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## **NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, May 28**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Bergstrom's Aircraft**  
**Pasco PSC**

### **SPEAKER:**

**Heidi Williams**  
**Senior Director**  
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## **President's Message**

*by Marjy Leggett*

This is a great time to be a pilot! The weather looks like it might be in our favor for a while and there are fly-ins and activities almost every weekend—sometimes several activities on the same day! Take a look at the calendar of activities put together by Doug Cheney of Martin Field at the end of this newsletter. Thanks, Doug, for your diligent work and effort.

I encourage you to fly as much as you can while this freedom is still available to us. Over the weekend of May 15-16, I flew to GA Days at Paine Field. What a thrill it was to see the meticulously restored P-51, P-47, and P-40 wheeled out of the Flying Heritage Collection Museum and flown before the crowds. I would estimate that a couple of thousand people turned out to enjoy the planes, send their kids on Young Eagle flights, and partake in the "Taste of Mukilteo". I had an opportunity to meet the Flying Heritage Collection Executive Director, Adrian Hunt, who escorted us on a behind-the-scenes tour and shared the stories behind the retrieval of the planes in Paul Allen's collection, each of which, by the way, is in flyable condition.

Locally, the Vista Field Young Eagle Rally was a great success. Perfect weather helped bring out the largest turnout in years for that airport. Our eight volunteer pilots gave rides to 80 Young Eagles. Aviation is still alive and continues to appeal to people of all ages.

Thanks to the WPA and a number of local supporters, we remain optimistic about Vista Field's future. With five Kennewick City Council members and two Port of Kennewick Commissioners up for election, it is a unique opportunity to fill those positions with people who see the value of airports and have a vision for what Vista Field truly could be. The filing date is the week of June 1-5. If you know of anyone who is interested in running, have him or her contact me. We need strong candidates with a passion for the needs of the community.

Our plight to save Vista Field has not gone unnoticed. We have support from people throughout the state and even across the country. Last week I got a call from John Collins, Senior Liaison of Airports, and Heidi Williams, Senior Director of Airports, of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) informing me that Heidi will be coming out to Washington to attend the final Long-Term Air Transportation (LATS) meeting, then will head over to the Tri-Cities to discuss Vista Field. She will be our guest speaker at the Tri-Cities WPA meeting Thursday, May 28 where she will answer questions about what the AOPA is doing, what we can do, and she will tackle other issues facing pilots right now, along with a question and answer session. This is a unique opportunity to speak directly to the AOPA. I urge you to come and participate in this face to face meeting.

Our goal to save Vista Field is on a fast track. The Friends of Vista Field has been resurrected. Soon Vista Field will have its own website. You will be able to go to [www.vistafield.org](http://www.vistafield.org) to read about the latest news, find out information, history, and become better informed about boundaries, regulations, and land use affecting that airport.

Things are looking up! Yes, it's a great time to be a pilot!

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

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## Next Meeting—Meet the AOPA

In *Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss, it took the collective cry of the community to receive a response to the people of Whoville. Kennewick’s collective cry may have finally been heard.

Heidi Williams, Senior Director of Airports, representing the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) will be coming all the way from Frederick, Maryland to the Tri-Cities to talk to the local pilots. She will discuss Vista Field, tell what the AOPA is doing to help, and let you know what you can do to save Vista Field. She will also talk about the latest developments with the TSA directive, the new rules for crossing the U.S. borders, and will open the meeting up for questions.

Earlier in the day, Heidi will tour Vista Field and meet with the Port Director. With airports facing closure across the country, we are fortunate to have AOPA make a special stop here in the Tri-Cities.

The meeting starts at 6:30 pm at Bergstrom Aircraft at the Tri-Cities Airport, Pasco.

Note: Due to the sudden availability of a guest from the AOPA joining us, we are postponing the program originally scheduled for the May meeting to June. Plan to bring pictures and ideas of great places to fly to the June meeting when we can share our favorite destinations.



## WPA Hears from Pasco Director of Airports

Director of Airports Jim Morasch of the Port of Pasco was the guest speaker at the April WPA Tri-Cities meeting. He gave a brief history of the airport, which exploded from a little airstrip amid a few farmers’ fields to an important Naval Air Training Station during WWII. Over 2000 acres were turned over to the U.S. Government. Amazingly, the Port still owns over 2000 acres today!

