



## EAA CHAPTER 206 NEWS

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### Executive Committee's Message:

We are into February already and time is flying. We hope you have been able to do some, too. Flying, that is. Our bus trip to the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show is coming up soon on February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't made your reservation yet, call Richard Morken at 949-6649 and make it. The cost is the same as last year, \$30 per person.

Have you had a chance to sample the newly formatted EAA magazine Sport Aviation? Have you check out the EAA website lately? Have you signed up for the members' only Oshkosh 365 webpage? If you haven't done any of these things, you are missing a lot. If you have, you know that the National EAA is alive and well and on the move with lots of new activities and programs to support general aviation. The EAA Chapter program is active, too. In 2009 there were more than 5300 aviation events organized by EAA Chapters—fly-in breakfasts, Young Eagles rallies, etc. That doesn't include the more than 10,000 monthly meetings and other ways that EAA Chapters generate community participation. Considering that hundreds of thousands of people are influenced in positive ways by these activities, it is obvious that EAA Chapters are a powerful and constructive force in aviation as a whole.

Your Executive Committee is always looking for ways to create new excitement and

enthusiasm and increase participation in Chapter activities. To that end, our Vice President, Scott Heppler describes one idea:

"As you know EAA started as the Experimental Aircraft Association and initially functioned as a way members could share resources and expertise. When the EAA was able to get the FAA to recognize the experimental category it came with the understanding that it was an educational experience for the builder.

"The time and effort that the builder invested in his experimental aircraft often translated into inexpensive flying as the builder was qualified to perform all the maintenance on the finished aircraft.

"Today's economy is pushing flying out of the reach of more people so the EAA is now encouraging group projects and ownership. The February Issue of Sport Pilot has an article on Co-Ownership and gives 3 examples of aircraft partnerships.

"New member Randy Lervold has strong ties to Van's Aircraft and indicates that the RV-12 is, in part, designed for group ownership. In order to license an RV-12 as an E-LSA it MUST be built with the same equipment Van's listed with the FAA. There are not a lot of options to debate. Randy suggested that if there is sufficient interest in a group project that a speaker from Van's, maybe even Richard

VanGrunsven himself, would come and speak to the chapter. Randy has indicated that he could provide technical support for such a project."

For more background, Randy suggests following this link to an article in his previous EAA Chapter's newsletter: <http://www.eaa105.org/Newsletter/2010/nl-201002-scr.pdf>

If you get a chance, take a look at it before our next meeting. You will see that the possibilities are immense. We will attempt to gauge the extent of interest in this project at our next meeting.

Our next monthly meeting is February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Airpark. The program will be Dr. Jim Keene with a presentation on the Aviation Medical Exam as it pertains to the sport pilot rating. We hope to see you there and also on the bus to Puyallup on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Blue skies,

Steve Sundquist, President  
Scott Heppler, Vice President

## **NW Aviation Trade Show**

This is a brief reminder that the NW Aviation Trade Show in Puyallup is coming up on Saturday, February 20. This event is always worth your time and there is always something new to learn by attending. The bonus is the trip to and from on our own rented motor coach, the camaraderie and the good food organized by Sue McMahon and Marie Pugh.

It is possible that for the first time in many years Stu Copeland will be enjoying the bus ride without having to correct student essays.

The bus will be leaving from the west end of the Sears parking lot at 7:00 a.m., stopping in ELN at the Super 1 parking lot to pick up our Ellensburg members and arriving back in YKM at about 7:00 p.m. The cost is still \$30 which includes meals. (entrance fee to the conference can be purchased at the door).

If you plan on attending contact Richard Morken right away. (949-6649).

## **Steve Sundquist in his Super Cub at Bull Run on the Deschutes River, Jan. 23, 2010 (where is all the snow??)**



## Happenings at McAllister Field

1. We are exploring the development of a grass strip on the airport. Because this will be a runway, we have some hoops to jump through.
2. The administration office is looking to move into the restaurant area in the terminal to free up the corner property on Washington Avenue.
3. The Richardson site cleanup is finished except for the asphalt repair.
4. We have started the process to develop a new Master Plan and are in the phase of finding consultants with the correct qualifications.
5. The annual Airport Certification Audit with the FAA will be held February 10-12.
6. The 16th Avenue modification is complete except for the certification of the traffic light.
7. The taxiway centerline markings and new signs are finished. Looks good.
8. The design phase for the new asphalt overlay on 27 has started. This project will be completed this summer. We will keep you posted on runway closures, etc.

Sincerely,

Tomas Holbrook  
Les Flue  
YAT Board

**Sanford Reim demonstrating his winter survival fire starting kit while Scott, Steve, Stu and Les eat doughnuts and drink coffee.**



## Flying quotes:

If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage/classic helicopter fly-ins?

— Anon

What is that mountain goat doing way up here in the clouds?

— Gary Larson, in a well-known 'Farside' cartoon.

Now I know what a dog feels like watching TV.

— A DC-9 captain trainee attempting to check out on the 'glass cockpit' A-320.