



# SPOKANE FLYER

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## Airplane insurance for dummies

by Dave Lucke

Our speaker for the meeting on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> will be Bill Clark, owner of Regal Aviation Insurance. The topic will be, "Airplane Insurance for Dummies". Most of us have figured out by now that insurance for pilots and airplanes is a specialized market that requires special skills and knowledge. It's just not the same as buying homeowners or car insurance. Bill is going to teach us some of the perils to watch out for. It should be interesting.

Whether you own or rent an airplane you will certainly learn something. Bill probably has some pretty good "war stories" about people that thought they were insured, but weren't. See you at Marie Callendar's in the Spokane Valley at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and social hour with the program starting around 6:45 p.m..

### UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS:

#### September Monthly Meeting

Bill Clark-Regal Aviation Insurance  
"Aviation Insurance for Dummies"  
Wednesday, September 15th  
Marie Callendars Restaurant, 2111 N. Argonne  
6:30 p.m.

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#### Veterans Fall Foilage Flight

Saturday, September 18th  
9:00 a.m.  
Western Aviation/Felts Field

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#### Lower Granite Airport/Boyer Park BBQ

10:00 a.m. until ?  
Saturday, September 25th  
Lower Granite Airport (00W) &  
Boyer Park & Marina

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#### October Monthly Meeting

Dave Holmes-Avista  
"Flying in the Wired Environment"  
Wednesday, October 20th  
Marie Callendars Restaurant, 2111 N. Argonne

## Wilderness Within Reach Fly-Out Prep

by Gary White

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> dawned crisply at about 50 degrees and with a high overcast. Eight aircraft with volunteer pilots met at the Skyway Café just before nine o'clock eagerly awaiting the group of kids and adults from the Hutton



Settlement. Duane Lukan spearheaded the event coordinating pilots, the Ziegler family and the Hutton Settlement.

The aircraft departed by around 9:10 a.m., with 17 kids and three adult chaperones. Following a brief flight of 30 to 40 minutes, all aircraft safely touched down at Cavanaugh Bay (Coolin, 66S). The kids really enjoyed the flight and many pilots gave their charges a chance at the yoke.



The Ziegler family met the group at the airport, and ushered them to the waterfront at the resort. At the docks two ski boats waited with tubes in tow. The group spent the morning on the water, enjoyed lunch, and went back for more water sports after the meal.



Meanwhile, the pilots congregated at the resort, swapped tales, ate, took naps, and generally relaxed. The restaurant is under new ownership and is open for lunch and dinner. Breakfast or a breakfast buffet is no longer on the menu, for those who might want to fly in.

Many thanks are in order to Duane Lukan for coordinating the event, the Ziegler family for providing the ski boats and water activities and the pilots. Pilots included Jim Black, Mike Eller, Joe Epler, Pete Kuckenber, Dave Lucke, Paul Vietzke, Bob Warner and Gary White. It's always fun to watch the kids kick back, enjoy the day and display that grin that just won't go away!



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**President's Message: Duane Lukan**

I want to express our Spokane Chapter thanks to the pilots who flew the Wilderness Within Reach fly-out for the Hutton Settlement children's home. It's a juggling act to coordinate a date, determine the number of available seats, and match that with passengers wanting to make the trip. It worked out well thanks to the people who pitched in.



For our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Marie Callender's, we will have Bill Clark from Regal Aviation Insurance as speaker. Regal Aviation has long been supportive of our chapter. Remember it's not just about coverage-it's also about safety. If there were no accidents we wouldn't need insurance.

Our next big outing is the Fall Foliage Flight for the veterans. It's coming right up on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This covers a truly scenic route of a little more than 200 nautical miles over rivers, lakes and through mountain canyons. The route (see if you can follow me on this) goes from Felts Field northeast over the south end of Lake Pend Oreille, to the mouth of the Clark Fork River. Then it's southeast up the Clark Fork River and north through the Bull River Canyon to Troy, Montana. From Troy it goes along the Kootenai River to Bonners Ferry then takes a bend to the left (southwest) to Sandpoint. From Sandpoint follow the Pend Oreille River west past Priest River to Newport and then turn southwest back home. The event has been growing in popularity and we will be looking for up to ten aircraft to be available for it.

As always, this is the sight-seeing flight for Veterans under treatment at the VA hospital. Departure will be from Western Aviation at the west end of the flight line at Felts Field at 0900 Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a lunch, Subway sandwich-style, after the flight. If you can make the flight call me and leave a message at 892-9142. If I'm there I will pick it up as soon as I know who is calling.

Make sure you fly or drive to Boyer Park/Lower Granite for our "just for fun" BBQ on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Tom Morris will personally flip your burger to order.

Coming up in October is fellow pilot and Avista engineer, Dave Holmes who will talk about wires. That's power wires, antenna guy wires, telephone wires, and how they don't mix well with airplanes.

We're also talking about our annual banquet in February-stay tuned for more details on that.

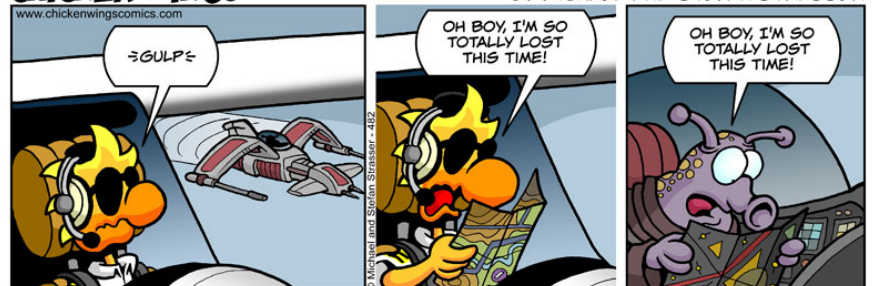
Thanks for helping and we'll see you at a meeting or one of our events.

