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President's Message

Dennis Klingele

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The WPA leadership met in Wenatchee the weekend of March 15th. Les Flue and I had hoped to travel together to this meeting, but family obligations dictated that I stay in Yakima for most of Saturday morning. The beauty of being a private pilot is that after the family business was done, I was able to get the airplane out of the hanger, and 30 minutes later land in Wenatchee, my brother Gary who is also a pilot was glad to take a bit of time from his Saturday schedule and picked me up and delivered me to the motel downtown, three hours later he returned to the airport, and I was home before dusk, it still amazes me just how efficient it can be to be a private pilot. Now last weekend, Gary and his wife drove to Yakima to spend Easter weekend with her and his/our parents, well Carol forgot her needed medication in Wenatchee, a five hour round trip by auto or \$ 100 bill at the drug store, but better yet, another excuse to go flying!!! This time Wings of Wenatchee provided a nice Taurus station wagon loaner car and we were back in Yakima in seemingly no time at all.

This above is nothing to be taken for granted, if some in this world have it their way, it could have been much more difficult if not impossible and a whole lot more expensive. Last month the message was that we need to support AOPA for the work that they do, especially on the National level, and that also carries on down in a limited way to the local level, however because they are so taxed with GA issues on the National level, who's to be there for all of us on the local State of Washington level? The answer of course is a fully volunteer group of individuals, the WPA. The task of protecting GA in Washington is, as it turns out, getting more and more involved. The laws that are in place are often proving to be too vague, or with loop holes, or such. The WPA has been running all over the State, attending meetings, giving testimony, trying to hold the line, and remember, this is an all volunteer organization. No simple solution is apparent. The task ahead is daunting at best.

Bottom line.... We are all very fortunate to have WPA working for us,

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Yakima WPA Chapter President Dennis Klingele and his wife, Doreen..

Meetings & Information for Members

Editor

- ☛ The next membership meeting is **7 p.m., Thursday April 10th at the McAllister Museum**. Try to bring a desert to share and the beverages will be provided.
- ☛ From John Dobson, WPA Statewide President, with regards to the **Member Benefits Program**: “To all; Les Flue has really stepped up to the plate on this one . . . our new ‘Member Benefits Program’. On his own he has contacted a couple of dozen businesses asking for discounts for WPA Members . . . the response has been overwhelming. But he is a one man band and needs every ones help. We need every one to make a call or two, in your own back yard, and ask the question, ‘Would you be willing to offer our membership a discount on services, goods, labor, parts . . . whatever. If there is interest then get a contact name and phone number to Les for follow-up.’ “ To get more information on the program and to download the President’s letter and partner sign-up form, go to www.wpafly.org
- ☛ Local participation, so far, in the ‘Member Benefits Program’ are: **1) McCormick AirCenter (KYKM) - .25 a gallon fuel discount, 10% discount**
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and the meeting in Wenatchee was all about making the WPA a better organization, to better do the job that is needed.

Please educate yourself on the issues that effect aviation, read the aviation magazines, visit the WPA web site, wpaflys.org , visit the links, talk with your fellow pilots about what is happening, share what you have learned, and stay involved. Ask your fellow pilots who are not WPA members to please consider joining WPA, the dues are really a small price to pay, and certainly worthy.

The next meeting will be McAllister Museum, April 10th, 7 PM. Try to bring a desert to share, and we’ll provide some beverage. Lots of fun hanger conversation, and the Museum will give us an update report on its workings.

Please don’t hesitate to call any one your WPA board if you have any ideas, concerns, or such, we will always be happy to do our best for you.

Take Care,

Dennis Klingele

WPA Mission Statement

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

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*Wear your **name badge** if you have one.*

Happenings at McAllister Field

Les Flue

1. The airport emergency plan has been adopted and incorporated into the County Emergency Plan
2. Jerry, Buck, the Dept. of Ecology and Yakima County are working together to secure grants to clean up the contaminated areas. The grant applications have been submitted by the County.
3. The Board approved the signing of an agreement with the Yakima Police Patrol Association to provide security at the airport. They began their duties on April 1.
4. The Board, Staff, and City/County representatives are planning a retreat to develop strategies for our business plan and improving the quality of service at the Airport. This retreat is scheduled for April 26, 2008.
5. Gene O'Dell has asked to renew his lease for the buildings he leases east of the tower. At the same time, we have received a proposal from Rob McCormick to lease the same area and construct a jet center. The Board and staff are reviewing both options.
6. We continue to review a standard set of rules and regulations for the airport and tenants. Comments are still being solicited.
7. McAllister Museum has been granted a six month extension to their current lease. Mayor Edler and others have committed to try to seek additional assistance in the economic development community to assist in developing the property surrounding their building and Cub Crafters; allowing for the expansion of Cub Crafters and including the Museum.
8. Darren Long (Barnstormers) has been given a lease to re-open the snack bar in the terminal (first floor). The snack bar will be open from 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9. The Board has authorized beginning the process to seek a lot line adjustment on the south side of the airport. If finalized, this will provide an equal amount of land between the airport and Bob Schultz along Airport Lane. The airport will be given sufficient property to extend 21st Ave SW to provide access to the area that is currently housing the O'Dell hangers.



Les Flue
Vice President, Yakima WPA,
State Director At Large

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off of VFR/IFR cert and 10% discount off of HH Radio/GPS Units (ICOM and Garmin) **2)** McAllister Museum (KYKM) - .10 a gallon fuel discount **3)** Barnstormers Restaurant (KYKM) - 10% food discount **4)** AC Propeller Service (BFI) 10% discount off of propeller overhauls and governor overhauls

Check the upcoming issue of **Wings** for all the details.

Editor's Notes

Spring gets my attention around here. Windy. I pulled out my yellowing copy of Wolfgang Langewiesche's 'Stick and Rudder' once again, so I can re-learn how put the Citabria on the ground where I want it, when I want it there. That a biennial review is approaching is just a coincidence.

Anyway, everybody needs to have some fun. Are you thinking about flying to Alaska this summer? It's a topic I could talk about a lot (and do). You'll find the trip is listed under the category 'Big Adventure' and you can't miss having a good time, if you've got plenty of time to do it.



Flying up the Taku River in S.E. Alaska – the Taku Glacier, a Really Big One, is coming up on the left. (J. Weyhe)

Who's Who and What's Up

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Meeting Notice: The next meeting will be held April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the McAllister Museum of Aviation.

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Newsletter Date: The next newsletter should ship sometime in early May. 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. *(I know, this is the same promise from last month, but there wasn't space enough to include it all this time).*