



EAA Chapter 206
Yakima, Washington



MARCH 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

First, spring seems to be here! It is time to wash and wax the planes and polish up dormant skills and take to the air. We have enjoyed the freedom in this country to do so year after year perhaps to a greater degree than any other country on earth. However, our freedom to fly may be taken for granted by many. If so, we had better be vigilant or those rights may be curtailed. If we, as a group, wander into too many TFRs, cause too many accidents and runway incursions, someone from the government will be here to "help" us. Let's all be careful out there especially as we are coming out of dormancy.

Second, we might need to be proactive in making sure there is fuel for our activities. Scott Heppler has shown me some web sites that question the availability of 100LL in the future. Also, as a club, we have been contacted by a pilot in Oregon to be vigilant about laws in our state mandating the use of alcohol in fuel. So far avgas seems to be exempted but it would pay to keep an eye on the situation and especially be careful if you are using car fuel.

Finally, I decided with the board's input to change the location of our March meeting. We will meet at Yakima Aerosport (a couple of hangars east of Dick Pingrey's hangar) instead of meeting at Tom McMahon's meeting room. The Ellensburg EAA joint project on the Breezy is still in town and we can see the progress this month before it heads to Ellensburg for more work. Hats off to Ellensburg for such a fun club project! See you March 20th!

PS- I am making slow but steady progress on becoming a conventional gear pilot. Bill Hudson's plane is a hoot to fly!

Stu

COMING EVENTS:

Our March meeting will be held at Yakima Aerosport, 7:00 p.m. , Thursday, March 20. The meeting will feature the Breezy project being done by the Ellensburg chapter.

April's meeting will be held at Tom McMahon's meeting room on April 17th. The program will feature a safety video and follow up discussion.

In June, mark your calendar for the Saturday before Father's day for a pancake breakfast at Yakima Airpark.

Other activities and events to be announced.

FROM THE TREASURER:

This is a gentle reminder that we still have 13 people who have not paid their dues for 2008. Please send your dues to Marv Pugh or pay at the next club meeting. You know who you are, so we will not publish names, yet.

Again, we managed to come out in the black after all expenses associated with the NW Aviation Trade show bus trip. We spent \$1,258.98 and collected \$1260 for a net gain of \$1.02!

“More than anything else, the sensation of flying is one of perfect peace mingled with an excitement that strains every nerve to the utmost- if you can conceive of such a combination”

Wilbur Wright (1867-1912)



“Steve Hahn sleeping on bus”

As you can tell from the above picture we had a full bus to the aviation trade show in Puyallup. We had a productive day learning about new products, talking to vendors, and attending various aviation seminars.

The bus trip was comfortable and certainly much easier than driving individual autos. President Stu did a good job of keeping track of all participants. We did not lose anybody.

Thanks to all who helped make this a successful trip. Thanks to Sue McMahon and Marie Pugh for all the work getting our meals together!

Happenings at McAllister Field

1. The airport emergency plan has been adopted and incorporated into the County Emergency Plan
2. Jerry, Buck, the Dept. of Ecology and Yakima County are working together to secure grants to clean up the contaminated areas. The grant applications were submitted by the County last week.
3. Security at the air terminal has been the major focus this past month: a. TSA disallowed SW Searle as our armed officer because they don't have arresting power and are trying to stick us with a \$36,000.00 bill. Ryan Rodrick from Doc Hastings office is working with us to rectify the situation. As of March 4, TSA admits its interpretation was not clear and may pay the back grants. b. Buck and Jerry have been meeting with the

Yakima Police Patrolmen's Association to provide an armed officer at the airport. We are working against an April 1 deadline to satisfy all parties involved. All three entities agree that we are very close. c. We are a category III airport now that the Q400 is servicing us. TSA is working with us to move a checked luggage screening van into the terminal. This is that large apparatus that you see at check in at some airports. Our biggest issue is where to put it and can the floor support it.

4. The Yakima Airpark has announced that 8 more hangers will be constructed on the south side of the airport. They are in the initial design phase and have 7 of the 8 hangers sold. If interested, see Ola.

5. The Board has approved the assignment of the Noland Decoto Flying Service lease to M.A. West.

6. We have approved and sent to the stakeholders the lease for the Congdon property. This will allow us, if approved by city and county, 3 years to do the necessary tasks to purchase the property. This property is south of 9/27 and west of 4/22.

8. We have just started the process to have a standard set of rules and regulations for the airport and tenants. It should be on the web page shortly. If you would like a hard copy they are in the airport office. We would like all comments submitted by March 10.

9. Of the 74 commercial airports in the western region, YKM is #29 in revenue and emplanements. In January, Horizon had an 85% load factor (5,563 passengers) and Delta had a 77% load factor (1,100 passengers) even though they only had one, round trip flight.

10. Our next board meeting is at 7:30 AM, Thursday, March 27, in the Restaurant Board Room.

Tomas Holbrook, Les Flue (YKM Board)