

PROP WASH

Christmas Party



Arielle Hallinan entertained us with a selection of traditional Christmas Carols.

The hangar at Port Townsend Aircraft Services was decked out for the party with soft lighting, a wreath and Christmas lights. Holiday music played over a professional looking sound system.

Our thanks to Gail Rodgers, Bill Putney, B.J. and Jodi Hallinan for all the work setting up the hangar, and to Johnny and Patty Odom and Cynthia Campbell for the table decorations.

More photos are on page 2 and 3, and on JeffcoPilots.com.

IS JEFFCO ON THE ENDANGERED AIRPORT LIST?

Does this sound familiar?

“No Community Support. If your airport has the reputation as a playground for the rich, look out. Very often non-flying citizens resent that their taxes are being used to “subsidize” this playground and may put pressure on elected officials to close the airport. Others may think that

because the airport does not have airline service or a control tower that it is “unsafe” or unnecessary.”

This quotation was taken from an article in General Aviation News, listing the top ten warning signs that an airport may be endangered.

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President’s Message

My thanks goes to the outgoing officers and board members for their excellent service to the association and welcome to the new and returning officers and board members.

I earned my Private Pilot’s Certificate in 1972. My father and 2 uncles got their PP’s after WWII. Magazines of the day proclaimed that everyone would be flying to work. Every town had or wanted an airport. Now, as the old curse goes, we live in interesting times. Not many see the value of an airport except we happy few.

So, there’s my challenge for JCPA. I want every person in Jefferson County to have a positive experience with our airport, airplanes and pilots. Give a Young Eagle a chance to soar, be an Angel to get someone to a needed treatment, deliver a service when it counts. Encourage our flying friends to come and spend some time a little further out in our community. And ask them to wear their pilot hats in town.

Bill Putney





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The suggested remedy: “Hold an airport appreciation and education day. Partner with local service clubs, car clubs and the like to make it a family-friendly community event. Invite owners to bring their airplanes for display. Show the community how the airport contributes to the local economy, both directly and indirectly, as well as provides other essential services, such as Medevac flights, flights that help local businesses prosper, and more. Don’t forget to include state representatives and the media when you send out invitations to the event.”

There is a link to the full article on the News page at JeffcoPilots.com

MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING

The incoming president, Bill Putney, announced that the Airport Days organizing committee will meet in early January, after the JCPA meeting.

There was a discussion of the TFR briefing held on November 16 at Jeffco for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to arrangements for the Christmas Party.

Treasurer’s Report

October-December 2009

Beginning Balance \$1,244.62

Ending Balance \$1,244.62

28 members paid

Savings Account = \$2,861.16. Interest Rate = .15%

Interest Last YTD = \$3.89

Submitted by:

Jodi Hallinan, Treasurer

Calendar

January 2010

2: JCPA meeting

13 & 27: Port Commission meeting

February

6: JCPA meeting

10 & 24: Port Commission meeting

March

6: JCPA meeting

10 & 24: Port Commission meeting

April

3: Larry Crockett - Annual airport update. (tentative)

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