



SPOKANE FLYER

JULY 2011

Annual Chapter picnic features Lucke burning the burgers and brats

The July WPA meeting will be the annual "EllerPark" picnic at the home of Judy and Duane Cocking located at 8322 N. Glenarvon Lane near Newman Lake.



The program will consist of intellectually stimulating conversation among those attending this special event.

Burgers and hot dogs will be served at about 6:00 p.m. Bring a special side dish, dessert, or salad of your choice to share with your fellow pilots and their families. The burgers and brats will be provided. Feel free to bring the refreshing beverage of your choice.

Feel free to fly in but please call Duane, at 509-226-2385 to get specific instructions on flying in, parking, etc.

How do you get there by car?...Go north on Starr Road from Trent Avenue (SR 290), Turn right on Lincoln Drive, then left on Glenarvon. Follow the sweet smell of the barbeque to Duane and Judy's house on the right.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

July Chapter Picnic & BBQ

Judy and Duane Cocking's Home
Ellerpark Airport (WN54)
8233 N. Glenarvon Rd., Newman Lake, WA
Wednesday, July 20
6 p.m.

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No August Meeting

Back Country Tips

Flying into Johnson Creek

by Frank W. Lester, Idaho Division of Aeronautics

It is our responsibility as pilots to ensure an orderly and safe flow of traffic in and around Idaho's backcountry airports. Recent events indicate that misinformation about the traffic pattern at Johnson Creek is being circulated, creating a potentially unsafe situation. The following is meant to correct any misunderstandings as to what patterns are flown, when, and why.



It was Emma Bryant's graciousness and generosity that provided the land on which Johnson Creek now sits. The Bryant family, whose ranch house sits on the hill at the south end of the airport, fully supports all flying activities at Johnson Creek. However, they have three requests of those flying into Johnson Creek:

First, under normal conditions, make all landings to the south and all takeoffs to the north. Second, landings to the north are permitted whenever the pilot decides, based on weather and not convenience, that a landing to the south is unsafe or unwarranted. However, offset your base leg to the south and final approach to the east to avoid overflying the house. Lastly, takeoffs to the south are strongly discouraged: your takeoff path is directly toward the ranch house; you are taking off toward rising terrain; and a marginally performing aircraft, struggling to stay airborne, flying past their living room window is very disconcerting. In the recent past, high density altitudes led to three accidents and seven fatalities, each aircraft failing to out climb the rising terrain to the south. Unfavorable southerly winds generally occur in the late afternoon when aircraft should remain on the ground until more favorable conditions prevail. As a courtesy to the Bryant family, we should honor their requests.

One last item: noise is our greatest enemy in the backcountry. Most of the airplanes we fly are noisy and sound travels great distances in the canyons. That sound amplifies tremendously when we fly in formation, make low passes, and multiple takeoffs and landings. Johnson Creek and the nearby village of Yellow Pine represent a cross-section of the local population and those that come to enjoy our pristine mountain beauty. Not all of them are pilots, yet all of us share the same purpose and must find a way to enjoy our pursuits without treading on those of our neighbors. Please enjoy our airports, but also be considerate.



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President's Message: Tom Morris

Yes, it is officially now the middle of the year. Have you got half of the items you plan to complete this year done? Just pointing out, we are headed into the last half of this year. Our June meeting was a wonderful potluck at the EAA/WPA Event Center at Felts Field. There was a good variety of food items and time to visit without being rushed. The tour of the facility included aircraft building projects in work, various rooms allocated for storage and/or special needs associated with EAA projects. It was good to see members we hadn't seen at a meeting for a while.



Coming up in July is the Annual Picnic at Eller Airpark hosted by Duane and Judy Cocking. The social hour will start at 6pm. Bring a hot dish, salad, fruit, or a dessert. The WPA will supply the burgers and brats. Master Chef David Lucke will burn the meat to your desired taste. Bring your own drinks.

There will be no general meeting in August although, as always, the Wilderness outreach flight will be set up in August for the Hutton Settlement children. Please contact Duane Lukan or me if you would like to volunteer to help fly the kids to Priest Lake. We are currently working on a date.

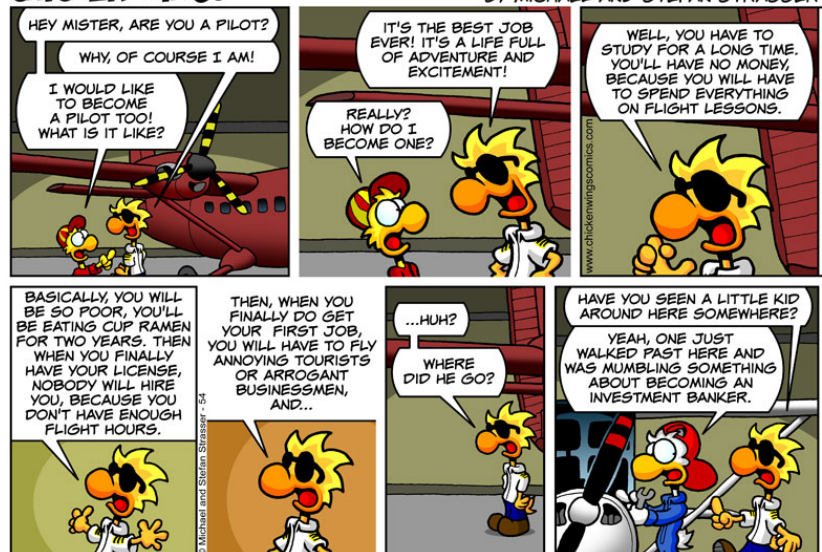
We also need volunteers for the scholarship committee for setup and planning. One last thing, we need to start planning the Fall Veteran's Flight. I will need help in setting up the date, and the coordination with the Vet's timetable. There will be a meal provided by the WPA on return from the flight. We need volunteer pilots and planes for this event too. If you have never flown a Vet's flight, you are truly missing a great experience. It is hard to describe in words the heart felt gratitude you will feel after providing just a little payback for those who helped make this Country what it is. Please help us, help them by showing our gratitude for their past efforts.

