

# PROP WASH



## **T-28 Trojans at AirVenture 2009.**

*A formation of North American T-28 Trojans flies over OSH during AirVenture. - Image by Gary Dikkers*

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING

The monthly Meeting of the Jefferson County Pilots Association was called to order on 6 March 2010 at 1000 by President Bill Putney at the offices of Port Townsend Aircraft Service, Jefferson County International Airport.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the February Propwash, monthly newsletter of the Association.

Treasurer Doug McMinds submitted a Treasurer's Report dated 4 March 2010 showing a beginning balance of \$1,230.64; zero expenses income of \$360 (membership dues); ending balance of \$1,590.64. The

Association savings account, bearing interest of 0.15%, has a balance of \$2,862.92.

### **Old Business:**

Doug also submitted an Airport Days/Fly-In report. His investigation revealed that an announcement banner would have cost more than amounts previously discussed - more than \$300 - so he made no purchase. banner. One member offered use of a 4'x8' sign with replaceable numbers/letters. It was moved, seconded and passed that the previous Association resolution to procure an announcement banner be amended to reflect an increase in authorization to \$400.

## President's Message

**TAXES!** It's one of the two things we can't escape. We're all wondering about the Washington State Aircraft tax revisions.

California says I still owe \$650 in taxes on my Navion one last time. Meanwhile, Washington law makers want to bring my bill here more in line with California's. I went to the Washington web site and searched for "aircraft tax". I couldn't find "the" bill. What I did find were bills proposed by everyone under the Sun to exempt airplanes used for crop dusting, air ambulance, government, non-profits, airlines, and more. The only people who are sure to be taxed are those who use their airplanes for fun and have no commercial interest or way to recoup the additional cost.

As it stands now (and it's changing daily), the tax rate will be 0.5% of the depreciated value of an aircraft built after 1971. If you own a "Classic" aircraft your tax bill will only go up 100% (to \$130). That's better than 1000%.

It feels so good when they put down the lead pipe and pick up the rubber hose to finish the job.

*Bill Putney*

Doug distributed sample "fliers" to invite car clubs to display their collections at the event. There was discussion re bus service to/from downtown Port Townsend.

A member observed that the local transit company MAY deviate from regular runs to serve the airport if notified. Seattle Times wants advertisements/listings by April 2, for its summer guide.

Dave Ward is Chairman of Airport Days, and may be contacted by e-mail at [info@nwhangars.com](mailto:info@nwhangars.com).

It was moved, seconded and passed that past Association president Cindy Cook be removed as co-signator on the JCPA accounts, and that the present president of the association, Bill Putney, be substituted therefor.

The latest information (rumor? scuttlebutt?) is that our airport will be given a "GPS Circle to Land" instrument approach, with a 700-foot minimum ceiling. Authorization would be for Runway 9 only. Implementation would probably occur not earlier than two years due to back-log. The airport will get an AWOS; funding has been budgeted, but when installation will occur is not known. Also, sometime in the future there will be a "digitized survey" of the airport by the FAA and for its benefit.

Association President Putney attended a meeting with representatives of the Port Commission and complainants about a low-flying incident in the vicinity of San Juan Ave and

Umpqua Street in the City of Port Townsend. Assertions had been made that a "white low-wing or high-wing single-engine or multi-engine" airplane had made numerous passes over the vicinity at near-zero altitude. A member in attendance allowed that he had made one pass over the vicinity on the date at issue - at an altitude of more than 1200 feet.

A consensus was achieved on discussion that Runway 9 is preferred for no wind or ground fog conditions.

Port Commissioner John N. Collins reported that the Port has achieved some relief from its previous cash flow problems, with positive fiscal benefits ensuing.

**New Business:**

The April meeting of the Association - to be held Saturday, 3 April 2010 - will receive a report on the airport from The Commission's director or staff.

There was no other new business.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1100.

Respectfully submitted.

*Rick Martinez*

**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](http://JeffcoPilots.com).

**Calendar**

**April**

**3:** JCPA meeting. Larry Crockett - Annual airport update.

**14 & 28:** Port Commission meeting.

**May**

**1:** JCPA meeting

**12 & 26:** Port Commission meeting.

**June**

**5:** JCPA meeting.

**July**

**3:** JCPA meeting.

**7-11:** Arlington Fly-In

**23-25:** Jeffco Airport Days

**August**

**7:** JCPA meeting.

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