

PROP WASH

A Growing Facility

Jefferson County International Airport



Photo from AirNav.com taken in August 2006

The April 5th meeting will feature the annual airport update by Larry Crockett, Executive Director, Port of Port Townsend.

Please take a moment to read the old business section of the minutes to learn what the airport liaison

committee has been up to, and the priorities our members have placed on various airport improvements.

The meeting is at 1000 in the Pilot's Lounge at Port Townsend Aircraft Service. I will see you there.

President's Message

To pay over \$5 per gallon for avgas last summer, you had to go to Boeing Field. I suspect that fuel will hit the \$5 mark shortly at Jeffco, and who knows where it will go from there. The cost of flying is going up.

I read a very informative article in AOPA online entitled Facing Down Fuel Costs - How to ease the high price of avgas.

The article gave me some practical suggestions, such as, "Don't park your airplane in the sun with full fuel tanks. As the fuel heats up, it expands and has nowhere to go, except out the vent and onto the ground."

And, "Carry only the fuel that's required for the trip. Extra fuel is unnecessary weight and airplanes burn fuel to carry fuel."

For more, the entire article can be found at <http://www.aopa.org/members/files/pilot/2006/fuel0609.html>.

Patrick Shannon

ROTH MASON - GUEST SPEAKER AT THE MARCH MEETING

It was an honor and a privilege to listen to anecdotes from Mr. Mason's long flying career. His first airplane flight was in a Ford Tri Motor at the age of 6 or 7 years old. His first solo flight was in a Stearman in June, 1946. Since he began flying, he has accumulated over 6000 hours in a span of 61 years. Of course anyone who has Roth's experience has had very amusing, often humbling, and down right scary flights. Trying to land on a carrier

at night with 40 foot swells would scare the bejeebers out of anyone.

His flying as a Naval Aviator started in 1948 and ended when he retired from the Naval Air Reserve in 1966. He flew at least 15 different war birds. Roth walked away from the Corsair pictured in our local café with its nose pointed into the ground and the tail up in the air.

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Roth related many experiences flying some 40 GA aircraft. He made many trips for pleasure from Alaska to South America and work related trips as a judge flying from county to county in California.

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MINUTES OF THE 3/1/2008 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Shannon. Ken McMillen moved and Ron Way seconded his motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes as written.

Treasurers' Report

Beginning Balance	\$1,915.96
<u>Income:</u>	
Dues:	\$30.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Ron Way – Donuts	\$6.99
Ending Balance	\$1,968.97
Dues: 29 people have paid dues	
CD Balance 02/25/08	\$2,829.03
YTD Interest	\$125.98
APY = 4.10%	Matures 3/07/08

Members present discussed the soon to mature CD. Should we allow it to roll over? Could we donate the funds as a scholarship for an aspiring young pilot? Could we use this money in conjunction with Port funds for local security projects such as a gate? Don Miller made a

motion to pull the funds out of the CD and put the money into savings so we can decide in the near future what to do with the money. Cindy Cook seconded his motion. The motion passed.

Old Business

Ken McMillen reported to the group on behalf of the JCPA Airport Liaison Committee. He presented us with the Port of Port Townsend's financial statements for 2007. "The book is bullet proof", exclaimed Ken. Some points of interest were shared with the members:

1. Depreciation of airport property is completed except the new hangars and taxiways.
2. There are funds for security checks at the airport twice each night.
3. The federal funds of 400K are tied up in congress
4. We, JCPA, and other airport groups could turn in requests for "little projects" with an amount near \$10 to 15 K. These requests could be granted on the authority of the Port staff.

After some discussion, we each presented our single top priority improvement. These are:

1. An AWOS System 6 top votes 42.8%
2. Crushed rock on needed grounds, 3 top votes, 21.4%
3. Security; a gate/fence around the café grass, 3 top votes, 21.4%
4. Move the beacon, 2 top votes, 14.3%

New Business

Next Month Larry Crockett will meet with us. This will be a good time for members to ask questions regarding airport improvements. Also, since the "Fly In" has been canceled, will the port support an "OPEN HOUSE"?

Respectively Submitted,
Doug McMinds, Secretary

2008 Calendar

March

1st: Report from airport liaison committee. Featured speaker: Roth Mason.

April

5th: Larry Crockett - Annual airport update.

May

3rd: Fly-out, or featured speaker*

June

7th: Fly-out, or featured speaker*

* in the event bad weather cancels fly-out.

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