Duane

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BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER





## Boyer Park & Lower Granite Airport BBQ coming up on September 25th

The Lower Granite State Airport/ Boyer Park BBQ will be held September 25th. Plan to start gathering anytime after 10:00 am for hangar talk and activities in the Day Use Area. You can also call ahead to Cheryl for a VIP tour of the dam at 509-843-1493, extension 262 or 211 (there's no cell phone service in the canyon, so call ahead or use the phone at the marina).

We'll start cooking around noon. Please bring a side dish or a desert item. The WPA/Spokane Chapter will supply the hamburger, brats and buns along with plates, plastic forks and knives, napkins, ketchup and mustard.

Things you should bring: Chairs (if you want a place to sit), something to drink (if you become thirsty), sun screen protection (to keep from getting a sunburn), and a side dish of your choosing (if you want something besides a burger or dog and want to share your favorite recipe with your friends).

The event is open to all, but we need to get a rough count to be able to purchase the correct amount of meat. If you plan to attend please RSVP the number attending to [tzmorris@comcast.net](mailto:tzmorris@comcast.net) so we can get a reasonable count.

September 25<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday so you may want to spend a night or two camping or using the motel rooms at the marina.



Options are unlimited, but be sure to call the Boyer Park Marina to make reservations 509-397-3208. It's a home game weekend for WSU football so if you plan on camping or using the motel, get your reservation now.

Work is underway

## Spokane International Airport Main runway improvements continue

Spokane International Airport (GEG) announced that, as of 6:00 a.m. PDT, Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, aircraft take-offs and landings have shifted to the alternate east/west runway, 7/25, which is 8,199 feet in length.



Runway 7/25 is now the main runway for a few weeks.

The closure is being done to accommodate the final work necessary to complete the 2,000 foot extension of Runway 3, which includes: Completion of asphalt paving connecting the extension of Taxiway "A" to the shoulders of the extended Runway 3/21, removal of the temporary threshold and restriping the runway; removal of the temporary construction fence, miscellaneous paving to the main runway, and final commissioning flight check of the Category III Instrument Landing System (CAT III ILS) for Runway 21.

The fully extended 11,002 foot main runway will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2010. Flight testing and other certification requirements are required before the Runway 3 approach is re-commissioned for CAT III ILS operations, which is scheduled for November 18, 2010.

Landing considerations are directed by the Air Traffic Control Tower based on prevailing winds. However, on days when weather or other air traffic is not a factor, pilots can choose which runway they prefer. Because of the alternative runway's east/west alignment, residents on Spokane's South Hill may notice a change in the pattern of aircraft arrivals and departures during the next two weeks of construction.

Acme Concrete Paving, Inc. of Spokane was awarded the \$30,734,859 Runway Extension project in April, 2009. During last year's portion of the project, Acme installed utility infrastructure, relocated Electric Avenue, corrected an existing runway gradient challenge, graded 300,000 yards of soil, and installed new navigational aid buildings to enable the equipment installation in 2010.



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## Our Vets need you and your plane!

Our Veterans need you and your airplane on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us to fly this very important mission and give back to those who have given so much in service to their country. You can help experience the freedom of flight for those who helped us keep the freedom to fly.

Call WPA Spokane Chapter President Duane Lukan at (509)892-9142 or e-mail him at [dlukan@asisna.com](mailto:dlukan@asisna.com). You'll be glad you did.



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## Airport director search underway

The Spokane Airport Board has begun the process to fill the open Airport Director's position. The Board has appointed a search committee to assist with the completion of the job description as well as the screening, evaluation, and interviewing of candidates. In addition, the Airport Board's Personnel Committee will contract with an executive search firm to assist with the overall recruitment process. The recruitment will commence immediately and the Board is committed to ensuring it is an inclusive and deliberative process. It is anticipated that the search will be completed no later than January 2011. The job description requirements, along with the selection of an executive search firm, will be presented at the September Board meeting.

The search committee is comprised of Airport Board members and community leaders: Jeff Hamilton, Chair, Personnel Committee, Spokane Airport Board; David Brukaradt, Chair, Finance Committee, Spokane Airport Board; Skip Davis, Interim Airport Director, Spokane Airports; Greg Bever, Publisher, Spokane Journal of Business and incoming Chair, Greater Spokane Incorporated – the Spokane region's consolidated Chamber/EDC organization; Scott Morris, President, CEO, and Chairman, Avista Corp; and Lisa Rousseau, General Manager, United Airlines/Spokane.

Also, ex officio members of the Search Committee include representatives from the Spokane County and the City of Spokane: Todd Mielke, Spokane County Commissioner and member, Spokane Airport Board along with Joe Shogan, President, Spokane City Council and member of the Spokane Airport Board.

The new Airport Director will oversee Spokane International and Felts Field Airports, as well as, the Spokane International Airport Business Park. Spokane International Airport is designated as a small hub airport and Felts Field is general reliever airport. The Airport Board assigned interim director responsibilities to Ryland "Skip" Davis following its acceptance of previous Airport Director, Neal Sealock's resignation in July.