

# PROP WASH

## Mountain Flying

*Summer is coming and with it, higher density altitude*



We all are aware that the number one cause of general aviation accidents is continued flight into deteriorating weather conditions - also known as "scud running". But did you know that in Washington state, it is high density altitude that is the leading factor in accidents?

As the atmosphere heats up, the engine develops less horsepower, the prop develops less thrust, and the wings develop less lift. In the mountainous terrain we find so beautiful here in Washington, these factors can combine to cause disaster.

### MOUNTAIN FLYING WORKSHOP

Density altitude is just one of the topics we will cover in the Mountain Flying Workshop on May 5, 2007. The workshop will consist of two parts: a video course by Sparky Imeson, author of the *Mountain Flying Bible*; and a panel discussion with pilots who have been there and done it.

Ken McMillen will lead the panel. Ken flew in Alaska for a number of years; initially during his last

three years in the Navy, and later as a commercial pilot flying all over the state. He will be joined on the panel by other pilots who have taken mountain flying training.

The workshop will conclude with a question and answer session. We expect that the meeting will run until Noon.

### President's Message

Our members were quite clear - they wanted fly-outs on the calendar for 2007. As a result we have four fly-outs scheduled this summer: Eastsound, Arlington, Concrete, and McMinnville.

I need your help to make these fly-outs happen, and operate smoothly and safely. To do this I would like to form a task force to plan and organize these events.

At the May 5 meeting I will be asking for volunteers for the task force. If you voted to have more fly-outs, please help. If you have attended the annual fly-ins at Concrete or Arlington, or if you have landed at these airports, your experience would be especially valuable to the task force.

*-Patrick Shannon-*

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7,  
2007 JCPA MEETING

The meeting was convened by Association president Pat Shannon at 10 A.M., April 7, 2007, at the Pilots' Lounge, Port Townsend Air Services, Jefferson County International Airport.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved. Treasurer's report revealed a balance of \$1729 in the general account, with a Certificate of Deposit balance of \$2733.

There was no old business.

**New business:**

Roth Mason and Jim McKenna indicated an interest in acquiring a Light Sport Aircraft in concert with other interested members. A sign-up sheet was circulated to poll interest; Jim will follow up.

**Featured speaker:**

Larry Crockett, Executive Director of the Port of Port Townsend, accompanied by Deputy Director Jim Pivarnik, reported on airport projects, with emphasis on the construction of new hangars. The Port will receive \$1.6 million in FAA grants to prepare infrastructure for the hangars, which will be constructed by private contractor(s) yet to be selected. Preparation will include moving 20,000 cubic

yards of earth, constructing retention ponds and preserving adjacent wetlands. Also in the offing is possible construction of a new fire station, the moving of the now-sold Wills House, construction and relocation of the Spruce Goose to its former location, establishment of medevac facilities at the airport, implementation of a GPS instrument approach (without lengthening the existing runway), relocation of the airport beacon. Director Crockett also urged cooperation in a FAA census of Jeffco-based aircraft – which could enhance federal funding for the field. He noted that the Port Townsend Aero Museum hopes to open its new facility this summer.

**Second Speaker:**

Rick Martinez showed pix and briefed the members on his visit this January to the Royal Thai Air Force Museum at Don Muang Airport near Bangkok.

Dennis Broderson, who is president of Chapter 1026, EAA, suggested that organization and JCPA hold their year-end (Christmas) celebrations jointly, inasmuch as many of our members are also members of that chapter. No formal action was taken.

President Shannon announced that the next meeting of the JCPA, to be held May 5, 2007, at

the Pilots' Lounge, PT Air Services, Jeffco. Scheduled is a mountain flying seminar, to be chaired by Ken McMillen, and comprising experienced mountain fliers and multimedia aid.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rick Martinez, Secretary*



*Jefferson County Airport.*

MAY 5 MEETING



- To promulgate aviation safety through aviation programs and activities
- To perpetuate the spirit of fraternity among airmen

NAME BADGES

Another dozen name badges will be available at the May 5 meeting for members who did not receive them in April.

If you haven't paid your 2007 dues, we still have a few badge blanks left. Make a check payable to JCPA for \$15 and send it Jodi Hallinan, JCPA Treasurer, 191 Airport Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368

ABOUT THE JCPA

The JCPA meets on the first Saturday of each month at Port Townsend Aircraft Services, 191 Airport Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

The purposes of the association, as defined in the By Laws are:

- To foster and promote the development of general aviation in Jefferson County, Washington
- To foster and promote the successful and perpetual operation of Jefferson County International Airport
- To provide flying and aviation related education and promotional activities for the general public

Calendar

**January 6, 2007**

2007 program brainstorming session

**February 10, 2007**

FAA Runway Safety Program  
Joint meeting with EAA

**March 3, 2007**

Development of 2007 program

**April 7, 2007**

Larry Crockett, Port of PT  
Rick Martinez, RTAF Museum, Bangkok

**May 5, 2007**

Mountain Flying workshop  
See details on page 1

**June 2, 2007**

Fly-out to Eastsound (ORS)

**July 2007**

Exact dates TBA

11-15(?) Fly-out to Arlington (AWO)  
27-29(?) Fly-out to Concrete (3W5)

**August 4, 2007**

Fly-out to McMinnville (MMV)

**September 1, 2007**

Annual BBQ

**October 6, 2007**

Visit Seattle ARTCC

**November 3, 2007**

Annual meeting - election of officers and directors

**December 2007**

Annual Christmas Party with EAA - date TBA

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