

YAKIMA VALLEY WPA NEWSLETTER

FEB 2006

A big hello to all of you in aviationville. This is the first letter of the new year what with me not writing a January letter. But now I have some info and dates for you to make note of as well as a few other interesting tidbits that you may be interested in.

IT WAS A GREAT DINNER MEETING

Yes folks, the January dinner meeting was a first class event. WE HAD A SPEAKER!!! And we had first class food. What's more, the speaker was very interesting. With most of us having the attention span of a teenager at a Wagnerian opera, our speaker Mr. Chris Svendsen, a patent attorney, who also has degrees in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry- can you say smart- took what I would regard as a very dry subject and turned his presentation into a very fascinating tour of the early days of patents starting with the Greeks in 1474 and ending his presentation with the early days of flying machines and how the likes of the Wright Bros., as well as many others, tried to protect their inventions with patents and how that all resulted in the wild ride into the world we now nonchalantly accept as aviation. (How's that for a long sentence!) And he had pictures to boot. Our thanks to D. Frantz for making the arrangements.

As for the food, the new owners really gave us a treat. The salmon steaks were huge as was the Chicken Cor don Bleu, and the Prime Rib was very nice. And the service was all that could be expected. I'm sure that we will be eating there again.

DATES

DINNER MEETING--FEB 24TH --THE DEPOT RESTARUANT

The Depot is located in the old train station on Front St. in Yakima. Happy hour will start at 6:30 and there will be no un-happy hour. The food has thus far been excellent there. And they serve beer and wine that always makes our meetings more interesting. Our guest speaker will be **BRIAN THOMPSON** who will give us a talk on his escapades ferrying Cubs across the US. If you are familiar with Brian's talks, you already know that we are all in for a treat.



EAA/ WPA BUS TRIP TO MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Sat, MARCH 11th, 8AM. The Yakima and Ellensburg EAA Chapters as well as our WPA group are trying to put together a bus trip to the above museum. They need to fill the bus with 47 people in order to keep the price per person down to \$17.10 . For those in the group who would prefer to shop on that side of the hill instead of touring the museum, they have planned to stop at South Center to leave the shoppers off with a pick up some 4 hours later.

CONTACT PERSONS --Marv Pugh—698-3967 or Tom McMahon 829-6381. It's important to let these guys know ASAP so that they can make their plans.

PRODUCTIVE BOARD MEETING

This first board meeting with the new officers was very productive in my view. Jim Wickstrom provided a very pleasant meeting place at his Club House replete with cookies, coffee, and cold drinks. As you can tell from the first dinner meeting, President Jim wants speakers at those dinners and speakers we will have. Further there will be an increased emphasis on fly outs. YEAH TEAM!! Ola made the suggestion that calls be made prior to a fly-out to make sure we flyboys are aware of the upcoming fun. This is a great idea and I'm sure it will result in a hell of a lot more av-gas being consumed, and flying skills being fine-tuned as well as a good time being had. How about a camp out to Cavanaugh Bay, or one to Orcas the first weekend in August? Of course there are motels for you softies. Then there is Friday Harbor, Joseph Ore etc. etc. I for one, am very eagerly looking forward to all of the above, tents or not.

QUESTIONS

1. What are three impediments to judgment that influence flying decisions?
2. What are two effects of shape distortion of a fabric covered wing due to air pressure changes on the wing during flight?
3. What are some of the preventative actions for a successful outcome in the event of a vacuum pump failure in flight under instrument conditions?

ANSWERS: 1. Ignorance, Casualness, Distraction. Ref: John dill, head rock climbing rescue ranger in Yosemite, in an analysis of errors in judgment made preceding an accident. 2. A. The airfoil is not what the designer expected. B. The airfoil shaper changes as angle of attack and airspeed change which give different flight parameters. 3. You're on your own

Cheers, Uncle Bob

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