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New Board

Editor

Nothing stands still for long and there is a cycle to things. Flying season is approaching and we have a new board getting into position.

Your new officers are: Dennis Klingele, President; Les Flue, Vice-President; Jim Wikstrom, Secretary; Mike Bull, Treasurer. There will be two board-members-at-large: Joel Weyhe will be the Newsletter editor and we have another at-large vacancy to fill. Anyone who would like to help with special projects or lend a hand in some way for activities, give one of us a call (contact info is below). These projects would be kept short and simple, so please consider helping.

In the first meeting, the board agreed that it will promote activities that will emphasize rules, regulations and training. This might include the use some of available AOPA materials, including

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Renew Your Membership!

Editor

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2008, please renew right away! I've heard that some members didn't notice the new renewal postcard sent by Statewide.

In any case, there are at least two easy ways to renew, so start by going to the WPA website with this URL, <http://www.wpaflys.org/>. Once there, at the top you'll see "Membership". Place your mouse pointer over it. You'll see several items on the list.

1. You can either renew right there, on-line, by choosing "[New Membership/Renewals](#)". It will take your credit card in a secured transaction.

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WPA Mission Statement

"To advance the interests of general aviation in Washington State through advocacy, outreach, education and social activities."

Meetings & Members

Editor

A general schedule has been adopted for membership and board meetings. The membership meeting is planned for the first Wednesday of the month at 7 P.M., and the suggestion is that it be a dessert pot-luck. (If you don't want dessert, don't let that stop you from attending.) We'll see how this works out. Also, this schedule is not cast in concrete. It would depend on what's going on, and on other ideas from members. Let us know...at the meeting preferably.

Speaking of meetings....

Meeting for Feb 6, 2008

The next membership meeting is **Wednesday evening, 7 P.M. at Tom McMahon's hangar**. Bring a dessert or snack. After a quick meeting, there will be a 15 minute video showing of "*The Jeppesen Story*". This was a video originally made for Jeppesen employees, showing the history of Elrey Jeppesen, a mail pilot and his first aeronautical charts. There is even a tie-in with Charlie McAllister. The 50/50 raffle will continue but now the proceeds will go towards the Christmas dinner. Hope to see you there.

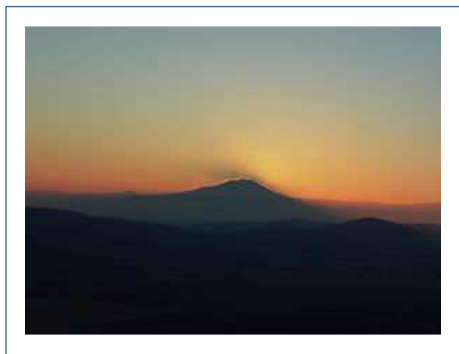
Getting to Know You ...

We thought it would be nice if, as a group, we knew a little more

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Don't forget the next membership meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 7 P.M. at McMahon's Hanger.

Wear your name badge if you have one.



Almost Home. Mt. Adams on approach.

[New Board](#) from page 1 program ideas and videos.

The sentiments of the board and of many members is that the Yakima Valley chapter wants to be more active and have more fun while at the same time promoting safety, aviation interests and pilot refresher education.

Thank You Uncle Bob

Editor

For 6 years Bob Hammer has put a ton of energy and time into producing the WPA Newsletter for Yakima Valley flyers. Every time I found one in my mail box, I knew that when I opened it, I would find something amusing, something informative and something that was going to remind me that I needed to be a more active, involved flyer.

Though he wondered from time-to-time if anybody was reading it, I know that everybody was. Bob's clear and down-to-earth views on the state of general aviation, his fun articles about his own and others flying adventures all had a purpose. Bob is perhaps the perfect advocate for fun flying in the Yakima Valley. He is always eager to share a flight with anyone. There is no doubt that we will miss his easy style in the Newsletter, but he promised to send in an article or two. Frequently.

Thanks for the good times, Bob.

The Newsletter

You can't have helped but notice the new Newsletter format. This is a whole new endeavor for me and so I'm trying out a few things. Thanks for your patience while it gets sorted out.

And this first issue may appear rougher than it needed to be because the editor's computer died while producing it. I had done a backup recently, but it had been few days. As a result, some sterling prose and organizational ideas were lost. At least temporarily. Hum, computer problems...maybe I caught something from Uncle Bob. Anyway, it's a hard way to buy a new computer. Do your backups!

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2. Or if you prefer a "check's in the mail" strategy, choose "Membership Application" and print out page 2 of the Membership Information & Application form.
3. Or just get your renewal to Mike Bull as soon as possible.



Uncle Bob.

*Consider sending in your
short flying bio and
picture for the
Newsletter.*

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about one another. Over time and in each issue if possible, we would like to include a flying bio, with a picture, of a chapter member. And if you have an airplane or a favorite rental, put that in the picture too. If you don't have a picture nor the ability to take a digital picture, a board member would be happy to come out and take one. Please consider submitting a little write-up to the editor, a little history of your flying background. Here's your big chance to make a splash.

And if you don't want to actually write something, just include the interesting points and the editor can write it up.

Vital Information

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Meeting Notice: The next meeting will be held Feb. 6th at 7:00 p.m. at McMahon's hangar.

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Newsletter Date: The next newsletter should ship sometime in early March. Topics will include a calendar of activities, creating your own name tag, updating your membership data on the state-wide web site and some neat stuff you can buy there.