



Spokane Chapter

SPOKANE FLYER

SEPTEMBER 2011

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

September Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 6 p.m.

NEW LOCATION!

Timber Creek Buffet
9211 E. Montgomery
 (Just east of Argonne)

Adult Dinner = \$12.39 +tax

Seniors = \$11.39 +tax

(Prices include all you can eat and beverages)

Presentation

John Townesley

The WPA/Spokane Chapter
 2011 Scholarship Program

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Veteran's Fall Foilage Flight

Saturday, October 1, 2011

9 a.m.

Felts Field

Welcome to the future at WPA

We've gone "electronic" with this issue of the Spokane Flyer.

The high cost of printing, folding, and mailing an issue every month to each member has really taken a bite out of the WPA Spokane Chapter budget. It costs about 90 cents in paper, duplicating, and postage to put this newsletter into your mailbox. Considering that the Chapter's share of the annual dues is only \$12 per year, it no longer is cost-effective to keep this up.

We've been putting the newsletter on our website, in a full color version, since November 2007, so this isn't anything new. In fact, all those previous issues are still available at www.wpaflys.org. Just click on the Spokane Chapter tab in the drop down menu.

We hope you'll continue to enjoy the newsletter and thanks for continuing to support the WPA.

We need you and your plane

Vet's flight poised to take off in 2011



Pam Wick from the Veteran' Administration and the group of Vets from the 2010 flight.

The WPA/Spokane Chapter annual "Fall Foliage Veterans Flight" is coming up! Unfortunately due to changing jobs and economy; we are already down two available pilots this year. So, let's be honest—you've been looking for an excuse to fly anyway, so please mark your calendar to take that eager bird to Spokane's Felts Field (KSFF) on Saturday October 1st at 9 a.m. Each year the Spokane Chapter treats our veterans to a spectacular tour through some of the "hidden jewels" of our precious area; The mouth of Clark-Fork, the Cabinet mountains, Libby Pass, Priest Lake, and Mt Spokane are some of the scenic highlights just to name a few. Of course, the route is weather permitting and subject to conditions and the number of Veterans. It's an honor to be able to share the flight with these hero's and such a feeling of satisfaction for all involved. Many of the veterans we fly have never flown before and bring back an entirely "different perspective" to the air. When we get back to Felts, lunch is served, friendships and feelings shared, and thanks given the best way the WPA pilots know how.

Are you interested in checking out some of the cooler routes "off the beaten flight path?" This flight is a MUST. You'll safely navigate wide open valleys with mostly even terrain beneath you. Some of the the deepest alpine lakes in North America, 3,000 foot cliffs that are home to the gravity-defying mountain goats, lovely fall hues, and the youngest mountain peaks this side of Mt. St. Helens, all nestled seemingly deep in the interior Northwest's Bitterroot and Cabinet mountain ranges. This is mountain flying so a GPS is useful and accurate weight & balance calculation is a pretty good idea.

Are you from out of town? Fuel and services are available at Felts Field or at Spokane International Airport (KGEG) just a few miles to the west. The crews at Spokane Airways (GEG) or a Western Aviation (SFF) always step up and help out with your needs.

THE DETAILS: Saturday Oct 1st at 9 a.m. (KSFF) Felts Field. Contact Marc Ruggiero (pruggi@peoplepc.com/509.892.1539) to sign up, volunteer, or help out. Geoff Beth (geofscott@aol.com/208.746-1149) is your source for more information & media. Veterans interested should see their VA administrator, or leave a message for Director Pam Wick at 509-434-7686.

Let's give our treasured veterans a special day.



