



SPOKANE FLYER

JANUARY 2012

Changes coming to Spokane Airport FBO's by Greg Kessinger, Spokane Airways

Effective January 10, 2012, Spokane Airways Flight Center is selling their aviation fuel, line service, hangar, and cargo-handling operations to Denver-based Ross Aviation. Ross is consolidating fuel services at Spokane International Airport, having also purchased XN Air, the other fuel provider based at KEGG. The XN Air Executive Terminal will be the new base of operations for all aviation fuel-related services on the airfield beginning January 10, 2012. John Chastek, currently Vice President of Operations at Spokane Airways, will be the General Manager of the new consolidated business.

Spokane Airways will continue to operate its FAA approved Flight Training Center from their current location at the Flight Center. Aircraft will still be available for rent, without interruption, to local pilots. The Flight Center will provide FAA authorized Aircraft Maintenance Services to both Corporate and Private aircraft as before, including on-demand maintenance for the many Airlines serving Spokane International Airport. Spokane Airways' Aircraft Parts Department will remain open to the public during normal business hours.

Spokane Airways' Ground-Service Equipment Maintenance Shop has been an "inside the fence" operation at KEGG for many years. Though seldom noticed by the public, the many pieces of equipment used in support of passenger and cargo flight operations are a critical component of on-time aviation services. Spokane Airways will continue to provide both contractual and on-demand ground equipment maintenance at Spokane International.

FAA approved Air Charter flight services will still be available at the Flight Center, meeting the continuing demand for passenger and air-freight service in the inland northwest. Spokane Airways will also continue to provide Aircraft Dealer services, buying and selling aircraft both independently, and as the agent for private owners.

Spokane Airways has been a PSI/Laser Grade Testing Center for many years, and will still provide written exam services at the Flight Center for FAA, FCC, and Washington State L&I applicants seeking federal and state licenses and certifications.

Spokane Airways Flight Center will be open to the public Monday through Friday 08:00 to 16:30. Aircraft Rental and Flight Training services will continue to be available on Saturdays and Sundays by appointment. Please telephone 509-747-2017 with questions or for additional information.



UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

January Chapter Meeting

Program:

"Meet the New Chapter Officers"

NEW LOCATION:

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

Longhorn BBQ

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

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Annual Benefit Auction & Banquet

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 6 p.m.

Luxury Box, 10504 E. Sprague

Program:

"Recreational Aviation Foundation"

Annual Banquet just around the corner

The 2012 WPA Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction will be held this year on Saturday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Our special guest is John McKenna, president of the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) and RAF Director, Chuck Jarecki.

This annual event will be held at the Luxury Box Banquet Facility located at 10504 E. Sprague Ave., 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. By the way, if you or your business has an item, product, or service that could be donated to the silent auction, please let Terry Newcomb or Tom Morris know.

Seating is limited, so contact a board member or an officer or come to the January general membership meeting on the 18th at The Longhorn Restaurant to get your tickets.



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

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President's Message: Terry Newcomb

Happy New Year, everyone! This year should be an interesting year with national elections in the fall. As we start the new year, I would like to thank those who have served on the WPA board. We owe a big thanks to Tom Morris for serving as President last year and many times prior. He is a tenacious, hard working leader, always setting the example, and just the kind of guy you want in the pilot seat during your commercial flight! There is a spot for him at the WPA State level this year, but we know we can count on him to help at the local level.



Also a big thanks to Carolyn White for serving so long and so well as Secretary and always willing to help at every event. She has a long history with WPA (at such a young age too) and is a good source of ideas. Then, of course, there is Dave Lucke, our perpetual treasurer, who we owe a debt of gratitude for his service for so many years. It is going to be hard for Kyle Kinyon to fill those shoes. We are luck(e) to have Dave as President of the WPA at the State level, bringing the entire hustle and bustle home to Spokane. Finally, thanks to out-going board members, Duane Lukan, Geoff Beth and Jim Leighty; your hard work is appreciated.

