



SPOKANE FLYER

MAY 2009

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

WEDNESDAY
MAY 20, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Marie Callender's Restaurant
2111 N Argonne Rd.

Guest Presentation:
Dan Hanson
US Customs and Border
Enforcement
&
Jim McDevitt
US Attorney for Eastern
Washington

"Crossing into Canada."

LOWER GRANITE AIRPORT WORK DAY

SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2009

10:30 A.M.

*"Bring your yard
and garden tools"*

New border crossing rules require online access

The deadline is approaching for compliance with the new Department of Homeland Security Rule affecting private aircraft on international flights.



In December 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S.

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a new rule that affects private aircraft operating on international flights. The rule, Title 19 CFR Part 122, is titled 'Advanced Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States'. Compliance with this new regulation has been voluntary since December, however, compliance becomes mandatory effective May 18, 2009. The DHS Final Rule can be viewed at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-26621.pdf>

Beginning May 18, 2009, all general aviation flights arriving into or departing out of the U.S. require the pilot to electronically submit crew and passenger manifests and other flight information to the CBP at least 60 minutes prior to departure. This information must be submitted to the CBP using their Electronic Advance Passenger Information System (eAPIS) website or through an authorized third party vendor. This new rule does not apply to domestic flights.

Pilots failing to meet these reporting requirements can be fined \$5,000 for the first violation and \$10,000 for each subsequent violation.

Pilots are encouraged to become familiar with the CBP crew and passenger manifest reporting requirements prior to planning any flights across the U.S. borders. More information can be found at the U.S Customs and Border Protection website: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/private_flyers.

Pilots are also advised to register their information with the CBP eAPIS website and begin using the system now for international flights even prior to the May 18, 2009 deadline. Information on how to register with eAPIS can be found at: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/inspections_carriers_facilities/apis/e_apis_information.xml



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Board meeting are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

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President's Message: Tom Morris

The WPA both on the State level and our local chapter have been working hard to make things correct on all fronts. From the City of Spokane Valley/Felts Field rezoning, to the States' Long-term Aviation Transportation Study, and finally the TSA trying to impose more restrictions on General Aviation Business Aircraft, we have been involved and voicing our concerns. It has been a



busy time for us, some of the topics are still in the works, others we are waiting the outcome. Thank you all for your time and input on these very important studies and for taking the time to submit your opinions.

Last month Larry Tobin gave us a first hand lesson on surviving an engine failure. The biggest lesson we learned was to always fly a route with friendly ground below; the shortcut may not be the wiser of the two choices. In May we will learn more about crossing our northern border and how to do it correctly, from Dan Hanson and Jim McDevitt, as well as the problems the Border Patrol officers have with trafficking across the border. Once again John Townsley had been able to put this together as a Wings Program sponsored by the FAAST Team in our area. Come and join us for our monthly meeting May 20th at Marie Callenders.

Coming up we have the Lower Granite airport work party on Saturday, May 30th. Be sure and bring gardening tools, a picnic lunch and plenty to drink. The work will begin around 10:30 a.m. and we should be done mid afternoon. Don't forget the sun block, hat, sunglasses and gloves. If you have an urge to camp give them a call to reserve your spot. Marcia and I will be there Friday and Saturday night, so let me know if you plan to campout or use the motel rooms at the Marina so we can tell stories around the campfire. For reservations call Boyer Park at 509-397-3208.

As the weather gets better and the daylight increases, put it to good use and have some fun. See you at the airport!

Tom

CHICKEN WINGS

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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More ethanol in your gas! Act now!

We know it's difficult, if not impossible, to find 87 octane, unleaded automotive fuel for your ultralight aircraft or your STC'd certified airplane. Now the oil companies and ethanol manufacturers are taking aim at your lawnmowers, chain saws, and boats, plus your older automobiles and trucks.

In March 2009, Growth Energy and 54 ethanol manufacturers submitted an application for a waiver of the prohibition of the introduction of certain fuels and fuel additives such as ethanol. This application seeks a waiver for ethanol-gasoline blends of up to 15 percent by volume ethanol (E15). The additional 15% ethanol component is well beyond the accepted level for most small engines or marine powerplants.

