



WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION



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**President's
Message**

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and received an assortment of flying gifts! Thanks to out-going board members Marc Ruggiero and Rickey Harber for their help in 2012 and prior, and welcome to new board members Charlie Cleanthous and Charlie Archer for 2013! We have a fun 2013 year planned, so please remember to renew your membership at www.wpaflys.org. That way you will receive current information

**UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS &
ACTIVITIES:**

Spokane Chapter January General Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 6 p.m.
Longhorn BBQ, 2315 N. Argonne (I-90/Exit 287)

Program:

*Meet your fellow WPA members
&
Annual Banquet Update*

Annual Chapter Banquet & Silent Auction

Saturday, February 9, 2013-6 p.m.
Spokane Events & Catering Center
10512 E. Sprague
Spokane Valley, WA

Join us for a special evening with former Alaska State Trooper, floatplane pilot/instructor, and author, Mike Kincaid. Plus, support your chapter activities by bidding on aviation-related items, pilot supplies, and other great stuff at our silent auction. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

on activities and it will help support our lobby efforts for general aviation interests.

Our meeting on Wednesday January 16th at the Longhorn BBQ on Argonne will allow us to spend some time discussing the upcoming Banquet on Saturday Feb 9th at the Spokane Events & Catering Center on East Sprague in the Spokane Valley. Please let any of the board members know if you need tickets to the event or if you have a donation for the auction. We are thrilled to have Mike Kincaid speaking to us about his adventures of flying. Mike was the stunt pilot for Nic Cage and John Cusack in the new movie coming out this spring called Frozen Ground. He will share some footage of the movie at the banquet. Mike has quite an extensive background in flying and he is a great speaker; you don't want to miss this one! Please go to our website at www.wpaflys.org Spokane Chapter tab for more information.

Fly safe and best regards,
Terry Newcomb, Spokane Chapter President

Tickets are \$35 per person for the meal (chicken or beef- please specify when ordering) and available from any chapter officer/board member.

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Winter flying

Winter flying in the Inland Northwest can be fun. The air can be smooth and the view is spectacular! Above is a snapshot of Coeur d'Alene Lake taken on Christmas Day.

About this update

The Spokane WPA Chapter has traditionally produced a 4-page, printed newsletter. For many years, we mailed the newsletter directly to members via the US mail. With the rising costs of printing and mailing, we

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switched to an e-mail version of that printed newsletter. That too, was very time-consuming, requiring a few days of article gathering, advertising updates, and a full day to produce the newsletter format, proofread, and finally load into a digital format to e-mail and place on the web page. This new, monthly meeting update is produced using an internet-based newsletter service, MailChimp. The update is written and formatted via the internet. The only thing you need to do is keep your e-mail address current on the Washington Pilots Association website at www.wpaflys.org . We hope this will keep you informed on chapter activities in the years to come.

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