



Spokane Chapter

SPOKANE FLYER

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Spokane Airports director and new Felts FBO operator highlight January Chapter program

by Dave Lucke

Happy New Year !!!

Coming up for the January 19, WPA Monthly Meeting is a presentation by Skip" Davis – Interim Airports Director, Spokane International and Felts Field. Skip will be joined by Tim Gump- Owner of EDMO and Western Aviation, which will take over the reins of FBO at Felts Field.

We all know how the rumor mill works: "If you haven't heard a good rumor by 10 AM you had better start one." There have been lots of rumors going around about what is going on at KSFF. So come to the meeting and find out.

Skip Davis is the interim director at Spokane Airports and has greatly facilitated positive changes at Felts Field. He flies a Bonanza out of Spokane International. Western Aviation is taking over the fuel operation and FBO at Felts Field. I could tell you more but it would be information from the rumor mill so come to the meeting and find out what positive changes are in store for Felts Field.

There will also be a brief election of officers and directors. Join us on January 19th at Marie Callendars Restaurant, 2111 N. Argonne. Grab a seat and order dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our program usually gets started at around 6:45 p.m.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS:

January 2011 Monthly Meeting

Skip Davis-Spokane Airports
Tim Gump & Barry Huck-Western Aviation
Chapter Elections
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Marie Callendars
2111 N. Argonne., Spokane Valley
6:00 p.m.

Annual Banquet and Silent Auction

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

Western Aviation to take over as new Felts Field FBO



Western Aviation will assume the role of fixed base operator (FBO) at Felts Field in Spokane. Those duties began in early January. The five-year agreement was approved by the Spokane Airport Board at the December, 2010 meeting.

Western Aviation will provide fueling, airframe and engine maintenance, and airplane tie-down services. Western has been on the field for the past 35 years performing a variety of services, most notably, complete aircraft avionics installation and repair. Western Aviation has a pilot shop with supplies, including oil, filters, and accessories.

Local and transient pilots are looking forward to improved service at Felts Field, which has not had a full-service FBO for some time.

Western is located at 5505 E. Rutter Avenue and can be reached at 509-534-7371



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, 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.



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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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Incoming President's Message: Tom Morris

Happy New Year!

It is time again to look forward to the new year. First on our agenda is the WPA Benefit Auction on February 26th. I need all of you to dig in and help out as much as possible. We are starting to inventory the items being donated for the auction. Our goal is to have the majority of the items inventoried by the Board of Directors meeting on February 2nd. I'm anticipating a second special board meeting to clean up loose ends a week to 10 days prior to our benefit event.



The applications for our WPA Scholarship Awards have been collected and will be selected prior to the auction, so the winners of the scholarships can be introduced at the Dinner Benefit.

Our January 19th general meeting will be at Marie Callenders on Argonne in the Spokane Valley. Speakers at our meeting will include Barry Huck and Tim Gump from Western Aviation, along with Skip Davis from Spokane Airports. They will bring us up to date on the new FBO and fueling facilities at Felts Field in the coming year.

An election will also be held at the January meeting to fill and/or confirm the open officer and board positions. I look forward to working with all of you again to bring in another successful and prosperous year. Remember to renew your membership online or send a check to our treasurer, Mr. Dave Lucke, for \$31.00.

By the way, the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) has made some great strides in helping with our back country strips. I would encourage you to also support this organization. Check out the RAF on line, they have representatives in all 50 states now and provide a lot of information to insure and protect our wilderness strips.

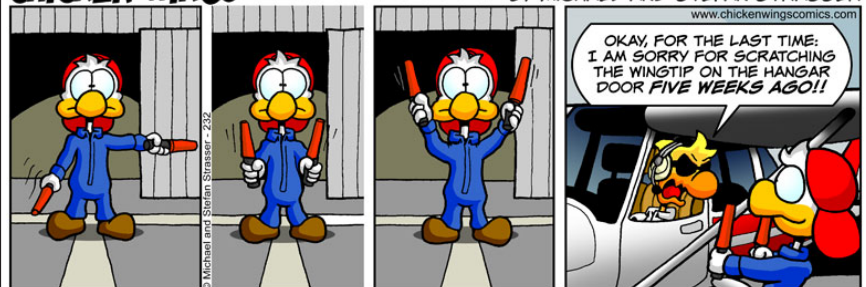
I would like to thank Duane Lukan, the officers and board members for their work and efforts for the past year.

Tom Morris

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Annual banquet preview

Mountain and Canyon Flying expert on tap for February program

Our keynote speaker for the 2011 WPA/Spokane Banquet is renowned mountain and canyon flying expert, Amy Hoover from Central Washington University.

Amy's personal journey in backcountry flying started in the early 1980's while working as a geologist and white water guide on the Middle Fork and Main Salmon Rivers. Her first flight was in a helicopter to the top of Granit Mountain near McCall to collect rock samples for geochemical analysis. However, it was not until two years later, when she took a flight in a Britten-Norman Islander into Indian Creek on the Middle Fork that got her completely hooked. Over the next several years she guided in Idaho and Baja, Mexico, to support her flight training and in 1992, with a fresh commercial certificate, landed a job as a back country air taxi pilot.

Amy joined up with the late Lyn Clark and Lori MacNichol, another flight instructor from McCall, in forming the McCall Mountain/Canyon Flying Seminars. Amy says, "The decision to form the company was based on our observation that general aviation flying in the Idaho backcountry was growing more popular. We wanted to establish and make available to the private flyer the resources and knowledge of veteran backcountry pilots to help promote education and safety flying in that unique area."

In 2001 Amy moved on to the position as director of the Flight Program at Mt. Hood Community College. She also completed her Ph.D. in Education, and in 2003 joined the faculty at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington.

Although her current role as Aviation Department Chair keeps her busy, Amy still keeps her hand in flying the Idaho backcountry and Washington Cascades every chance she gets. Her newest acquisition is a 2009 American Champion Citabria Explorer, which is the perfect all-around machine for tailwheel instruction and putting around the Idaho back country.

After having given over 2000 hours of back country flight instruction and over 75 professional presentations on mountain and canyon flying to various organizations throughout the United States, Amy still loves flying in the back country. Amy tells us that her favorite place to fly in Idaho is a secret. You'll have to fly with her to find out!

Or...maybe she'll let it slip during her presentation. Join us for our annual benefit auction and banquet on Saturday, February 26th at the Luxury Box in the Spokane Valley and ask her.



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.

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January Flying Tip: **NASA Training on Icing**

NASA has some interesting training programs available for pilots on their website.

“Icing for General Aviation Pilots” presents practical information to help pilots avoid ice, detect ice, minimize exposure and safely exit icing conditions during each phase of flight. The effects of icing on aircraft performance, control upsets (wing and tail stalls), and recovery procedures are also discussed.

A series of realistic scenarios are presented as we follow two pilots, Rona and Greg, from pre-flight planning through the approach and landing phases of flight. Rona is piloting a light twin engine aircraft with ice protection equipment, and Greg is piloting a single engine aircraft without ice protection equipment.

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Here is a sampling of some of the courses available: A Direct Approach to Class B VFR Operations, A Direct Approach to GPS fundamentals for VFR pilots, A Direct Approach to Student Pilot VFR Navigation Planning, Aeronautical Decision Making for VFR Pilots, Aging Aircraft, Airspace, Special Use Airspace and TFRs, and All About Fuel.

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www.faasafety.gov/gslac/ALC/course_catalog.aspx .