Discussing the growth and projects that have occurred to date, Mr. Morasch said the Stimulus Package will enable the Port to improve its runways and take care of projects which would otherwise have to wait until the Port had the funds.

Pilots questioned the impact the TSA Directive 8F (SD-08F) requiring badges and background checks will have on pilots and their guests using the airport. Mr. Morasch stated that the directive is an imposition on everyone and the airport management has written letters of protest. Although they are hoping for delays, the directive is expected to take effect on June 1st. The directive does not provide funding, yet the program would carry a high cost to the airport and its users for the background checks, the badges, and replacing security gate equipment.

The pilots appreciated the frank discussion and sincere answers to their questions. A special thanks to Mr. Jim Morasch for his time and interest in speaking to the Tri-Cities WPA!

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## New Rules for Flying Outside the U.S.

If you plan any flights that depart or return to the USA, Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is implementing a new rule requiring advance notification of the flight and passengers aboard effective at midnight tonight. You **MUST** notify CBP via the internet only at least 60 minutes before your departure from any US airport or foreign airport. It applies to any flight outside the Continental US. The system is called Electronic Advance Passenger Information System, or eAPIS.

If you have been procrastinating, the time is now to register with CBP. You will have to await their reply message (may take a couple of days) with your unique Sender ID and initial password. Here's the link to register, <https://eapis.cbp.dhs.gov/>.

Before you can file a departure, you will have to login to the same CBP site, with the ID and password sent to you and reset your password. CBP is requiring changes to the password every 90 days. After successful login, establish your "Crew & Pilot Information." You must use the current information on your pilot certificate and passport. If you changed your mailing address, but not your pilot certificate, that could be a problem. Time to get rid of that paper certificate. Besides, you will need a certificate that says "English Proficient" by March 2010.

PRINT a copy of everything CBP sends you when you file a manifest, take it with you on the flights, call the CBP facility at your arrival airport in the US at least 60 minutes before your ETA. It is not clear to any CBP personnel whether the eAPIS replaces the normal report we have made for years.

If you encounter any problems, get the CBP officer's name or badge number. AOPA would be interested in identifying any problems.

Here's a link to a very well done course prepared by AOPA Air Safety Foundation.

<http://flash.aopa.org/asf/eAPIS/>

USE eAPIS, first violation is \$5000 by CBP plus whatever the FAA does to you. If you do not have AOPA's Services Legal Plan, maybe its time you signed up, <http://www.aopa.org/info/certified/lsp/>.

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### Local Membership Benefits Program

Show your WPA Membership Card and receive the following benefits from the follow-

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

## OR, WA, ID FLYING EVENT CALENDAR (rev2 5/7/09)

This listing was put together for personal use to aid in choosing weekend flying missions. It is a compilation of events from various sources. Use at your own risk. Many of these activities are only possible through the support of the Oregon, Washington, or Idaho Pilot Associations or local EAA Chapters. If you are not a current member of at least one of these groups, you are missing out on a great aviation network. If you are planning any events, please send that information to Doug Cheney at [calendar@jabiruNW.com](mailto:calendar@jabiruNW.com)

