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President's Message

Dennis Klingele

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Attached:

2008 WPA Activities Calendar

The Yakima Valley WPA Chapter met at Barn Stormers last month. The food was almost as good as the conversations and program. Mike Bull showed us pictures from Ron Rankin and his trip this year down to Sun and Fun, and a lot more including the Space Center and other local aviation attractions.

We have some samples of WPA items that can be purchased on the State WPA (www.wpaflys.org) website, the really cool part is that you can order them with your name, airplane N number, or such engraved on the shirt or hat or such. The samples will be on display at our next few meetings, so take a look.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, June 5th**, at the **Yakima Air Park in Tom McMahon's hanger**, social starting at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7 or so. The program will be **"Pilot Operations at Non Towered Airports"** The Food will be a pot luck, cold cut sandwiches, with Yakima WPA providing the cold cuts and condiments and some beverage, and members bring either a salad or a desert. So come and enjoy a great summer evening, conversation, meal and a timely review of flying at non towered airports.

We are now on course for having our meetings every month on the **first Thursday**, this will help with planning your calendar, and should work well with not conflicting with our local EAA meetings.

The State WPA calendar is really filling up with lots of fun for the summer. This calendar is a work in progress, and if room allows, Joel will include this information into this and future newsletters. The state will work to get this calendar onto the State WPA web site soon. This summer will have all the fly-out options you could ever want, take a look, plan, and go flying.

We are working on getting our membership renewals caught up with those who haven't been able to get that done. WPA membership



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

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Meetings & Information for Members

Editor

- ☛ The next membership meeting is **6:30 p.m., Thursday June 5th in Tom McMahon's hangar in the Yakima Airpark**. Bring a salad or desert to share. Cold cuts the beverages will be provided.
- ☛ Don't forget about the **Member Benefits Program**. To get more information on the program and to download the President's letter and partner sign-up form, go to www.wpaflly.org
- ☛ Jack Fastabend updated Dennis Klinge on the Tieton Airstrip: "Just to bring you up to date - my gang had a conflict with our usual Fri/Sat following Memorial Day for the work party. We had to put it off one week and now plan to be up there June 6th and 7th. Been in touch with Paul Wolf and he plans to drop in on us on the 6th. He says we don't have to worry about painting the runway markers this year as he plans on replacing them with some FAA standards that can be readily removed for winter closure. He also has replacement wind socks. He has been in touch with the snomobile people and has been talking with the forestry people concerning the cows that have been grazing the strip. He will be looking for volunteer help as signage and marker materials become available. Unless he shows up with a lot of new markers, it looks like our work party will be mostly mowing weed whacking and cow pie pickup this year. Safe Flying, Jack"
- ☛ The upcoming issue of **Wings** should arrive on June 20th

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.*

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rewards program is continuing to grow, making the real cost of membership minimal or not at all.

As always, please don't hesitate to call any of 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

Editor's Notes

I mentioned in the last Newsletter that I would pass along anything interesting that might happen on our recent two week flying trip to California. Well, nothing really interesting happened, but since I'm still waiting for fun stories to be submitted from members, you're stuck with me.

For more than 20 years I've been getting along just fine without using my IFR rating (my contribution to safer skies), but we sure could have used it in Newport Beach, Oregon. Sea fog stopped us from leaving. No surprise there. But the frustration was that the layer wasn't very deep and, a mere mile away, it was consistent VFR. We kept an eyeball on that all day long and into the evening. When that didn't do us any good, we had a seafood dinner at a local joint (just now added to my famous list of super places to eat), not far from the airport. I know the locals keep quiet on these kind places because I lived in a tourist town all my life. Anyway, we did get out the next morning, which was in no way a given.

Who's Who and What's Up

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Meeting Notice: The next meeting will be held June 5th at 6:30 p.m. at Yakima Air Park.

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Newsletter Date: The next newsletter should ship sometime in early July, hopefully in advance of the monthly meetings.