



SPOKANE FLYER

January 2009

2009 Banquet tickets now available

The 2009 WPA Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction will be held this year on Saturday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. This year we are fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Addison Pemberton. He will be talking about his Boeing 40C project and the transcontinental re-enactment of a vintage mail flight as well as any other escapades that he decides to include!

This annual event will be held at the Decades Banquet Facility located at 10504 E. Sprague Ave., behind Café Americana in the old University City Mall area. The tickets are \$35.00 each. There will be a silent auction to benefit the activities throughout the year of the Spokane Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association, including our aviation scholarship program.

Seating is limited, so contact a board member or an officer or come to the January general membership meeting on the 21st at Marie Callender's Restaurant to get your tickets.

Board member telephone numbers are listed on page 2 or their e-mail addresses are on our web site: www.wpafllys.org/spokane/spokane.html

Get your tickets before they run out!

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 21, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Marie Callender's Restaurant
2111 N Argonne Rd.

Guest Presentation:
Jeff Turcotte
Spokane Turbine Center
and the
2009 Student
Scholarship Winners

"Snowfighters" keep airports open for flying



This winter has certainly put the Spokane Airports maintenance crews to the test. With records snowfall of nearly 70 inches so far, the task of keeping Spokane International Airport and Felts Field open to traffic is a 24 hour a day, seven day a week battle.

During the recent emergency weather event, from December

16th through the 31st, most the airfield operators averaged 130 to 140 hours and no one was below 100 hours. Mike and Kenny at Felts Field averaged 12 hour days.

Of course, with the scheduled airline traffic, a lot of the intensive efforts are directed to Spokane International Airport. GEG operates with two full shifts daily with 10 or 12 operators per shift.

Equipment used to keep the two airports open consist of a fleet of specialized equipment including auger-style snowblowers, high speed airfield brooms, truck plows, road plows, graders, dump trucks, and front-end loaders.



Some of the truck plows are equipped with granular de-icer spreaders that dispense "Peak" sodium formate, one of only two FAA-approved chemicals.

The next time you see the crews out pushing the snow around, give them a big "thank you." They're out there working long hours keeping our aircraft moving.

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President's Message: Tom Morris

It is easy taking over the controls when you are in straight and level. I am privileged to be able to do so, thanks to the steady hands that have been at the controls for the past year. I would personally like to thank Gray White, last years' president, and Blake McKinley, our retiring treasurer, for their efforts in being the glue, and putting all the parts together to



complete, yet another, very successful year at our local chapter. A personal thanks also goes out to all the board members and officers that brought to the table all the parts that made the Spokane Chapter whole. Improvements made by Chapter members in the past year include the Felts Field camera headed by Al Gilson, and the access trail at Lower Granite State Airport, worked on by many in the chapter.

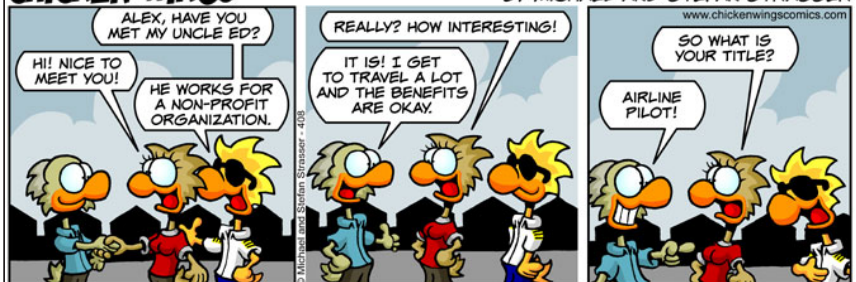
As we start into the New Year of 2009, I would like to invite everyone to become a WPA Member. More importantly, become active in making a difference by supporting General Aviation awareness concerns. The idea that, "someone else will say something or fix a problem so I need not bother," is GONE. We have watched changes come down from our Federal Government, and our local City and County governments that have affected General Aviation and its ability to function. If it were not for our state and local chapters asking some very hard questions, we would be run over by rules and regulations which are not for the betterment of our aviation interests. Please step up with us and become a part, a necessary part, of your General Aviation future.

Our Chapter has a busy schedule as we jump into the up coming year. In January, we will look forward to meeting our new scholarship winners. We will also hear from Jeff Turcotte about the ministry of Spokane Turbine Center and its role in Mission Aviation.

In February we have our annual Benefit Auction to support our scholarship funds. This year features Addison Pemberton, the Boeing 40 restoration story, and his historical re-creation of the mail route flown from New York to San Francisco. Our benefit auction needs your support in both items to auction, and tickets sales to get participants to bid. Now is the time to step in and get involved! Thank you all for your help and support, and together we can turn more props and make a bigger difference than ever before.

CHICKEN WINGS

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



Through special arrangements with Michael and Stefan Strasser, we are pleased to have the Chicken Wings comic strip in *Spokane Flyer*. For more strips, products, and offers, check out their website at: www.chickenwingscomics.com



What plane was that?