May	Event	Airport	Location	Phone	Email	Website
30	Wings Weekend/Pilot Proficiency Program	PAE	Everett, WA	800-337-0345	<a href="mailto:pilotproficiencytraining@regalair.com">pilotproficiencytraining@regalair.com</a>	<a href="http://www.regalair.com">http://www.regalair.com</a>
30-31	Rocky Mountain West Aviation Expo	BOI	Boise-Western Aircraft		<a href="mailto:league@idahobusinessleague.com">league@idahobusinessleague.com</a>	
June	Event	Airport	Location	Phone	Email	Website
6	Wally Peterson Memorial Fly-In	S10	Chelan, WA	509-682-4109		<a href="http://www.lakechelanevents.com">http://www.lakechelanevents.com</a>
6	Wings Seminar - Aviation Wether, Yakima WPA Chapter	YKM	Yakima WA		<a href="mailto:les@lesflue.com">les@lesflue.com</a>	
6	Beech Days	KPSC	Pasco, WA - Bergstrom's	509-547-6271	<a href="mailto:beechday@charter.net">beechday@charter.net</a>	<a href="http://www.beechday.com">www.beechday.com</a>
13	Aviation Seminar- "Mountain Flying/Back Country (Part 2)	S43	Harvey Field, Snohomish, WA	425-367-8755	<a href="mailto:howercharles@comcast.net">howercharles@comcast.net</a>	
19-20	Apple Cup Aerobatic Competition	EPH	Ephrata WA			<a href="http://www.iac67.org">http://www.iac67.org</a>
20	American Heroes Air Show	BFI	Seattle wa	206-321-7997	<a href="mailto:Barry.Pomeroy@Heroes-airshow.com">Barry.Pomeroy@Heroes-airshow.com</a>	<a href="http://www.heroes-airshow.com/seattle">http://www.heroes-airshow.com/seattle</a>
20	Boundary Bay Air Show	ZBB	Boundary Bay, BC	604-946-5361		
20	North Country Car Show & Father's Day Fly-In	W01	Tonasket WA			
20-21	Olympic Air Show	OLM	Olympia, WA	360-705-3925	<a href="mailto:info@olympicflightmuseum.com">info@olympicflightmuseum.com</a>	<a href="http://www.olympicflightmuseum.com">http://www.olympicflightmuseum.com</a>
22-24	Wings of Freedom Tour Stop: B-17, B-24, B-51 on display	PSC	Pasco, WA - Bergstrom's		<a href="mailto:info@bergstromaircraft.com">info@bergstromaircraft.com</a>	<a href="http://www.bergstromaircraft.com">www.bergstromaircraft.com</a>
26-27	Richland Fly-In	RLD	Richland, WA	509-946-2515		<a href="http://www.richlandflyin.org/">http://www.richlandflyin.org/</a>
27	Ryan Field BBQ (Must be an RAF member) See website	2MT1	West Glacier, MT			<a href="http://www.recreationalaviationfoundation.org">www.recreationalaviationfoundation.org</a>
27	AirEventure 2009 Grants Pass	3S8	Grants Pass, OR			
27	Poker Fly out Benefitting Aviation Scholarship Fund 8:30am	DEW	Deer Park, WA	509-999-7298		
July	Event	Airport	Location	Phone	Email	Website
2	BBQ and Yakima WPA Chapter Meeting	YKM	Yakima, WA - Pingrey Hangar		<a href="mailto:les@lesflue.com">les@lesflue.com</a>	
4	Tacoma Freedom Fair Air Show	TIW	Tacoma, WA	253-682-1446	<a href="mailto:staff@freedomfair.com">staff@freedomfair.com</a>	<a href="http://www.freedomfair.com">http://www.freedomfair.com</a>
4	WAAAM 4th of July Extravaganza	4S2	Hood River, OR	541-308-1600		<a href="http://www.waaaamuseum.org">http://www.waaaamuseum.org</a>
4	RAAC Chapter 85 Fly-In	CAK3	Delta, BC		<a href="mailto:b.prior@ieee.org">b.prior@ieee.org</a>	<a href="http://www.telus.net/airport">http://www.telus.net/airport</a>
8-12	Arlington Fly-In	AWO	Arlington, WA	360-435-5857	<a href="mailto:flyin@arlingtonflyin.org">flyin@arlingtonflyin.org</a>	<a href="http://www.arlingtonflyin.org">http://www.arlingtonflyin.org</a>
17-19	Oregon Antique and Classic Aircraft Club Fly-In	61S??	Jim Wright Field, Cottage Grove, OR			<a href="http://www.oregonaviation.org">http://www.oregonaviation.org</a>
18	St. Maries Fly-In	S72	St. Maries, ID	208-773-8522	<a href="mailto:linamarieschultz@roadrunner.com">linamarieschultz@roadrunner.com</a>	<a href="http://www.fvincalendar.com/event_detail.cfm?e=8250&amp;m=7&amp;y=2009">www.fvincalendar.com/event_detail.cfm?e=8250&amp;m=7&amp;y=2009</a>
18-19?	Wings Over Baker	BKE	Baker City, OR	541-523-4539	<a href="mailto:melc@eoni.com">melc@eoni.com</a>	<a href="http://www.wingsoverbaker.com">http://www.wingsoverbaker.com</a>
24-25?	Wings Over Baker	BKE	Baker City, OR	541-523-4539	<a href="mailto:melc@eoni.com">melc@eoni.com</a>	<a href="http://www.wingsoverbaker.com">http://www.wingsoverbaker.com</a>
24-26	Tri-Cities Water Follies Air Show	PSC	Pasco, WA	509-783-4675	<a href="mailto:info@waterfollies.com">info@waterfollies.com</a>	<a href="http://www.waterfollies.com">http://www.waterfollies.com</a>
24-26	North Cascades Antique Airplane Fly-In	3W5	Concrete, WA			
26	Sandy Kiwanis 52nd Annual Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast	OG29	McKinnon's Airport, Sandy, OR	503-260-6931		<a href="http://www.sandykiwanis.org">www.sandykiwanis.org</a>
31-Aug-01	Jim Wright memorial Stearman Fly-In	61S??	Jim Wright Field, Cottage Grove, OR			<a href="http://www.oregonaviation.org">http://www.oregonaviation.org</a>

