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NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, Feb. 12
6:30 p.m.
Bergstrom's Aircraft
Pasco PSC**

SPEAKER:

Dr. Carl Cadwell

**Enhanced Vision of
Vista Field**

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President's Message

by Marjy Leggett

The Tri-Cities Chapter of the WPA has officially launched. I want to thank all of you charter members who joined this first year as we were just getting started, along with those of you have recently joined. In fact, your interest in the WPA was the springboard for creating a chapter that represents the Tri-Cities area.

In November we held a Membership Drive and Safety Seminar with WPA Director of Safety and Education Jim Faustina presenting. It was a great success with an official count of 46 participants.

The first regular chapter meeting was January 24th at Bergstrom's Aircraft in Pasco. This was an organizational meeting to establish when we want to meet and what types of programs or activities we wish to engage in. Sixteen people braved the icy roads to attend, some coming from as far as College Place, Desert Aire, and Mesa.

Officers were elected and some great ideas for the direction of the club were tossed about. The general consensus was to hold evening meetings during the winter months or every other month and Saturday meetings when the weather is good so that we can actually fly to events. We are, after all, an organization of pilots and want our activities to center around flying. We are still in the process of creating a calendar and forming a regular meeting schedule. Please send any scheduled events or ideas for meetings and activities to me at MarjyL@charter.net. I would like to put together a calendar and meeting schedule for the entire year.

Much is happening in aviation right now, especially in the Tri-City region. It is imperative that we be aware of the discussions taking place outside the circle of aviation proponents. Our airports are in danger and it is up to us to speak up and let the non-flying members of our community know the value that airports play in their lives and how closing airports will affect them.

WPA is fortunate right now to have strong leadership and advocates of aviation willing to be vocal, contact those making decisions, and provide support across the state to airports in danger. It's a great time to belong to the WPA.

You've heard about the controversy over Vista Field. Come to the next WPA Tri-Cities meeting on Feb. 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Bergstrom's Aircraft and see the vision Dr. Carl Cadwell and others have for making Vista Field a destination airport.

WPA Mission Statement:

*“To Advance the Interests of
General Aviation in
Washington State
Through Advocacy,
Outreach, Education, and
Social Activities.”*

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Business Partnership Program,
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Next Meeting—Vista Field Enhancement

You’ve heard the discussions. You’ve heard the alternative. Come to the next WPA Tri-Cities meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2009 to Bergstrom Aircraft at the Tri-Cities Airport, Pasco and hear Dr. Carl Cadwell of Cadwell Laboratories present the pilots’ vision of an enhanced airport.

See how an investment of \$10 million can reap up to \$2 billion for the economy in just 20 years. What will it take to transform Vista Field into a destination airport that promotes tourism and brings business to the area? An offer has been made to build numerous enhancements, provide jobs, and bring tourists to the Tri-Cities. Why would any city want to close an airport when such an outstanding offer is on the table?

Come hear how Vista Field could bring millions of dollars to the Kennewick economy in the next 20 years. Here’s a chance to ask questions and be a part of the discussion.

WPA Tri-Cities to Take Part in Physiology Training at Fairchild AFB

Tri-Cities WPA has already planned its first activity. Pilots from the Tri-City area will be joining the Spokane chapter to attend a full day of training in safety and physiology on March 6 at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane.

The training consists of how to cope with common survival scenarios, psychology of survival, physiological and psychological stresses of flight, night vision, and spatial disorientation.

Participants with a valid Class I, II, or III medical certificate may experience the high altitude chamber simulating rapid decompression (8,000 to 18,000 feet AGL), hypoxia (25,000 feet AGL), and visual acuity (18,000 feet AGL) in a hypobaric (altitude) chamber, as well as a safe practical demonstration of spatial disorientation in the General Aviation Spatial Disorientation Demonstrator.

If you are interested, we may set up another opportunity in May. Contact Marjy Leggett MarjyL@charter.net.

Local Membership Benefits Program
Show your WPA Membership Card and receive the following benefits from the following business partners. Be sure to thank them for their participation:

Business and Contact	Location	Types of Benefit Offered
Bergstrom Aircraft, Inc	KPSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 cent discount per gallon on fuel • 10% off pilot supplies & gift shop items, including Washington wines • Cannot be combined with any other discounts
McCormick Air Center Teresa Hart (509) 348-1680	KYKM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 cent per gallon discount on fuel (Full Service) • 10% Discount on VFR/IFR Certification • 10% Discount on I-COM & Garmin Handheld Radio and GPS
McAllister Museum Roberta Dela Houssaye (509) 457-4933 Call to arrange	KYKM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 cent per gallon discount on fuel

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Northwest Aviation and Trade Show

Gear up for February 21 and 22 when the Northwest Aviation and Trade Show will be held at the Washington Fair Grounds in Puyallup, Washington.

The show runs Saturday 9:00am—5:30pm and Sunday 10:00am—4:00pm. Admission is \$5.00.

This is a great opportunity to mix with pilots from all over the Northwest.

Seminars will be offered on weather, safety, survival, glass cockpits, take offs and landings, mechanic information, icing, residential airparks, sport pilot licensing, and much, much more. Wings credit will be offered by signing up in qualifying classes.

Over 100 exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions, show you the latest gizmo for your plane, or discuss flying opportunities for you.

Do you have a spouse, friend, or significant other who flies with you but doesn't know how to help out in the flight? Encourage him or her to pre-register for the Flying Companion seminar offered Saturday by the Ninety-Nines.

This is the best aviation trade show in the Northwest. Check it out at: <http://www.washington-aviation.org/NACoverview.html>

An Opportunity for Leaders

If you are wanting to gain training in leadership and are associated in any way with agriculture, fishing, or forestry, consider the following opportunity. Pilots are encouraged to apply for this program.

The Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation is actively seeking qualified candidates for up to 24 fellowships in Class 31 of its leadership program. People involved in the agriculture, forestry, or fisheries industries are encouraged to apply, especially those who are directly involved in production. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2009.

Each year up to 24 people from throughout the state are selected to participate in the 18 month leadership development program which serves to broaden skills, enrich experiences, and increase knowledge. The mission of the program is to develop leaders for the natural resources industries, strengthening the industry, communities, and organizations in the process.

The Program consists of 14 seminars over the course of an 18-month period. Twelve three-day seminars focus on such topics as communication, economics, state government, media relations, social problems, the criminal justice system, the environment and health care, as well as other pertinent issues. The first year of the program features a seven-day visit to Washington D.C. to better understand the federal government process. During the second year, a 15-day visit to selected foreign countries provides participants with exposure to governments, economic systems, cultures, and practices that are important to international trade. In-depth discussions with top level officials highlight the international experience.

The Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation covers the majority of the costs of the program, while participants pay a participation fee, which includes a membership in the Foundation. Interested candidates should review the Foundation's website at www.agforestry.org where an electronic application is available. They may also contact the office by phone 509-926-9113, fax 509-926-6993, or by email melisa@agforestry.org.

You are encouraged to look into this opportunity.