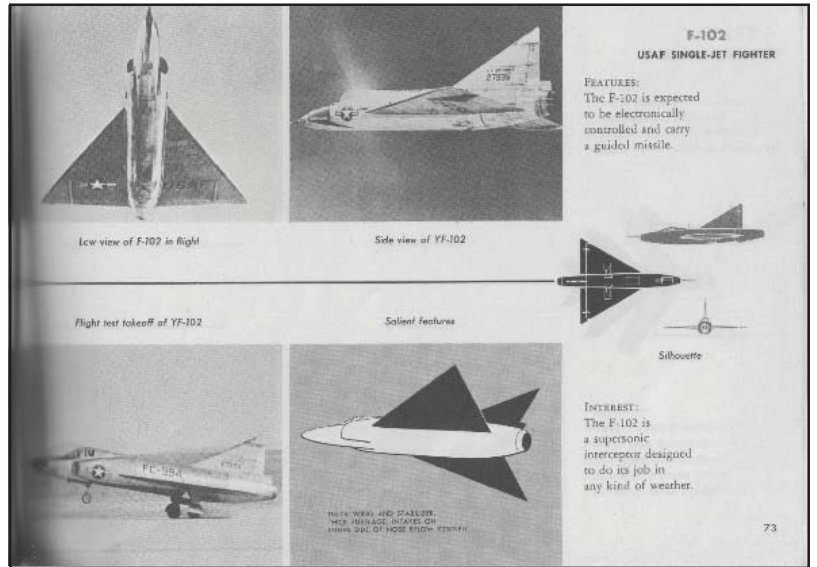
The December "Pilot Puzzle of the Month" generated numerous comments. The general consensus was the silhouette listed as an F-102 was incorrect.

The silhouettes were taken from page 73 of the 1955 edition of Air Force Manual AF 355-10 (see below).. One thing that seems to have confused the issue is that the silhouettes don't show the radome nose that is evident in the photos.

The mystery has been solved! A little deeper internet research confirms that the aircraft silhouette is a Convair XF-92, but, as you can see, the photos are an F-102. The Air Force WAS wrong!

The Convair XF-92 was the first American delta-wing aircraft. Originally conceived as a point-defense interceptor, the design was later made purely experimental. However its design, suitably enlarged, would lead Convair to use the delta-wing on a number of designs, including the F-102 Delta Dagger.

Special thanks to those "eagle-eye" readers that caught the difference.



Membership renewals now due

It's time to renew your membership in the Washington Pilots Association for 2009. Membership renewals are due in January 1, 2009

There are two ways you can choose to renew, one is on-line and the other is through the mail. Both options of renewal are available by accessing www.wpaflys.org. If you choose to download the renewal form off of the website and want to mail it in, just send it to our chapter address listed below. Whether you choose to renew by mail or through the website, please remember to go online and update your WPA account, especially your email address.

WPA Spokane ChapterPilot's Puzzle of the Month

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We learned our lesson last month...don't try to stump pilots with an airplane identification game. We're back with our ever-popular, word puzzle.

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| BEECHCRAFT | LANCAIR |
| BELL | LEARJET |
| BOEING | LOCKHEED |
| CESSNA | LUSCOMBE |
| CIRRUS | MCDONNELL |
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Wings Seminar slated for Moses Lake

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 7th for the annual winter Flying Farmer safety seminar at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake. This is one of the highlights of the winter and a



great seminar full of useful information. Plus, it's located just steps away from Grant County Airport (KMWH). If the weather is cooperative, aircraft parking is located within 100 feet or so of the classroom. No tie-downs are available by the school, but tie-downs are available about 1/3 mile east by American Air. The runways at Grant County are easily capable of handling any GA aircraft and the Space Shuttle. This seminar will earn attendees at least one, and possibly two, FAA WINGS Knowledge credits.

The session will be in the Building 3000 Flight Training Center at BBCC. Sign in and registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and the seminar begins at 10:00. There is a break at noon for lunch. You may bring a sack lunch or eat downtown. The seminar resumes at 1:00 and will wrap-up at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available as usual.

Registration on line will begin January 1, 2009. Bob Clarke and John Swedburg will be the instructors.

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operational**



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced additional measures to strengthen private aircraft security by requiring more detailed information about arriving and departing private aircraft and persons onboard, within a timeframe necessary for the department to assess the risks that certain flights may pose to national security. The Advance Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States final rule expands on existing regulations and is part of a comprehensive effort to strengthen general aviation security. The final rule requires pilots of private aircraft to send U.S. Customs and Border Protection their electronic manifest data relative to all people traveling onboard. The following information must be sent one hour prior to departure for flights arriving into or departing from the United States by filing manifest data through the Electronic Advanced Passenger Information System or an approved alternate system.

Advance notice of departure information; aircraft information to foster aircraft identification, and complete passenger and crew manifest data.

Information on the Advance Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United is currently available at www.cbp.gov

You can sign up for the system at: <https://eapis.cbp.dhs.gov/>
Thanks to the Oregon Pilots Assn for this article

**Hear the Boeing 40 Story
Banquet tickets are now available
See page one for details**