August	Event	Airport	Location	Phone	Email	Website
1	Hot August Flights	KSLE	Salem, OR			<a href="http://www.hotaugustflights.com">www.hotaugustflights.com</a>
1-2	SeaFair		Seattle, WA	206-728-0123	<a href="mailto:info@seafair.com">info@seafair.com</a>	<a href="http://www.seafair.com">http://www.seafair.com</a>
7	Steak BBQ and Fly-In; 6:00pm	63S	Colville Valley, WA	509-675-1041	<a href="mailto:colvilleairport@yahoo.com">colvilleairport@yahoo.com</a>	
8	Fly-In Breakfast; 7am-11am	63S	Colville Valley, WA	509-675-1041	<a href="mailto:colvilleairport@yahoo.com">colvilleairport@yahoo.com</a>	
7-8	Beaver State Aerobatic Contest	PDT	Pendleton, OR			<a href="http://www.iac77.org">http://www.iac77.org</a>
7-9	2nd Annual Prosser Fly-In	S40	Prosser, WA	509-786-1830	<a href="mailto:wingnuts@embargmail.com">wingnuts@embargmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.wing-nuts.org">http://www.wing-nuts.org</a>
7-9	Abbotsford Air Show	YXX	Abbotsford, BC	604-852-8511	<a href="mailto:info@abbotsfordairshow.com">info@abbotsfordairshow.com</a>	<a href="http://www.abbotsfordairshow.com">http://www.abbotsfordairshow.com</a>
14-16	50th Anniversary NWAAC Fly-In	VUO	Vancouver, WA			<a href="http://www.nwaac.com">http://www.nwaac.com</a>
21-23	Wings Over Republic	R49	Republic, WA			<a href="http://www.wingsoverrepublic.com">http://www.wingsoverrepublic.com</a>
28-29	Airshow of the Cascades	S33	Madras, OR	541-475-6483	<a href="mailto:donmobleymadras.net">donmobleymadras.net</a>	<a href="http://www.centraloregonairshow.org">http://www.centraloregonairshow.org</a>
28-30	Oregon International Air Show	HIO	Hillsboro, OR	503-629-0706	<a href="mailto:oregonairshow@comcast.net">oregonairshow@comcast.net</a>	<a href="http://www.oregonairshow.com">http://www.oregonairshow.com</a>
29-30	Albany Air and Art Festival	S12	Albany, OR		<a href="mailto:damilt@juno.com">damilt@juno.com</a>	<a href="http://www.cityofalbany.net/parks/nwaaf">http://www.cityofalbany.net/parks/nwaaf</a>

September	Event	Airport	Location	Phone	Email	Website
5-7	Bremerton Blackberry Fly-In	PWT	Bremerton, WA	360-674-2381		<a href="http://www.blackberryfestival.org/index.php?pr=Events">www.blackberryfestival.org/index.php?pr=Events</a>
11-12	Apple Turnover Aerobatic Contest	EPH	Ephrata, WA			<a href="http://www.iac67.org">http://www.iac67.org</a>
11-13	WAAAM Hood River Fly-In	4S2	Hood River, OR	541-308-1600		<a href="http://www.waaamuseum.org">http://www.waaamuseum.org</a>
13	Olympia Fly-In	OLM	Olympia, WA-Pearson Air	360-539-2005		
26	Lewiston Air Fair	LWS	Lewiston, ID	208-350-7450		