



## GA FEES ON HOLD! FOR NOW

**The following article is from the AOPA WEBSITE:**

### 2007 User Fee Issue

The FAA ran into a wall of unyielding skepticism with its funding proposal during a March 21 hearing before the House aviation subcommittee. AOPA President Phil Boyer told panel members that they were right to be skeptical—that the FAA has manufactured the funding crisis it claims to be addressing with the proposal. Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.), chairman of the full House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and an ex officio member of the subcommittee, told the FAA in his opening statement, "We're going to do right by aviation." He said the subcommittee and full committee would listen to everyone affected by the proposal, including the FAA itself. After that, he said, "I intend to give it a decent burial." During his presentation to the panel ([watch a video of the testimony](#)), Boyer noted that all segments of the aviation industry recognize the need to modernize the air traffic control (ATC) system. "Let's take user fees off the table," he said, "and get on with the real issues at hand through a productive, meaningful discussion on how to strengthen the nation's airports and modernize ATC." See [AOPA Online](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. April 18th.

"General Observations Regarding: Flight Decision Making, Check Rides, PTS, Orals, etc. "

By: Rick Harber  
6:00PM

*Marie Callender's*

2111 N. Argonne

**APRIL 21st**

### "IFR-VFR CHARTS"

And More!

9:00am To 3:00pm  
S.F.C.C.

Bring Your Questions!

See inside for schedule

**MAY 12th**

### WPA STATE MEETING

@ Paine Field all day  
Future Of Flight Building  
Limited seating of 100  
GUEST SPEAKER:

Mike Melville @ 1:00  
Details in 'WINGS'

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Time: 1300 - 1530 "VFR Chart Smarts" Speaker: Richard Neher, FAA

Lounge C

Time: 0830 - 1015 "Attitude/Automation/Decision Making" Speaker: Rogers Shaw, FAA

Time: 1030 - 1200 "Night Flight; Avoiding The Hazards" Speaker: Dale Wilson, CWU

Time: 1300 - 1500 "Spatial Disorientation" Speaker: Rogers Shaw, FAA

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# **EAA Chapter 79 Fly-In Pancake Feed and Poker Run**

**Saturday, May 19, 7:00 A.M. Felts Field  
EAA/WPA CLUBHOUSE**



Come join your friends for a fun day of flying and eating. Pancakes, ham and eggs will be served in the hangar next to the EAA clubhouse. After breakfast you can take off for the poker run with stops at Deer Park, Sandpoint, Coeur d'alene and back to Felts. Prizes will be awarded and at lunch we will fire up the barbeque. Contact: Jack Hohner

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**See you there!**

## QUEST AIRCRAFT FLIES FIRST CONFORMING KODIAK

Quest Aircraft Company of Sandpoint, Idaho, has flown the first conforming production Kodiak, serial No. 1, as it enters the final phase of testing for FAA certification. The aircraft will enter function and reliability testing when initial flight testing is complete. *AOPA Pilot* had reported on the Kodiak prototype in March 2006; changes to the aircraft since then include an environmental control system, oxygen for all seats, and a new split cargo door with integrated steps. The first customer delivery aircraft (serial No. 2) could be completed as soon as this summer. The turbine-powered single-engine utility aircraft, intended for personal use, missionary work, and rugged backcountry flying, has a three-year backlog of orders. The first delivery will go to Salmon Air, an Idaho-based firm offering scheduled commuter service and backcountry charter flights.



### LOWER GRANITE AIRPORT UPDATE

Michele Dupler did an article about a year ago. The article cased the improvements that were being requested at Lower Granite State Airport near Boyer Park on the Snake River. The Washington Pilots Association, Spokane Chapter, asked for these improvements to be made to prevent damaging aircraft that used the strip.

Modest improvements were made by the WA State DOT Aviation division. The strip has been rolled and packed to nearly chip-seal strength. Oil was sprayed down the center of the runway to help hold the rolled rock structure together. Those of us who use the strip are happy with the result and are still working to improve the strip even more.

May 5th there is a work party scheduled by the WPA and DOT Aviation division to create a path from the runway to the campground with out having to walk through knee high grass where unfriendly rattles might be heard. The trail will include steps down off the runway elevation to a gravel path that will lead to a mowed overflow parking lot next to the long term camp area.

Many complaints (well justified) have been voiced about the trek to the park from the runway. This trail will be a real benefit for those accessing the airport runway. The Spokane Chapter of the WPA adopted this airport last year to help the state improve and maintain the airport. This project is only one of the on going activities to help keep the states airports in good operating condition.

Tom Morris and others from around the State are in the process of organizing the (work) party for the Lower Granite Dam. There has been interest posted on the [pacificnorthwestflying.com](http://pacificnorthwestflying.com) chat room to help as well. Tom and others from around the area would like to see as much support for this event as possible. The Rangers/operators may also schedule a tour of the Lower Granite fish ladder as well!

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