I want to remind all members that you can check out our calendar of activities at www.wpaflys.org. Just go to the local Spokane Chapter and see what is happening. One activity you do not want to miss is the **February 11th 2012** banquet and auction at the Luxury Box in the Spokane Valley. John McKenna, president and Chuck Jarecki, director of the Recreational Aviation Foundation will be speaking and it should be a lot of fun! You can get tickets from any of the board members. We will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships from the proceeds. Hope to see you there!

Terry Newcomb

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



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Recreational Aviation Foundation News

by Bob Kay

Washington's Recreational Use Statute changes needed



RAF Executive Director Carl Hicks and I met with Washington State Representative Mark Hargrove, Senator Joe Fain, and Senator Pat Sullivan. We discussed suggested changes to the Washington State Recreational Use Statute that the RAF, WPA, WSPA, WAMA, and AOPA are supporting. These three Legislators and others will be co-sponsoring a bill drafted by Representative Hargrove. We discussed the wording of the bill, timing for its introduction, and other topics. Looks like early January for introduction. Hopefully the changes to the statute will be kept simple and read similar to what's follows below.

RAF suggested change to RCW 4.24.210 are noted below in italics:

(1)Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowners, hydroelectric project owners, or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether designated resource, rural, or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who allow members of the public to use them for the purposes of outdoor recreation, which term includes, but is not limited to, the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood by private persons for their personal use without purchasing the firewood from the landowner, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, swimming, hiking, bicycling, skateboarding or other nonmotorized wheel-based activities, *aviation activities including, but not limited to, the operation of airplanes, ultralight airplanes, hanggliders, parachutes, and paragliders*, rock climbing, the riding of horses or other animals, clam digging, pleasure driving of off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, and other vehicles, boating, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, nature study, winter or water sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, without charging a fee of any kind therefore, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to such users.

We'll see how it shakes out after their legal and bill crafting folks get through with it. The first draft was not acceptable because the bill crafters seemed to have simply cut and pasted text from other state's statutes, including some fairly limiting factors that made little sense for inclusion in the existing Washington State statute.

I'll keep you posted. For the future, hearing appearances, a grass roots support campaign, and possibly a Legislative day may keep most of us pretty busy on this project.

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RENEW YOUR WPA MEMBERSHIP NOW

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.

EAA News by Marian Heale

OK - The EAA is having what I hope will be a new tradition. Walley Ware has had a chili feed at his hangar for the last several years. He now has his airplane hangared at the EAA Building. We have convinced Walley, that the chili feed should be moved to the day of the Super Bowl.

Keith Antcliff is loaning the EAA/WPA Event Center a big screen TV. Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2012, will be the day of the chili feed as well as the Super Bowl Party - Airport Style.

So...Just bring some chili if that is your thing, or salad or cornbread or a desert. Or, just bring yourself and enjoy the companionship of others - Airport style. For more details, call Marian at 624-1092.



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Just a few more things to say

by Tom Morris, Spokane Chapter Past President & East Side VP WPA

As your New Past President, and newly appointed East Side WPA Vice President, I get the honor to pass on the Spokane Chapter Leadership role to your New President, Terry Newcomb. I'm looking forward to helping Terry and his new officers as needed, to move the Club through the next year. I need to thank all of you that helped me make it a very successful year, especially when I was out of town. I hope all of you will support the new leadership, as in the past, and get many items accomplished.

Our next big event is the **Benefit Auction, February 11th**. Some items and services have been donated, but we need many more. Each club member will be asked to come up with some item or service to be donated for the auction. Year after year we have been fortunate to have donations come from some notable local companies and individuals. Without the donations and help from these supporters, it would be impossible to grant the Aviation Student Scholarships, do the Annual Veteran Foliage Flights or provide for the Wilderness Outreach Program for the Hutton Settlement. I hesitate to name the Companies or Individuals in the fear that I could leave someone out. I wish to thank all of the WPA Benefit Supporters for what they have contributed, to allow us to "pay it forward" to those that we can provide help or encouragement.

We have received 14 scholarship applications to be considered. The scholarship committee will select the winners of two, possibly three, \$1000 scholarship awards. They will be given their Awards at the Benefit Dinner on February 11.

Thank you all for a terrific year, we have the power to influence our Aviation Future, use it boldly, but use it wisely.

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