



EAA Chapter 206 News

February, 2008

From the President

Winter is still with us but hopefully lifting soon. This is a good time to sharpen skills through reading, viewing safety presentations, and good old hangar flying. Some of that hangar flying takes place at Yakima Airpark and some will take place, of all places, in a bus. I am told that the bus to the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show is full. It should be a good time to connect with fellow aviation enthusiasts, get ideas for your aircraft or project, and get to know club members better on the trip over and back. I hope you are looking forward to a good time.

It seems to me, from what I have heard through Dick Pingrey, that the Ellensburg chapter is a very active group. Several projects are coming close to completion, aviation themed movies are being shown, and a group project is being brought together. If the Yakima chapter, as a group, wants to dream big and do great things, beyond the Yakima Airpark that some members made reality, just let your leadership know. We are all ears (although the pictures posted in Tom's hangar accentuate other aspects of the club leaders' faces!) Let's join together this February 21 for a good meeting with information provided on the airport overlay. See you at Tom McMahon's hangar meeting room!

Stewart Copeland

Upcoming Events

Our February meeting is Thursday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Yakima Airpark meeting room. The main program for the evening will feature Tom Holbrook, member of the Yakima Airport board. Tom will update us on the work being done on the airport overlay and other developments.

On Saturday, February 23, about 46 of us will be boarding the A & A bus at the southwest corner of the Valley Mall parking lot at 6:45 a.m. The bus will depart at 7:00 a.m. for the Northwest Aviation Trade Show in Puyallup. We will be picking up the Ellensburg members at approximately 7:40 a.m. in the Blue Grouse parking lot across from Perkins in Ellensburg. We will be returning at about 7:00 p.m. This should be a very instructive and fun day and to top it off we don't have to deal with the stress of driving in the snow.

Bus Trip monies due

If you have reserved a seat on the bus trip to the Aviation Trade Show please pay the \$30 by Feb. 15. We have to submit the funds to the bus company by that date. Please send your \$30 to Marv Pugh, 404 Appleway, Selah, WA 98942.

Keep in mind that you are responsible for the \$5 entrance fee and your own lunch at the fairgrounds.

Happenings at McAllister Field

1. Buck has been trying to secure baggage carts for the terminal. Bob Clem, the former airport manager, built two that are now in use. THANKS BOB!

2. The Airport has 65 different tenants and Buck met with them last month for the annual tenants meeting. He discussed the storm water situation and the possible fees attached, an airport review of land lease fees and the projects that ended in 2007 and current and near future projects.

3. Our application to the FAA (PFC 11) for this year's Capital projects has been submitted. The projects are:

- design work for moving RWY 4-22:
- crack sealing the east ramp
- update security badges.

We continue with the Valley Mall Blvd/ 16th Avenue realignment process. The Environmental Assessment should be complete in mid May. The Corp of Engineers and the Dept of Ecology are working together to finish up the wetlands assessment.

4. We are close to entering a lease with option to purchase with the Congdon Family for the land southwest of the terminal between the two runways. The paperwork is now with city/county legal and should be executed very soon.

5. Boardings at the terminal continue to tap a segment of our area that chose to drive somewhere else and fly out.

Horizon's load factors for December was down 3% from the previous year (200 people) while Delta carried 2,071. That is an increase of over 1800 people flying out of Yakima! Also, cargo to the tune of 12,000 lbs/day is handled by Fed Ex, UPS, DHL, etc. Theresa at McCormick's says they service about 7 planes/ day that are in YKM on business.

6. The ASO presentation is finished and we are working with the city and county to set a joint meeting for its presentation. During the March meeting, we will make a presentation.

Our next board meeting is February 28 @ 7:30 AM in the conference room at Barnstormers.

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YKM Airport Board

Side Note

For the latest technical notes from our technical counselor David Snell please go to our web site <http://eaa206.org/>. These notes are practical help for those who are constructing and or maintaining their own aircraft

