



# SPOKANE FLYER

February 2009

## Annual Banquet and Auction on February 28th

It's finally here!  
The Washington Pilot's Association/Spokane Chapter Annual Banquet and Scholarship Auction.

Join us on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for our annual dinner and program. We'll be at the Decades Banquet facility in the Spokane Valley, 10504 E. Sprague, behind the Café Americana.

Addison Pemberton is our headline speaker and will fill us in on his

Boeing-40 restoration and flying adventures-especially the cross-country, U.S. Mail flight and AirVenture visit. His personal recount of this history-making event will certainly be an exciting tale.

Also, check out the aviation-related items and other goodies that will be available in the silent auction. This auction is the Chapter's fundraiser for our annual aviation scholarships. See page 3 for our 2009 winners and help support our future pilots by bidding on our selection of items.

Don't miss our featured auction items, two exquisite pearl necklaces and set of pearl earrings, complete with a jeweler's appraisal to ensure quality. Bidding is always exciting so bring your checkbook or some loose cash (sorry, no credit or debit cards) and scoop up some bargains while you support our future pilots.

Our menu includes a choice of salmon or beef with all the trimmings.

This year we are pleased to announce that the price for the banquet has been reduced, but the quality has not.

Tickets are \$35 per person or \$280 per table of eight and available from any Chapter board member. Give one of them a call or send an e-mail with your ticket order.

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**Don't miss out. Get your tickets today!**



### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

#### ANNUAL BANQUET

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 28, 2009

6:00 P.M.

"Decades"  
Banquet Facility  
10504 E. Sprague  
Spokane Valley, WA

Guest Presentation:  
Addison Pemberton  
"The Boeing 40 Story"  
&  
Scholarship Silent Auction



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**President's Message: Tom Morris**

February is upon us already. The scholarships have been awarded and through this, more knowledge about General Aviation is being shared with a new generation of pilots. To keep the cycle in motion we are now making final preparations for this years' Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction, featuring Addison Pemberton and the Boeing 40 story.



I had the privilege of visiting Addison's hangar, seeing the Boeing 40 in person, and got a sneak preview of his presentation. Those that don't make it to the dinner will miss hearing first hand about the HISTORICAL EVENTS accomplished by Addison and his volunteers.

I was amazed by where the plane has been, who has been in it, and what possibly lies ahead for it in the future.

Ticket sales for this gala event have been good and there are still seats available, but time is getting short.

If you would like to attend the dinner, please contact any of the Board Members or Officers as soon as possible to secure your spot. Come and celebrate the future of GA with us. I want to thank to everyone that has helped work on the benefit auction this year. You are the reason this works.

I'll see you at the Banquet on the 28th.

By the way, we've got a lot of exciting things going on in the Chapter: a new video, great monthly programs, our Lower Granite Airport project, and some great pilot networking. Come to a meeting or event and bring a potential new member.

Tom

**State WPA offices up for grabs**

The following WPA statewide offices are up for election. The election will be at the WPA annual meeting which is later this month at the Washington State Aviation Expo in Puyallup. If anyone is interested contact John Dobson at (360) 898-2319 or [president@wpaflys.org](mailto:president@wpaflys.org).

Here's what positions are open for elections: President; Vice-President, West; Director at Large; Membership Director; Communications Director; and Legislative Director.

**CHICKEN WINGS**

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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### WPA Spokane/Pilot Puzzle of the Month

This month's puzzle features Addison Pemberton, the Boeing 40, plus Larry Tobin and his Stearman along with our annual banquet and auction. You can even bring this along to the dinner and work on the puzzle while you wait for dessert!

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CROSSCOUNTRY	REENACTMENT	VOLUNTEERS
DECADES	RESTORATION	WENDY
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### Meet our 2009 scholarship winners!



WPA/Spokane Chapter Past President Gary White with Becky Harris, Klaas Kroneman, and Andrew White.

Each year, the Chapter awards \$500 scholarships for flight-related training and education. Here are our 2009 winners.

Nate Cooke is a student enrolled at Moody Aviation. Nate has a private pilot single engine land and instrument rating. Nate also holds an A&P license. He has completed the written exam for his commercial license. Nate has 240 hours.

Nate was unable to attend the award ceremony last month in that he was completing an internship in Ecuador performing maintenance tasks in support of mission aviation activities. He will return in March to complete his flight training and degree requirements.

Becky Harris knew she wanted to be a professional pilot prior to her finishing high school. Becky participated in Running Start where she took classes at Spokane Falls Community College/University of North Dakota and got a head start on her training. She holds a private pilot single engine land rating and has 65 hours total time. She plans to use her scholarship money toward her instrument rating.

Klaas Kroneman spent his formative years overseas in third world countries while his parents served as missionaries and bible translators. Klass is also a student at Moody Aviation. He holds a PP/ASEL rating and an A&P license. At the time of his application, Klass had accumulated 61 hours total time.

Klass intends to use his scholarship money toward his instrument rating and intends to complete his education at Moody Aviation before he follows his parents footsteps serving mankind overseas.

Andrew White is a graduate of Central Washington University's aviation department with a major in Airway Science with an Aircraft Systems Management specialization. He holds a private pilot, commercial pilot, instrument rating, certified flight instructor and certified flight instructor instrument rating. He is currently employed as a flight instructor for Avian Flight Center, Bremerton, Washington. Andrew has 600 hours flight time and had given over 100 hours of dual instruction.

Andrew intends to use his scholarship money by working toward his multi-engine instructor's rating.

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**STC highlights January Chapter meeting**



Jeff Tourcotte of the Spokane Turbine Center was our guest speaker for the January Chapter meeting. Jeff gave an excellent overview of STC and some of the work they are involved with.

STC provides the Quest Kodiak to Moody Aviation to provide turbine training for the students.

Jeff also gave us a glimpse of the Kodiak, its capability, and future in backcountry aviation. One of the key points is the difficulty of getting aviation gasoline into remote areas and the extremely high cost when it's available.

He also noted that folks should be on the lookout for exciting changes at Felts Field with the original airport terminal building and historic Air Guard hanger.

**High altitude training update**

The high-altitude training originally planned for March 2<sup>nd</sup> has been postponed, due to a scheduling glitch. John Townsley is working on alternative dates and will keep us advised. Questions? E-mail John at [highflight@q.com](mailto:highflight@q.com)

**Mogas bill in Washington Legislature**

If you want or need mogas for your plane, a bill is now in the Washington State Legislature that should help. The bill is HB 1903. This bill with the new language was introduced on February 2 by Spokane Valley Legislator, Larry Crouse and requires that unleaded 87 unleaded gasoline be available at every distribution terminal for aviation or marine use. Now, this doesn't mean that your local Costco will carry it but it looks like an FBO or fuel co-op should be able to get unblended gas.



Read the Legislation at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2009-10/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1903.pdf>

If you want to comment, you can call your representative on the Legislative hotline at (800) 562-6000 and voice your opinion.

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WPA video is on the air...er...internet**

How do we promote our Chapter and tell people what we do? One way is this newsletter. Please pass it on to a non-member.

The next best thing is the Internet. Our Chapter web page is: <http://www.wpaflys.org/Chapters/Spokane/Spokane.html> and one of the newest items is the WPA/Spokane Chapter video!



Produced by Geoff Scott of KHTQ-FM with the resources of the KXLY Group, our video gives a glimpse of some of the things we do and why we do them. The 2 1/2 minute video is also available on the WPA Facebook group or YouTube. Check it out and tell your friends.

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