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NOTAMS

- The Tri-Cities Chapter is seeking officers.
- WPA membership dues are due by December 31st.
- FAA Safety Seminar Nov. 22

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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. In fact, your interest in the WPA was the springboard for creating a chapter that represents the Tri-Cities area.

By default, I was appointed president. We have no other officers right now, but we need people who are willing to step in and keep this chapter going, so if you are interested in any position, let me know.

To have a viable, active chapter, we need to decide what we want in the area of chapter goals, meeting dates, programs, and so on. Currently, there are 11 members. We need more in order to have a successful group.

What types of articles would you like to see in the newsletter? What activities or programs would you like our chapter to conduct? Do you have suggestions for improving the format of this newsletter? We are just beginning and the decisions about which way we go are up to you. Please send any suggestions you may have to me at MarjyL@charter.net.

On November 22 we will hold our first membership drive combined with a safety seminar. Look for details following in this newsletter and plan to attend.

It's TIME 
**to renew your
WPA membership.**

Just \$31 for one year.

Renew on line.

Go to:

<http://www.wpaflys.org>

**Click on Membership/
Renewals**

**Maintain membership
Renew by Dec. 31st.**

Tri-Cities Chapter Hosts Safety Seminar

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 22, 2008 when the WPA Tri-Cities Chapter will host its first safety seminar. The topic, *Is Your Aircraft Airworthy and SAFE? Information for the Owner/Renter Pilot*, will focus on maintenance and safety tips you can do to keep your plane operating safely. Learn what the FARs require. What should you look for during your pre-flight? If you own your plane, how can you tell when your plane is legal, well maintained, and above all, *safe*?

Jim Faustina, WPA Director of Safety and Education is an A&P and AI well-versed on owner maintenance and will provide tips for non-owners, as well as aircraft owners. He will share what the FAA is looking for when you get stopped for that ramp check. The program will qualify for the FAA Wings Safety Program, but you must be pre-registered on the FAA Safety web site. Go to www.faasafety.gov to register.

This event will also be a membership drive, so invite all of your flying buddies to join us. It is time to get the Tri-Cities Chapter up and running.

The seminar starts at 10:00 a.m. and will run until noon. The location is in room W-132 of the CH2M Hill and Technology Building at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, WA. If you are flying in, the Tri-Cities Airport Control Tower has given permission to park below the tower. From there, it is about a half mile walk to CBC. The CH2M Hill and Technology Building is on the corner of Argent and 20th, the closest CBC building to the Tri-Cities Airport.

For questions or more information, e-mail Marjy Leggett at MarjyL@charter.net or call at (509) 547-4347.

WPA Mission Statement:

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

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*If you know of
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who would like to
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Business Partnership Program,
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Why Renew WPA?

What WPA Does for You

If you feel passionate about aviation and the need to maintain your freedom of the skies, if you love the challenge and sense of adventure that flying gives you, if your ears perk up when you hear someone mention airplanes, then WPA is for you.

Listed here are some of the projects and issues WPA has addressed this year:

Keeping Our Airports Open

- There is no other non-profit organization in Washington that works to save airports from closure. AOPA will offer help, but they cannot be everywhere and will only assist when called upon. It is up to the pilots of Washington to make sure not another airport closes. The WPA has entered the political battlefield with the acquisition of a lobbyist and an avenue for accepting PAC monies.
- WPA has been a staunch supporter in working to keep Vista Field Airport open.
- Whenever an issue raises its head, the WPA makes the contacts to the people who know and who can do something.

Fighting for GA

- WPA members wrote letters to State Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray to successfully stop the move to impose user fees on general aviation.

Wings Newspaper

- The Wings Newspaper is distributed monthly, keeping you abreast of issues that face Washington State pilots.

Training and Safety Seminars

- The WPA sponsors training and safety seminars throughout the state.

Free use of Rustic, Fly-In Cabin in the San Juan Islands

Discount on Subscription to GA News

Member Benefit Discounts for Fuel, Pilot Supplies, Food, and Services

Connect with Other Pilots in Your Area and Across the State.

Local Chapters and Activities

For more reasons to renew, go to: http://www.wpaflys.org/why_join.html

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

*Have you printed your
WPA Membership Card?*



*Don't miss out on
Member Benefits
with our
Business Partners.*

Renew on-line for 2009!

*Your card will be effective
Now
Through December of 2009.*

*Go to: www.wpaflys.org
and
Click on the link:
Printing Membership Cards.*

An Invitation from Spokane

Hello everyone!

As the Spokane Chapter's President Elect for next year I'm trying to get a head start on the program. Addison Pemberton has provided many small presentations to our local group in the past years and everyone, even my non-pilot wife walks away from his programs saying WOW!

We feel very fortunate that Addison has agreed to be our guest speaker at the Benefit Auction this coming year. The Benefit is going to be February 28th 2009. The dinner will be held at Decades in the Spokane Valley, located at University City. There are motels located on Argonne, Pines, and Sullivan just off the I-90 freeway for spending the evening if desired. If I can get an estimate of how many may be interested in spending the night in Spokane, I will work to find a package to keep the group together if interested.

The selection for the dinner will be salmon or beef. The dinner cost will be \$35/person, gratuity is included in that price. If your local Chapters are interested in coming and taking part in our silent auction and being entertained or educated by Addison's history making 2008 flying events please let us know. In the past, tables have been sold to interested groups. Usually, there are 8 place settings per table. If there are more or less people interested in coming, they are welcome to mix with any table with open chairs, as do most of the people that come. Average attendance runs between 100-120 people. This year we are expecting a higher attendance thanks to Addison's presentation. We, at the Spokane Chapter would like to welcome all that are interested in coming and hope to provide an eventful evening for everyone.

For more information contact anyone of the Spokane board members or chapter officers. Addresses and contact info can be found on the WPA website, click on the Spokane Chapter link.

Thanks for your interest and thoughts.

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