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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: Tom Morris

It is hard to believe summer just got here, and now the kids are headed back to school. Even though no regular meeting was scheduled in August we were still active. Duane Lukan helped get the Hutton Settlement Flight off to Priest Lake on schedule Saturday August 27th. Our sincere thanks go out to Caleb Young, Pete Kuckenber, and Joe Epler all from St. Maries, ID; Bill Henry, Jeff Renfrow, Gary White and Vern Ziegler from Spokane, for being available to transport the 17 passengers from the Hutton Settlement to and from Priest Lake. Vern Ziegler and family once again provided boating activities for the group. The Ziegler Family has been involved for many years helping with this event, and deserves **special thanks** for making it a memorable day for the participants.



September brings us a new meeting place. The general meeting will be held at the Timber Creek Grill on Sept 21st. The Timber Creek Grill is located in the Argonne Plaza at Argonne and Montgomery. John Townsley will be our guest speaker explaining the newly revised WPA Scholarship applications and awards. We will also be looking for several volunteers to screen the applications. The applications can be downloaded from the Spokane Chapter WPA website shortly and will be due in by Dec 15th 2011.

Our next flying event will be the Veteran's Fall Foliage Flight. The flight will be held on Saturday, October, 1st. We will be looking for volunteer pilots and planes to provide seats for this very gratifying mission. Let us know if you would be interested in providing help for this event.

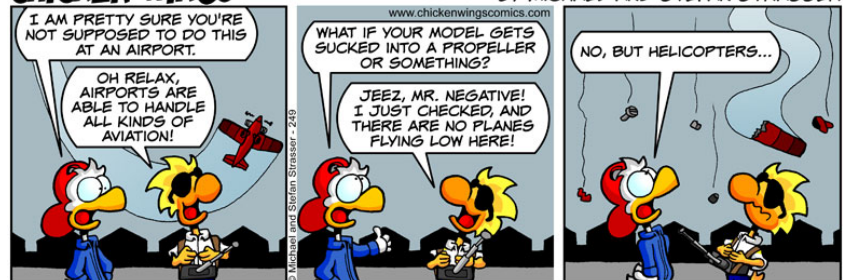
As a final note, we are going electronic. The newsletter will be distributed electronically, there can be copies printed off the computer for those still wishing a paper copy. Our cost to print and send as in the past has overcome the dues being paid. This is an attempt not to increase the dues and move farther into the future as it forever comes.

Fly safe as we slide into fall!

Tom

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BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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Try your luck in the upcoming WPA Poker Run

The Colville, Deer Park and Spokane Chapters of the Washington Pilots Association will be hosting a "Poker Run" on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

Five airports are involved in the event. The finish will "probably" be at Priest River at 2 PM but Darold will get that finalized by the 10th. The BBQ will be complete with burgers, soda, chips, and lies about your brilliant piloting, etc. So you can start whenever you want, but try to visit each of the airports. You don't have to go to each one, but your chances improve with additional cards.



Pick up your cards at the following locations: Colville, the pilots lounge at the SE of the airport. Chewelah, pilots lounge mid field. Priest River, pilots lounge at the south end of the hangers. Felts Field, EAA/WPA Event Center, (used to be Felts Field Aviation, ask the tower if confused or call Marian Heale at 509-230-0315. She will be there somewhere.) Deer Park, pilots lounge just north of the fuel pumps.

The entry fee is \$10 per hand, extra cards are \$5 each, and are only available at Deer Park.

Plans are to award cash prizes for the best three hands. This is not a fund raiser, just a chance to have a good time.

Organizers are: Deer Park, Darold Schultz, 509-999-5835; Spokane-Marian Heale 509-230-0315, and Dave Lucke 509-326-2599; Colville-Dave Garringer 509-684-1566.

There will be a recorded "Go / No Go" message available at 7 a.m. at 509-685-9056

Photo Ops

Taken on the Fly



Just like the famous Boeing 707 demo flight over Lake Washington, all Boeing airliners should be able to fly inverted. Here's the Seattle factory's first passenger craft, the Boeing 40C, showing how it is done.



And, who says jet jockey's have all the fun. Even Cessna's can push the envelope and generate some vapor trails.



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