See you at the July Picnic. No program is planned, just a short meeting to discuss the upcoming events.

FLY SAFE! Tom

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BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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WPA Scholarship Winners.....

Where are they now?

by Andrew White

I've been flight instructing at Avian Flight Center in Port Orchard, WA since September 2008. I completed my Multi-Engine Instructor rating in July 2010.

On April 20th, this year Ameriflight gave me a telephone interview, and on April 29th I had a face-to-face interview and a simulator ride. I joined the May 9th class in Burbank, CA and I passed my FAR Part 135 check ride on June 14th.

Ground school was very straight forward if you know what is coming. The first day is all company paperwork and meeting key members of the company team. The second day, the fun begins including company operations and procedures.

The second week of ground school was devoted to systems on the aircraft I will be flying. Like the first week, there was a test at the end requiring 80% in order to pass.

The third week was all simulator training. Simulator training consisted of running the flows, procedures, profiles, emergency procedures and a lot of instrument approaches in a very short time frame. Once I passed the simulator session, then I had to pass a company check ride in the airplane. Once I passed the company check ride, I was sent to Portland, Oregon for my flight training.

During my flight training I was flying two runs per day with a training Captain. These runs were designed to apply my simulator training to day-to-day operations flying the line. After three weeks of flight training, I was scheduled for my check ride and passed it on Tuesday June 14th.

On Friday June 24th, I drove to my new base in Oakland, CA. I'll be flying the line there for at least six months. The scholarships I was awarded through the WPA have helped me reach my aviation goals. I'm very appreciative to the organization for supporting my efforts.



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Northwest Destinations

Lewiston Air Fair on tap for July 23rd

by Geoff Beth



The myth of the "\$100 Hamburger" has been destroyed! The 4th Annual EAA Chapter 328 Air Fair is coming up on Saturday, July 23rd from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport (KLWS).

The highlights of the show include: the Commemorative Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress and B-25 Mitchell, Helicopter Rides, Life Flight, static displays from Whidbey Island Navy unit, a P-3 Orion, Boise Idaho Air Guard unit, and more are scheduled to appear.

Frank Miles, organizer of this year's event anticipates it to be hot and heavy after an unexpectedly large turnout last year, with organizers adding even more amenities. "We have camping facilities next to the EAA hangar with showers etc., at no charge! However, pilots should reserve space as it is limited. Wes Rash is the contact for camping at 208.883.4337. Many local hotels and motels will have transportation available and special rates. For example The Red Lion (208.799.1000) is offering a reduced rate, \$20 off of each room, to anyone checking in on July 22nd, 23rd who mentions the Air Fair at the time of check in".

Just passing by? Late entries are always welcome, but the sooner the better to save your perfect spot. "Unique and experimental aircraft are especially welcome," Frank adds. "We may set up an area for Planes for Sale. Last year's attendance was estimated at 5,000. We could push 10,000 this year!," he said

So what about the "\$5 Burger"? It's not a myth, the burgers will be available on the field. And **ADMISSION IS FREE**. You can't beat that... no matter what the burger's total fuel-per-mile consumed costs. Then, if you really want to get your money's worth, the steaks are \$10 with a "cook your own" style" BBQ at 5pm at the EAA Hangar.

Need more info? Go to: www.facebook.com/event.php?id=128470820567397.



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Aviation Event News

Sullivan Lake Airport Fly-In & Work Party

by Bob Kay

The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) is joining forces with the Washington Seaplane Pilots Association (WSPA) for a fun weekend of camping, a work party, and fly-in on August 19- 21 at Sullivan Lake (09S) in Northeastern Washington. It is a grass strip at 2600 feet elevation and 1765 feet long. Density altitude is an important planning factor for this one. Go to Washington State DOT and AirNav for more information.

Northwest Biplane Fly-In comes to Felts Field

The biplanes will once again fill Felts Field in July. Look for the old and new biplanes at the airport on July 15-17.

There will be food and refreshments all day with a big dinner and program on Saturday night. The special guest is Mike Lavelle from the Seattle Museum of Flight.

The program features airmanship competitions, a fly market, and that special camaraderie among pilots and things they fly.

Fly-In T-shirts and hats will be on sale to help you remember the event.



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