

# PROP WASH

## Photo of the month

*The 90th anniversary of the Royal Air Force*



*Photo from BBC*

The Royal Air Force Red Arrows are joined by four Typhoon jets flying over London's Houses of Parliament as the RAF celebrates its 90th anniversary.

### LARRY CROCKETT ANNOUNCES IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Larry Crockett, Executive Director of the Port of Port Townsend kicked off the April meeting with his annual update. He was accompanied by Deputy Director, Jim Pivarnik. Also attending were

Port Commissioners Dave Thompson and John Collins. About 24 JCPA members were present at the meeting. emphasized that all four of these projects are subject to congressional approval the FAA budget.

Crockett announced that the FAA has approved the installation of AWOS at Jeffco in 2009, a GPS approach in 2009 or 2010, and a project to resurface the runway with an overlay, also in 2010. In addition, the port plans to move the rotating beacon to the south west side near the power station in order to make it more visible from the North. He

He also asked for our help in the development of a seven year airport master plan - essentially an update of the master plan done in 2004. JCPA was asked to name one person to work with them on the planning team.

Crockett suggested that the Port may be open to privatizing the fuel concession, and indicated that at

### President's Message

To privatize the fuel, or not - that is the question. Members are in favor of having a private party sell fuel at Jeffco, by a margin of 3 to 1.

Those opposed are concerned that the seller would be a middle man who would take a profit and thereby add to the cost of the fuel.

My own view is that this is not necessarily the case. The right private business could have a powerful incentive to keep prices very competitive with other airports in the region, so as to bring new customers to Jeffco. Or they could offer discounts to people who buy prepaid fuel cards.

But fuel for your airplane and fuel for your car will become more and more expensive. Whether you buy if from the Port or not.

*Patrick Shannon.*

least three parties had expressed interest in taking it over.

Other items on the Port's agenda were:

- The "new hangars" will be built as soon as permits are issued and the ground dries out.

- Development of more hangars on the South side of the runway.

- Parking lot repairs - likely chip seal.

- Yellow guard blocks might be installed on the south edge of the ramp to prevent planes from rolling down into the grass

- The Port will continue to request that WS-DOT put left-turn lanes from northbound SR-19 onto Airport Road.

- A new fire station will be built on the south east section of Port property with access roads only. Air Lift NW may also be a part of this complex.

Following his discussion, Crockett invited questions from the group.

**Q:** What do you know about Kenmore Air coming to the airport with scheduled service?

**A:** Nothing

**Q:** What can be done to resolve the "Fly-in" issue?

**A:** The staff is willing to meet with a committee representing all members of the airport to explore the possibilities.

Thanks to the Port of Port Townsend staff and commissioners for taking the time on a Saturday to share with us this information.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2008 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Shannon.

Eric Taylor moved and Larry Baum seconded a motion to accept the previous meetings' minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

April 5, 2008

Beginning Balance \$1,968.97

Expenses:

Ron Way – Donuts \$6.99

Ending Balance \$1,961.98

Dues to Deposit = \$45.00

CD cashed 3/12/2008. Deposited into Savings Account = \$2846.54. Interest Rate 0.50%

Submitted by: Jodi Hallinan, Treasurer

**New Business**

The possibility of the Port transferring the fuel concession to a private party was discussed. Ken McMillen made a motion which was amended by Eric Taylor. After much discussion, an amended motion passed stating:

We, the members of JCPA request the Port of Port Townsend privatize the fuel distribution at the Jefferson County Airport using the following criteria:

- The company demonstrates regular business hours

- The operator should be present or on-call during weekends

- The company would need to be licensed and bonded

- Customers have the option of paying with a card or cash

Afterwards there was a discussion as to whether to add more criteria to the above list. It

was agreed to solicit input from all pilots on the base via email.

Fly outs were discussed. Possible destinations are:

- Vancouver to tour the museum on the field;

- Quillayute to have a picnic lunch;

- Walla Walla to visit the wine country - likely two days, mid-week;

- Hood River to visit an air museum.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

*Doug McMinds*

NEXT MEETING

The meeting on May 3 will center on an important discussion and vote on the fuel concession at Jeffco.

The JCPA has voted to recommend that the Port privatize the fuel concession; i.e. let a business, rather than the Port, sell fuel. We agreed that the JCPA would take an active role in recommending to the Port criteria for selecting a vendor for the fuel concession.

Be sure to attend and register your opinion.

FLY-OUT MAY 10

Join us for our first fly-out of the season. The exact destination will be set a week in advance, depending on available weather outlook.

As in the past, we will meet in the pilots lounge at PT Aircraft Services at 1000 for a briefing.

Have your airplane on the ramp by 0955.

For any last minute information, go to the Calendar page on [JeffcoPilots.com](http://JeffcoPilots.com), and click on the Fly-out on May 10 on the calendar.

**RUMMAGE SALE MAY 3**

The Port Townsend Aero Museum is holding it's annual rummage sale on Saturday May 3 from 0800-1600 at Tailspin Tommy's.

Check out the rummage sale either before or after the meeting.

**MEMBERS CLASSIFIED ADS**

**1948 Cessna 170 Ragwing for sale**  
 as of 4/1/08: 5063 TTAF, 1088 SMOH (2001)  
 VFR panel, good but simple avionics  
 lots of good mod's, all fully documented  
 4/1/08 annual inspection  
 asking \$30K or best offer  
 located in Port Townsend, WA  
[etaylor@olypen.com](mailto:etaylor@olypen.com) 360-765-4397

**WEB SITE CHANGES**

Check out the Calendar page on [JeffcoPilots.com](http://JeffcoPilots.com). Two new sections have been added: a look to the future under *Fly-outs and upcoming events*; and a review of *past events*.

If you want information about a fly-out or something happening on the calendar, just click on the event listed on the left side of the page. You will be taken to a page devoted to that event which will always have the latest information available. The page will have a date and time stamp at the top telling you just how current the information is.

Under past events, you will be able to view photos of recent past events such as the 2007 Christmas party, or other information, as appropriate.

The calendar page will be the most active page on the web site, keeping you updated on what is happening. Be sure to check it often.

**ABOUT THE JCPA**

The JCPA meets at 1000 on the first Saturday of each month in the pilots lounge at Port Townsend Aircraft Services, 191 Airport Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368. For more, visit [JeffcoPilots.com](http://JeffcoPilots.com)

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

**2008 Calendar**

**April**

**5th:** Larry Crockett - Annual airport update.

**May**

**3rd:** Discussion and vote on JCPA position on the airport fuel concession  
**10th:** Fly-out

**June**

**7th:** TBA  
**14th:** Fly-out TBA

**July**

**5th:** (postponed - July 4th weekend)  
**12th:** TBA

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