



Spokane Chapter

SPOKANE FLYER

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We need your stuff for the 2011 auction!

The 2011 Spokane Chapter Banquet and Auction is coming up on February 26th and we need your stuff (and your help).

Each year we gather a collection of aviation, and non-aviation items to fill the silent auction tables at the banquet. Headsets, avionics, oil, filters, GPS units, kneeboards, apparel, and other pilot or airplane gizmos and gadgets are needed. Pilot medical exam gift certificates from AME's or biennial review gift certificates from CFI's are always a hot item. Non-flying items are welcome, too. Artwork, books, resort stays, restaurant gift certificates, even fine wines have been on past auction item lists.

Do you have a business that can donate a product or service? How about companies that you do business with? Could you ask them to donate an item?

So, what does the auction benefit? Each year your WPA Chapter awards monetary scholarships to flight students or A&P students. Proceeds from our auction finance those scholarships with the chapter awarding several of them each year. In addition, the auction funds other chapter activities such as the Annual Veterans Fall Foilage Flight and the Hutton Settlement, "Wilderness Within Reach" flight.

Only a small portion of the WPA dues actually goes to your Spokane Chapter, so some of those auction dollars support chapter activities like the summer barbeque, the WPA/EAA clubhouse at Felts Field, and the chapter monthly newsletter.

Please help out by helping the Chapter solicit auction items. Call or e-mail any board member listed on page two. Remember, the banquet is on February 27th.

Spokane Tower and TRACON highlight November Spokane Chapter meeting

by Dave Lucke

Air Traffic Control is the topic for the next Spokane Chapter meeting on Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.

We've moved our meeting out to Spokane Airways at Spokane International Airport on the general aviation side.

Mitch Roland from the GEG Tower and Terminal Radar

Approach Control is our guest speaker. He will discuss the Class Charlie airspace around GEG and how best to make a VFR transition. From there the discussion will progress to how to transition "Bravo" airspace, like Seattle. He will review what is expected and a few of the rules. From there the discussion will go to IFR procedures, practice approaches, plans to integrate GPS approaches, and much more.



Then Mitch will tell us a few horror stories, such as- "This pilot calls up on the radio and says blah blah blah," and how they deal with these situations. So bring a few "intelligent" questions.

This is a WINGS seminar, so make sure you sign up at: www.faasafety.gov.

Our hosts will be Spokane Airways, at 3910 S Davison. To get there, take the Geiger Blvd exit off of I-90. Go straight across Geiger into the business park and follow the signs.

Plus, John Chastek from Spokane Airways will give us a brief description of what is going on at their FBO and what plans they have for the future. A reminder that this is not a dinner meeting so grab a bite beforehand.



Scholarship applications are now available

The application process for \$500 scholarships is now open for flight training students and aviation academic students.. Part 141 and Part 61 flight students can apply. Students in the Aircraft Airframe and Powerplant mechanics program are also welcome.

Download and fill out one of the applications (or both, if taking academics and flight training) and submit by December 15, 2010.

Go to the Chapter website at: www.wpaflys.org/Chapters/Spokane/school.html to download the forms.

Hurry, the deadline is approaching fast! Scholarships are presented at the annual banquet.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS:

November Monthly Meeting
 Spokane Tracon and Tower Crew
 Chapter Elections
 Wednesday, November 17th
 Spokane Airways
 3910 S. Davison Rd., Spokane
 7:00 p.m. (No dinner)

No December Meeting

January Monthly Dinner Meeting
 Program: To Be Announced
 Wednesday, January 19th, 6:00 p.m.
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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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President's Message: Duane Lukan

Our November general meeting will be on Wednesday the 17th at Spokane International Airport, not the usual location at Marie Callendar's. Starting time is 7:00 p.m.. This will not be a dinner meeting.

John Chastek will be our host at the Spokane Airways Flight Center hanger. The address is 3910 S Davison Blvd.

A first order of business will be election of officers and board members. Candidates to date are: Kyle Kinyon, Terry Newcomb and John Richardson. Further nominations can be accepted at the meeting.

The program will feature a presentation about air traffic control with an emphasis on the Spokane area. We will have two, maybe three, controllers from the Spokane TRACON. This is our chance to learn about traffic control from the perspective of the controller. It's an opportunity to ask questions, learn from other pilot's mistakes and maybe even offer some suggestions. Hope to see you there.

We are turning our attention to the upcoming major event of the year, the annual banquet and fundraiser. Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Luxury Box at University City. A lot of work goes into garnering auction items for this event and as usual in organizations like ours most of the work gets done by a few of the members. We would not want members to think it's an exclusive privilege. Everyone is encouraged to help. If you know business people who would have an interest in supporting the organization, or who could benefit from some publicity, they are good candidates for a solicitation. We also have members who make personal contributions. Use your imagination about things to solicit and things to contribute. Consider items around the house or hanger that have value but that you won't use. It's not limited to aviation gear, it just needs to be something that will attract bids. When soliciting donations you need receipt forms which will be available from board members.

That's all for now. We'll see you at the meeting. Stay safe especially considering the weather challenges that come with the season.

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Getting Back in the Game

Is your logbook dusty, your flying skills rusty, but you want to get back into flying? The latest issue of FAA Safety Briefing includes an article with pointers on "Getting Back in the Game." It addresses changes in medical certification, the importance of brushing up on your airspace knowledge, making sure you have the guidance of a good flight instructor, and more. To view the issue, go to: www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2010/media/SepOct2010.pdf.

