

# PROP WASH

## McMinnville Fly-Out

*The Hughes Flying Boat H-4*



### MCMINNVILLE FLY-OUT

The fly-out to McMinnville was the last of the year. Three airplanes participated with a total of five people on board. The weather was excellent for departures which began around 1020.

We met for lunch at the Evergreen Aviation Museum, and the first airplane left for home around 1530. (Also see box at right.)

### CANDIDATES FORUM ON AUGUST 4 WAS A SUCCESS

Members had the opportunity to exchange views with all three candidates running to fill the open commissioner position at the Port Commission. Eric Taylor organized the meeting, invited the candidates, and moderated the discussion.

Frank Benskin, John Collins and Forest Rambo each introduced himself in turn and briefly described why he should be the next commissioner. Then Eric opened the floor to questions and comments. Members raised a number of issues about airport improvement and maintenance.

All three candidates were well informed on airport issues, and were supportive of each other. It was the consensus of the members present that any of the three would make a good commissioner.

The unofficial results of the primary election on August 21, show that the field was narrowed to John Collins and Forest Rambo, with 58% and 27% of the votes cast respectively. These two will advance to the general election in November.

### President's Message

Someone once said that two minds are better than one. At the fly-out to McMinnville, we learned that two minds are not always enough.

It all began with the briefing. Three pilots showed up for the fly-out, and two of the three were completely unaware that a TFR was in effect at the Hillsboro, OR airport for the Blue Angels performance. Hillsboro, as it turns out, is about 22 nm NNE of McMinnville, and directly on our route of flight - at least it was for some of us.

The lesson we learned is that these briefings are very valuable. Each of us brings unique experience to flight planning. By meeting for a few minutes to compare notes and share information, we ensure that each pilot has all the information needed for the fly-out.

It's simple, and on August 4th, it worked.

*-Patrick Shannon-*

## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4 MEETING

President Pat Shannon called the monthly meeting of the membership to order at 10:00 in the Pilots' Lounge, Port Townsend Aircraft Service, Jefferson County International Airport.

He introduced Eric Taylor, who then introduced the three candidates for the Port of Port Townsend Port Commission, who are vying for a commission position soon to be vacated by Comm. Sokol. The three men: Frank Benskin, John Collins, and Forrest Rambo, each made a brief statement of his qualifications for the office, along with his view of what is required to be accomplished in the future. Mr. Benskin, currently a Port Townsend City Councillor and tenant of the Port, addressed the issues of public access to lounge facilities for itinerant pilots; plus fire-fighting capabilities. Mr. Collins addressed issues of expanding business opportunities and facilities at the Ports marine facilities. He discussed the possibility of providing a passenger terminal at the airport and noted that although the airport was \$315,000 in the "red" last year, much of the loss was an accounting device which depreciated assets which had been provided with federal grants. Mr. Rambo, former general manager of the Hudson Point facility, and a boater, also noted that the airport operates on a "paper deficit" and had actually generated \$4.3 million in revenue in 2006. He also noted that the recent increase in aircraft census at the airport led to reclassification of the airport - which in turn can qualify the

facility for increased federal funding.

The candidates subjected themselves to questions and comments from the gathered members. Included were such topics as: provision of weather services at the field (ASOS, AWOS), disaster preparedness, the fuel monopoly, medical airlift/ firefighting station, management problems, failure of the existing commissioners/directors/ employees to act upon grievances, excessive remuneration of management, errors and omissions insurance, "open government" not practiced.

The candidates' forum concluded at 12:10, at which time the usual business meeting was begun. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. The treasurer reported cash on hand of approximately \$1750, along with earnings on a CD of \$56 ytd. There are 40 paid-up members.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: The mode and manner of "Fly-outs" was discussed. Moved, seconded and passed to establish an internet web site for the organization. Pres. Shannon indicated that he would be willing to undertake such a task. Moved, seconded and passed, a resolution thanking member Eric Taylor for organizing the above-mentioned candidates' forum. There was discussion whether the Association should endorse any of the candidates; the sense of the members was that no endorsement should be made. It was announced that the association's BBQ will be held 8

September 2007 - site to be announced.

Meeting adjourned 12:46P.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rick Martinez, Secretary*

## JEFFCOPILOTS.COM

The JCPA has a new web site. Check it out at [www.jeffcopilots.com](http://www.jeffcopilots.com).

The website will serve two important functions. The first is to provide current information on upcoming events, between issues of *PROPWASH*. This is especially important for fly-outs, when weather is not known until the morning of the fly-out.

The second purpose is to communicate with the public at large about who we are and what we are doing. If someone asks you for information about JCPA, refer that person to [JeffcoPilots.com](http://JeffcoPilots.com).

## BARBECUE SEPTEMBER 8

Please join us at the annual JCPA barbecue. We will supply soft drinks, water, steaks, bratwurst, as well as plastic cups, plates and paper napkins.

Please bring a dish to share for six to eight people.

Date: Saturday September 8th

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Randy Shelley's hangar H-2 (SW corner of H bldg.)

**Please RSVP by Sept 1st**

More information is on the web site. [Click here](#) for more details or to RSVP online. Or you can RSVP by calling Cindy Cook at 360-379-0603.

**AIRPORT DAYS**

It has been a terrible summer for flying here in the Northwest, and July 21-22 was typical. The EAA's annual airport days at Jeffco, got off to a slow start on Saturday due to low ceilings in the morning. By afternoon, the weather had improved somewhat, and a number of aircraft arrived - but only about half on the normal traffic. Saturday, as it turned out was the good day. Sunday's ceilings were worse.

**CONCRETE FLY-OUT**

The weather was marginal VFR for our planned departure at 1030 on July 28. A number of us hung around waiting for the ceiling to improve, but it did so very slowly.

By 1500, the ceiling in and around the Skagit Valley had risen to only 2500 feet, and none of us were eager to fly up the valley to Concrete at 2000 feet.

In the end, we canceled the fly-out.

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

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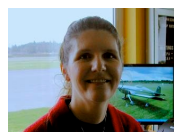
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Patrick Shannon

**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

**June 2, 2007**

Fly-out to Eastsound (ORS)

**July 2007**

12 Fly-out to Arlington (AWO)  
21-22 Airport Days at Jeffco  
28 Fly-out to Concrete (3W5)

**August 2007**

4 Port Commissioner candidates forum  
11 Fly-out to McMinnville (MMV)

**September 8, 2007**

(note the date change.)  
Annual barbecue

**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