

PROP WASH



The B-17 "Aluminum Overcast".

Flights will be available in Seattle May 26 - 31, 2010. For more about the Cascade Warbirds and aircraft photos: www.cascadewarbirds.org.

Our own Neil Morrison is one of the EAA B-17 pilots and has offered to organize a tour of Aluminum Overcast for local pilots. If you are interested, send an email message to JeffcoPilots@gmail.com.

AIRPORT UPDATE HIGHLIGHTS

- The airport beacon has been moved to the south side of the airport.
- The local fire protection district is still interested in establishing a manned station on the airport premises.
- In FY 2008, the airport turned a profit of \$2,041, but lost in excess of \$25,000 in FY 2009. These figures, include more than \$300,000 depreciation each year - on capital items provided by federal funding - at no cost to the Port.
- Airlift Northwest is still interested in providing medical helicopter transport from Jeffco, possibly establishing a station adjacent to the proposed fire station.
- A GPS approach is in the offing. It would operate with a minimum ceiling of 700 feet - from the west only.
- The existing runway is now a "shed-roof" type and must be replaced by a "crowned" profile for better drainage. Such rehab is not planned for at least three years hence.
- The "Spruce Goose" building and business has been sold to Chris and Andrea, and will probably need a new foundation.
- July Fly-in: The Port will supply Porta-Potties and provide advertising on its web-site. It also proposes to waive overnight tie-down fees, and permit under-wing overnight camping.

EXCISE TAX IS NO-GO

From AOPA Online

After a bruising battle over a proposed aircraft excise tax increase, the Washington state legislature has approved a tax revenue bill—without the controversial tax increase.

Lawmakers had proposed a 0.5 percent annual excise tax on aircraft based in the state, an increase that would have created the highest registration rates in the nation for many types of aircraft. AOPA worked with the Washington Pilots Association, the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), and other aviation groups in the state to fight the tax from its introduction all the way through a special session called to hash out the details of tax proposals.



AOPA Photo

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Jefferson County Pilots' Association was called to order on 3 April 2010, by President Bill Putney, at the pilots' lounge of Port Townsend Aircraft Service, Jefferson County International Airport.

The regular business of the Association was deferred for a special presentation by the Port of Port Townsend. Representing the Port were Commissioners John N. Collins, Leif W. Erickson, and David W. Thompson; Executive Director Larry Crockett; and Deputy Director James Pivarnik,

Mr. Crockett presented a preliminary report respecting the state of the airport, inasmuch as the week following the Association meeting, he and others of the Port will meet with the FAA respecting the grant of funds to the Port, and will attend a state-wide meeting of port and airport directors, along with the Aviation Division of the Washington State Department of Transportation - work out future programs for the aviation community. Mr. Crockett promises to provide additional information at a later date.

However, he provided the Association with a great deal of information in the meantime. He noted that the airport beacon was moved to the south side of the airport, at a cost of some \$120,000, much of which was borne by FAA funds.

There were the usual complaints from parties adjacent to the field; the Port is attempting to resolve any dissatisfactions by altering the focus of the beacon lamp.



AOPA Photo

Industrial park planning on airport property has been facilitated by County rezoning to match the airport master plans dating back many years. The Port now awaits federal funding to implement the plan, essentially for light industrial, "green", water-sparing development. The local fire protection district is still interested in establishing a manned station on the airport premises. The director noted that in FY 2008, the airport turned a profit of \$2,041, but lost in excess of \$25,000 in FY 2009. These figures, however, reflect paper losses of more than \$300,000 depreciation each year - on capital items provided by federal funding - at no cost to the Port.

Airlift Northwest is still interested in providing medical

helicopter transport from Jeffco, possibly establishing a station adjacent to the proposed fire station. However, they require an ASOS for all-weather ops. Such weather sampling and reporting costs approximately \$150,000, 90 per cent of which will be borne by the feds. Another \$20,000 for a GPS approach is in the offing. It would operate with a minimum ceiling of 700 feet - from the west only.

More expense is entailed with rehabilitation of the existing runway. It is now a "shed-roof" type and must be replaced by a "crowned" profile for better drainage. This would be another \$200,000, again paid 90 per cent with FAA funding. Such rehab is not planned for at least three years hence. The Port has received its annual \$150,000 stipend from the FAA (available to all civil airports in the U.S.).

The "Spruce Goose" building and business has been sold to Chris and Andrea, and will probably need a new foundation. The Port will supply Porta-Pottis and provide advertising on its web-site - in connection with the July Fly-In.

It also proposes to waive overnight tie-down fees, and permit under-wing overnight camping. This week-end only.

President Bill Putney called the regular business meeting of the Association to order.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes of the March meeting, as appearing in the PROPWASH, be approved.

Treasurer Doug McMinds' report was approved on motion made, seconded and passed. Doug

also reported purchase of a Fly-In announcement banner for \$292, appropriate for installation near the highway.

Treasurer's Report

As of 3/30/2010

Checking Account

Beginning Balance \$1575.64

Expenses;

Fly In Banner \$ 292.68

Income (dues) \$90.00

Ending Balance \$1372.96

Savings Account = \$2,862.92. Interest Rate = .15%

Submitted by:

Doug McMinds, Treasurer



AVIATION SWAP MEET AT SEQUIM ON MAY 1

Sequim Valley airport (W28) will be the site of the site of the First Annual Aviation Swap Meet next Saturday.

- What: Aviation parts and equipment
- When: May 1, 9am to 4pm.
- Where: Hangar 10 (East end).
- Why: To buy, sell, swap or give away your extra or unused aviation stuff.

This is an excellent opportunity to sell some of the excess aviation parts and equipment that are cluttering up your hangar, or an opportunity to purchase that one-of-a-kind aviation treasure. Anything goes at this garage/hangar sale! We will have parts/pieces and even a few complete airplanes for sale.

Bring a table of chair or sell out of the back of your pickup or airplane. There are no seller or vendor fees. Just a bunch of pilots getting together to swap aviation appurtenances and stories. Bring your own lunch or walk into sunny Carlsborg (approximately one mile).

A Mustang Car Club show will also be on-site during the Swap Meet.

For more information, contact Dava at 360-460-7979, or Donna at 360-681-7427.

Old Business:

Where and when to display the banner was discussed. Also discussed in great detail was a change of the DATE of the Fly-In. It was moved, seconded and passed to change the date to July 16, 17 and 18, 2010. Please make appropriate corrections to your calendars.

There was much discussion of Fly-In liability insurance coverage. The general tenor of the discussion was the Association would welcome participation by the Port as a sponsor (several commission members were in attendance during this discussion). The issue is unresolved. All members are encouraged to publicize the Fly-In.

New Business:

There was no new business

Upon motion made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Martinez, Secretary

Calendar

April

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

May

1: JCPA meeting

12 & 26: Port Commission meeting.

June

5: JCPA meeting.

July

3: JCPA meeting.

7-11: Arlington Fly-In

16-18: Jeffco Airport Days. (Date change.)

August

7: JCPA meeting

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