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



In the "Airport Overlay Zone" by John Townsley

The City of Spokane owns Felts Field and is in the process of annexing lands around the international airport. Part of this process is creating airport overlays and protective zoning around Spokane International Airport (GEG) and Felts Field (SFF).

Proposed zoning would prevent future "incompatible land uses" near the airports. Land uses, such as schools, hospitals, day care facilities, residential areas, and other developments where people congregate create controversy that constrains airport operations and often results in airport closure. Proposed zoning would affect undeveloped land around GEG and SFF, and prevent redeveloping existing developed land in ways that would create a hazard to aviation. See: www.spokaneplanning.org/airfields.html.

The City is the 'lead agency' for airport zoning and overlays for SFF and GEG. Other cities and Spokane County will follow the City of Spokane's lead as they update and amend their own zoning. The Spokane City Planning Commission will consider the proposed zoning and airport overlays on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m.. The process of creating airport overlays and airport zoning will take over a year.

Who would have imagined that Blaine Municipal Airport would close? Even large, well established airports like Meigs Field in Illinois closed. Good zoning is our best hope to keep SFF and GEG viable. Pressure to limit airport operations builds with every new residential plat, new neighborhood, and new day care center.

What can you do to keep SFF and GEG healthy and viable? Contact Louis Meuler (lmeuler@spokanecity.org) or Kathleen Weinand (kweinand@spokanecity.org) at the Spokane Planning office. Explain that you favor strong zoning and airport overlays to preserve Spokane Felts Field and Spokane International Airport because it improves safety for aircraft and for people on the ground. It also minimizes noise complaints. Tell them you believe zoning and overlays "are" the right thing to do.

IDAHO HAPPENINGS

Curtis Pusher takes to the skies by Geoff Beth

J.J. Ward piloted the first powered flight over the Lewiston/Clarkston Valley on October 13th, 1910. Now, 100 years later, the 1909 Herring-Curtis "Model- D Pusher" flies once again, looking and flying just like the



original at first glance, then look again; the O-200 engine, sturdy wheels capable of cross-wind hard surfaces, and rudder pedals? It's better. (Certain "modern day" amenities incorporated to meet current FAA standards).

Built by Jim Otey (former WPA president & Boeing engineer) and recently inducted EAA-Hall-Of-Famer Dean Wilson (inventor of the Avid-Flyer aka "Kit Fox"), the brittle, yellowed plans were discovered in a widow's attic and brought to the EAA. They soon discovered they were the wing-forms for the first aircraft ever flown in Idaho! The Glenn-Curtiss museum shipped copies of the original plans for \$25. After 1,400 feet of rigging, spruce, bamboo tubing, cloth doping, and two years later: The 724pound, bi-winged, four-stabilized "Header" was officially rolled-out under a governor's-proclamation for the "IDAHO CENTENIAL OF FLIGHT" at Lewiston airport's Stout Aviation.

How does it feel to learn to fly a plane you've never flown before? "With that 80 horsepower, C-150 engine, the minute you apply power, you better be ready to start flying," Otey said. "Curtis would most certainly have approved of this remarkable 400 foot take-off in five seconds and subsequent climb-out at 55 mph. With 260 square feet of wing at 4 pounds per foot loading, it flies more like a glider than a Champ... but you wouldn't want to try and glide it," Jim adds. "My stomach isn't so tight anymore. I think it's growing on me" Jim admits, as he rolls down RWY8 at KLWS beside two PBS-TV camera trucks.

As for the future: There are several offers to house it at several area museums and even an invite for the US Navy 100 year anniversary.

To hear Jim tell more on the Model-D story www.geoffscott.info/Audio/110410-OT-PUSHER.mp3.

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SATA News by Larry Tobin

The new Spokane Airport Tenants Association board held their first meeting on November 1st and elected officers for the new year.

They are: President, Larry Tobin; Vice President, Doug Sowder; Secretary, Mike Scalera; and Treasurer, Martha Hamilton. One note: The SATA by-laws allow a non-board member to act as Treasurer. Martha has always been one that we could rely on to help and accepted the treasurer position.

We look forward to a very active year working with the Airport Board and staff. We have some worthwhile projects that we are working on and are excited about the possible outcome.

Thanks for your support and keep trying to recruit new members as we have strength in numbers.

New chart product coming in February

On February 10, 2011, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will make available a new product, the U.S. VFR Wall Planning Chart. This new product will provide users with a single chart of the contiguous United States that aids in planning and charting a course of VFR flight across large areas of the country.



The aeronautical information includes airports, radio aids to navigation, Class B airspace and special use airspace. The topographic information includes city tint, populated places, principal roads, drainage patterns and shaded relief. The scale of the U.S. VFR Wall Planning Chart is 1:3,100,000, the size is 59x36 inches flat, and it is updated annually. For information on obtaining the U.S. VFR Wall Planning Chart, visit the AeroNav Products website at: www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav.

Expiration date clarified for aircraft re-registration

The FAA clarified the expiration date for re-registered Certificates of Aircraft Registration in an Oct. 12, 2010, memo. New regulations require aircraft owners to re-register their aircraft over the next three years and renew the registration every three years thereafter.

The first re-registration notices were sent on Oct. 1, 2010, for aircraft registered in March of any year. Registration certificates for those aircraft will expire on March 31, 2011. However, once an aircraft owner submits his or her re-registration application and is issued a new certificate, that certificate will expire three years from the month it was issued regardless of when the original certificate was set to expire, e.g., a certificate originally due to expire in March 2011 that was re-registered in January 2011 will expire on Jan. 31, 2014.

Complete information on the current aircraft registration procedures can be found at: www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/aircraft_certification/aircraft_registry.



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