So, if you didn't worry about the disappearance of pure gasoline for airplanes because your model required 100LL or Jet A, you should be concerned now and get involved before your boat engines and lawnmowers stop.

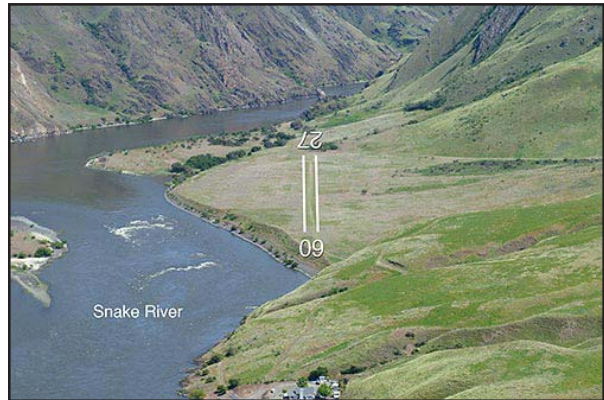
Why are they doing this? A 2007 federal law gives a 45 cent per gallon credit for every gallon of ethanol used in the fuel stream. That's an incentive of 4.5 cents per gallon of E10. With higher fuel prices and more efficient vehicles, they are not selling enough 10% ethanol blended gas so they want to raise the percentage to 15%. Of course, you pay for all this with worse fuel economy and the diversion of your federal fuel taxes from roads and bridges to the oil and ethanol company profits.

The EPA is soliciting comment on all aspects of the waiver application, including whether a waiver is appropriate for ethanol-gasoline blends over 10 percent and less than 15 percent. Written comments must be received on or before May 21, 2009.

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0211, by one of the following methods: Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments. E-mail: a-and-r-docket@epa.gov. or via Fax: (202) 566-1741.

Notams: Know them and abide by them

by Jim McDevitt, US Atty. for Eastern Washington



Rogersburg airport (photo courtesy WSDOT)

As a general aviation pilot, I feel fortunate to be able to fly into various backcountry airstrips located in the remote reaches of Washington, Idaho and Montana. This is, indeed, a very special privilege.

As the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, however, it is my obligation to uphold the letter of the law and support those agencies, local, state and federal, who enforce those laws and issue citations for those who, for whatever reason, violate those rules, regulations and statutes.

Where am I going with this?: Rogersburg.

In December of last year a local pilot landed at Rogersburg without authorization. As we all know, or should know, Rogersburg is a Washington State Aviation Division airstrip operating under an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management. Per their agreement, the airstrip is closed between November 15 and March 1 of each year.

Regardless of whether one agrees with the reasons for the closure, that's the rule. Violation of that rule comes with a fine. I was asked if I would support a prosecution if it came to that and I said yes - definitely. Fortunately, the subject pilot paid the fine.

Continued violators of this rule, or other rules related to our backcountry airstrips, puts our ability to continue to use these airstrips in jeopardy.

Let's not abuse these special privileges - know the rules and follow them!

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**Takeoffs are voluntary-
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It's a rule of physics—What goes up, must come down. The key is to make your departure from earth and the return to terra firma successful events. Approximately 50% of all general aviation accidents and incidents occur during takeoff or landing. Let's fix that!



Fred Abrams, nationally known aviation lecturer, humorist and veteran flight and ground instructor will present concepts concerning takeoffs and landings that are some times under taught and often forgotten. These techniques, if practiced, can significantly improve your chances of having a safe and successful flight.

Seats are limited so reserve your seat today at www.FAASafety.gov for: "Takeoffs are Voluntary, Landings are Mandatory" coming up on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The seminar will be held at Moody Aviation, 6719 E. Rutter Avenue in Spokane adjacent to Felts Field.

Lower Granite Airport work day is May 30

The Lower Granite airport chapter work day is Saturday, May 30. Bring your shovel, rake, gasoline-powered weed trimmer, gloves, and other garden/yard tools to help clear our trail and future plane parking space.

Drive in or fly in. You can even camp in your motorhome, trailer, or tent. Call the adjacent campground for reservations at: (509)397-3208.

Lower Granite airport is located near Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River. Take State Route 194 from Pullman, turn left at the river, and park in the lot just past the campground.

Help take care of our 'adopted' airport.