

PROP WASH



Best duct tape story ever. See page 3.

DUES ARE DUE

Membership in the JCPA is a bargain at only \$15 per family per year. For their \$15 last year members received a Christmas Party, free coffee and donuts at the meetings, and free food and drink at the annual barbecue.

Please bring a \$15 check payable to JCPA to the next meeting, or send it to JCPA, 191 Airport Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

Thank you for your support.

GPS APPROACH AT JEFFCO

The FAA is hoping to finish the study of our GPS approaches within the next 60 days. The FAA feels that, because of obstruction heights in the approach path, they will not be able to create a GPS approach to RWY-27 with a 500' MDA. They asked for input from the pilots on the base.

We conducted an email survey to ask instrument-rated pilots based at Jeffco:

1) Would a GPS approach to RWY-9 with 500' MDA but no approach to RWY-27 be of significant use?

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President's Message

What a month! Beautiful mid-Winter flying weather. I know we need the rain but come on, you just have to enjoy this.

I was recruited at our last meeting to represent the JCPA at the Port Townsend City Council meeting. We opposed legal action the City was contemplating to stop implementation of light industrial zoning of Port property just South of the airport boundary. The lawsuit seemed to be counter productive and a dozen people, and I, spoke before the Council in unanimous opposition. The City committed to work with the County and drop the threat of a lawsuit. The zoning change will make the airport more attractive to business development.

Planning for "Airport Days" is under way! I'm going to need a lot of help on this. It is our biggest event of the year I'm hoping that a lot of you will pitch in.

One last thing, the Port asked me to meet with them and a citizen in Port Townsend (up town). A small plane has been flying low over their home.

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2) If a 500' MDA approach to RWY-27 is not possible, would an approach with a higher MDA (like 800' or 1000') along with the RWY-9 500' MDA approach be of significant use?

A total of 21 pilots responded including six who identified themselves as VFR only. Several ATPs were among the respondents.

The strong consensus is that any approach is better than none. One ATP pointed out that the, "GPS for Rwy 26 at KCLM (Port Angeles) is 900' and it works just fine. Kenmore uses it all the time when the ceilings are low."

What will be the source for WX?

An AWOS will be installed before the approach is published and will be a great safety enhancement for all pilots, whether instrument-rated or not.



AOPA photo

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Jefferson County Pilots Association was called to order at 1000, on 2 January 2010, by association president Bill Putney.

The minutes of the December 2009 were not available for a reading at this meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed that reading of the minutes be waived.

Treasurer's report revealed a balance of \$1,230.64 in cash, along with \$2,861 in investments. Retiring treasurer Jodi Hallinan passed the baton (actually, books of account) to incoming treasurer, Doug McMinds. You are reminded that annual dues of \$15 are now payable. Your membership dues can be mailed or dropped off in person at Port Townsend Aircraft Services, c/o Doug McMinds. Doug is seeking a second person to be signator on the association account.

Treasurer's Report

January 2, 2010

Beginning Balance \$1,244.62

Ron Way 13.98

Ending Balance \$1,230.64

Savings Account = \$2,861.16.

Interest Rate = .15%

Interest Last YTD = \$3.89

Submitted by:

Jodi Hallinan, Treasurer

Old Business.

There was no old business.

New Business.

A zoning change is pending to industrialize the south side of the airport property. The City of Port Townsend is threatening litigation to prevent the establishment of businesses which might compete with establishments on city property.

The rotating beacon has been relocated. It now shines

in bedroom windows on the south side of the airport. This discussion led to discussion of the pending GPS IFR approach to the airport. (which included talk of topping some of the trees on the existing approach).

The association president has begun - or will begin regularly attending the City Council meetings as well as Port of Port Townsend meetings. *(Editor's note: see President's message for update from the subsequent City Council meeting.)*

The membership resolved: That the Jefferson County Pilots Association strongly supports the Jefferson County Commission position to rezone the airport properties south of the runway for light industrial use. Moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Moved, seconded and passed to adjourn, which was done at 1040.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Martinez, Secretary

President's Message**(From page 1.)**

I just want to remind everyone that the public has been sensitized to the threat of a "terror from the skies". It's in our self interest to give people as little cause to be nervous as we can.

Fly safe!

Bill Putney

BEST DUCT TAPE STORY EVER

(From page 1.)

During a fishing excursion in Alaska, the charter pilot and fishermen left a cooler and bait in the plane. A bear smelled it and this is what he did to the plane.

The pilot used his radio and had another pilot bring him two new tires, three cases of duct tape, and a supply of sheet plastic. He patched the plane together, and flew it out to a base for more permanent repairs!



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. In addition to the regular meetings, other events are scheduled from time-to-time. For more, visit JeffcoPilots.com.

Calendar

February

- 6: JCPA meeting
- 10 & 24: Port Commission meeting

March

- 6: JCPA meeting
- 10 & 24: Port Commission meeting

April

- 3: JCPA meeting. Larry Crockett - Annual airport update. (tentative)
- 14 & 28: Port Commission meeting

May

- 1: JCPA meeting
- 12 & 26: Port Commission meeting

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