

WPA Board Meeting

April 3, 2006

The meeting was held at the residence complex meeting room of Jim Wickstrom. Present were Jim Wickstrom, Ola Vestad, Les Flue, Bob Hammer Joel Weyhe, and Dennis Franz.

1. Jim called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. Jim presented a list of the organized East side Fly-Ins and asked if someone on the board would pick an event and manage it for the rest of the members. This idea was reinforced by Bob Hammer. For example Jim suggested a camping fly-in at Cavanaugh Bay at Priest Lake. He also gave another suggestion of a “round-robin” fly-in starting in Kennewick and on to other destinations such as Othello, Mattawa, and Chelan starting in the morning of May 13.
3. Les Flue volunteered to be the coordinator for a fly-in to Arlington for their EAA event during the days of July 5-9. He offered to post on the WPA web sight those willing to give people rides to this event for a single days’ visit.
4. The annual spaghetti feed will be held at the Aviation Technical Center off of Washington Ave. on the evening of April 28th. Lynn Harden will again put on this event and would again need help with tables and chairs. Ron Nulph, director of the center, is again offering his facility for this event.
5. Bob Hammer suggested that the WPA present Ron Nulph with a gift or plaque in recognition for his support of general aviation at the spaghetti feed.
6. Ola Vestad recommended that a fly-in to Packwood be proceeded by a conditions briefing for landing at this airport. This would included directions for landing, weight and balance, wind alternatives, and airspeed considerations with respect to the aircraft involved.
7. There was considerable discussion about notification of WPA events by E-mail and through posting on the WPA web sight and on the Pacific Northwest.com message board. Les Flue offered to post these events at these sights.
8. Also considered, was publishing the newsletter by E-mail in a PDF format. It was felt that those with DSL feeds would be able to receive the newsletter this way in a timely manner but those with less sophisticated systems would be better served by receiving the newsletter through the mail. Bob Hammer made this suggested as a way to save postage costs.

9. Les Flue pointed out the possibility of joining westside chapters for their fly-in events and again would be willing to find out and post this information on the web sight. Jim Wickstrom emphasized the need to inform people of WPA events and using the E-mail and web sight as an efficient advertising tool.
10. Jim Wickstrom thanked Ola Vestad for inviting our last dinner meeting speaker, Bill Cook.
11. It was suggested that the dinner speaker for our May dinner meeting be Rich Weber. Jim Wickstrom will make these arrangements.
12. Several of the board members have considered being a part of the “Angel Flight” organization. It was felt that having a IFR rating would enhance membership.
13. The EAA is sponsoring the B-17 on the first weekend in June at the McAlister Museum.. They are asking that pilots donate their time and aircraft to give rides to adults and children at this event. This is also being coordinated for familiarization of general aviation to the children at Riverside Christian school.
14. Les Flue brought up the possibility of doing the same familiarization with the Yakima Police Athletic League for disadvantaged youth. He will talk to their advisors for their input on this idea.
15. The next dinner meeting in May will be held either at the “Golden Coin” or the “Chinese Buffet” behind the “Red Robin” in Nob Hill.
16. The board felt that dinner costs would be better paid if each order received an individual statement (check) rather than the restaurant receiving one check after the treasurer has collected from everyone.
17. The meeting was adjourned.