consists of any of the board members or officers plus those who have volunteered to help out. Items will be collected and stored at our office at the EAA Event Center. If you have a skill or service that can be donated to bid on, let one of us know. I will be the chair of the committee and will be available to help collect items most anytime.

REMEMBER the DEADLINE for the SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS is DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you all for another gratifying year, let's dig in and get 2012 off to a great start!*

Tom

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BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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## Meet your 2012 chapter officers and board members

by Tom Morris  
 An election was held at our November general meeting for the incoming 2012 officers and board members. The past President position belongs to Tom Morris, Terry Newcomb is the new incoming 2012 President. Rick Harber was elected President Elect, Kyle Kinyon was picked for Treasurer replacing Dave Lucke, Donna Childs is the new Secretary taking Carolyn White's position.

Ray Brunner is taking over Jim Leighty's board position. We were carrying an extra board member position, which was held by Geoff Beth. That position is being eliminated to return to just 3 board members, per the bylaws.

We would like to thank both Jim and Geoff for their efforts and help. Special thanks go out to Carolyn White who filled the secretary position for the last four years and to Dave Lucke who kept our finances straight. Mark Ruggiero's board position 2 will be voted on next November, followed by Marian Heale's position 1 in November 2013.

Al Gilson has also advised that 2012 will be his last year as our newsletter editor and webmaster. Al has been serving the club since January 2007 and has handled the newsletter since November of that year. By the way, this newsletter is his 50<sup>th</sup> issue. We will need to look hard to fill this unique position.

We all want to thank the outgoing officers and board members for their efforts and dedication. Welcome to all the new officers and board members. Don't forget to offer your help on a committee when needed.

## PILOT PUZZLE PAGE

It's back! The ever popular aviation word search game. All you have to do is find all the words in the list. Words can be forward, backward, up or down, and diagonal. Good luck!

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| DOUGLAS     | SIKORSKY   |
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| GRUMMAN     | VANS       |

## Washington Pilots welcome back to Henley Aerodrome.... To play

You may not be able to land between the roller-coasters at the old Henley Aerodrome in North Idaho but, reborn as Silverwood Theme Park in the 1980's, they have an awesome deal for our pilots and their families this season, if you plan early! Cheryl Freeman, sales manager for Silverwood, has put together a great 'early bird' special for you and those precious little munch-kins this year: The WPA "Early Bird Special Rate."

Simply call Cheryl during normal business hours at 208-683-3400-Ext. 182, and mention you are with the WPA, and are calling about the early bird special. This WPA season pass is only \$78.43 per person which includes tax, (dropped from \$100.69 with tax). The "Gold Pass" is also on sale for us at \$254 and some change. A Gold Pass holder can bring in two guests every time they come to the Park.



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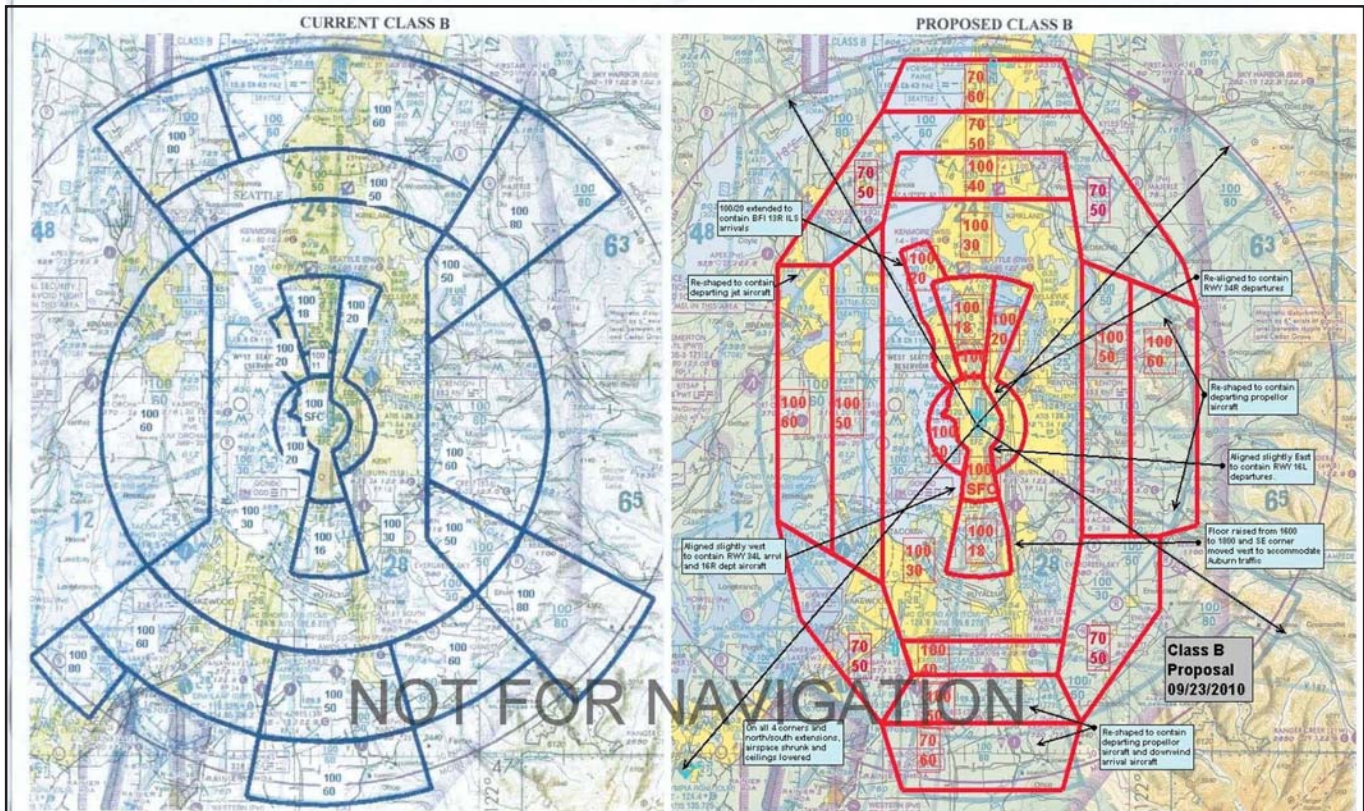


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Seattle Class Bravo boundaries change in December



The Seattle Class B Airspace is changing shape on December 15, 2011. For those of us on the dry side of the hill don't forget to purchase a new Seattle Class B Terminal chart and Sectional when they become available, if you plan on crossing over to the "wet" side of the mountains.



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