



**EAA Chapter 206
Yakima, Washington**



CHAPTER 206 NEWS

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President's Message:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable, informative outing to the Northwest Aviation Conference and Tradeshow with lots of fellowship with like minded, plane crazy people. Spring is in the air. The days are warmer and longer. I might be tempted to say that flying activity is picking up, but from my point of view, there seemed to be a lot of flying activity all winter long. There was certainly a lot of talking about flying, as well as every other topic under the sun, on Saturday mornings with coffee and donuts at the Airpark.

Other things that are picking up are thoughts about the planning of Chapter activities for the summer. First and foremost on my mind is our Young Eagles program. You know how effective this program is in introducing to aviation to the many kids we flown through the years. There is another result from this past year's efforts and that is the value of the Young Eagle credits we received from EAA headquarters and how we can use them. Because of the growth in support of the Young Eagles program each credit is now worth \$5 toward scholarships to EAA's Air Academy or to support our local Young Eagles program. Last year we earned 219 credits worth \$1095! To me, this is a real bonus that adds another perspective and

more value to our participation. Not only are we giving all those kids rides, but we have the opportunity to provide scholarships to one or more deserving kids for a week at EAA's Air Academy. That is more reason to keep our Young Eagles program alive and well and gives some urgency to finding some leadership for our program. I hope some one reading this will be inspired and interested in stepping up to the plate and driving this program forward.

Our Webmaster, Scott Heppler, has added a new feature to the chapter website entitled "Local Runways". It currently has Tom McMahon's airstrip listed. Scott will be adding new entries as photos of other airstrips in the area become available.

This month's meeting, **7 PM on March 18th**, will again be at the Airpark. After the usual monkey business part of the meeting, the interesting program will be Dick Hester's Piper PA 20 restoration project. He has replaced several rusted tubes in his fuselage and is preparing it for recovering. I hope to see you there.

Blue skies,

Steve Sundquist

Dick Hester "tearing" into his Pacer



Happenings at McAllister Field

1. The Airport Safety Overlay (ASO) continues it's slow progress. The County will be the lead agency on the proposal
2. The Master Plan Update will be done in Fiscal Year 2011 although we are doing the preliminary work now
3. We have started the process to try and secure a military presence on the airport. This will take some time.
4. The Assistant Manager position is open for applications until March 8.
5. FAA funding for the current fiscal year is experiencing changes due to Congress not appropriating funds at one time. This has pushed our projects into different timetables.
6. The new overlay for 9/27 is still scheduled for this calendar year although a timetable is yet to be worked out.

7. The Airport Certification Audit is complete and the discrepancies verbally reported were reasonable and fair.

8. The Runway Safety Action Action Team (RSAT) will be here March 17-18 to address any runway safety issues.

9. Mike Redmond attended the Alliegent Air Conference in February. Based on discussions, we have some "homework" to do and questions to answer for Alliegent

10. The Board had an extensive discussion regarding the Legislature's imposition of the 0.5% excise tax on aircraft. The Board, Airport Management, Elected Officials of the City and County all expressed disappointment and have written to our state official with their thought.

This Board Meeting can be viewed on Y-PAC and/or a CD can be purchased from Y-PAC.

Our next study session will be at 5:00 PM Tuesday, March 23 with the Board Business Meeting at 7:30 AM on Thursday, March 25. Both will be in the Airport Board Room in the Terminal.

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Yakima Airport Board

Editor's note: If any of you have a particular newsworthy item for our newsletter please let me know by sending an e-mail to: lancej@charter.net

Steve's Cub at Chukar Flats on the John Day River



National EAA dues

We would like to encourage all EAA 206 members who have not joined and payed the \$40 dues for national membership to do so. Some might ask why should we spend an extra \$40 to be members of the national? There are several reasons. One is that technically, it is required by the national organization. Secondly, if you want to participate in the very important Young Eagles program it is mandatory. Thirdly, you get a fine monthly magazine that has recently been updated into a very practical and readable format. Next the national organization is a valuable resource for all kinds of relevant information related to operation of your aircraft and building an aircraft. Finally, the national organization does a lot of work behind the scenes to help preserve our rights and privileges as pilots in an increasingly GA hostile environment.

All of the above benefits do not happen in a vacuum but are the result of caring and dedicated people joining forces with you and me to promote the freedom of flight.

Aviation Quotes

Muhammad Ali: Superman don't need no seat belt.

Flight Attendant: Superman don't need no airplane, either.

— *quoted by Clifton Fadiman, 'The Little, Brown Book of Anecdotes,' 1985.*

When asked by someone how much money flying takes:
Why, all of it!

— *Gordon Baxter*

The bulk of mankind is as well equipped for flying as thinking.

— *Jonathon Swift*

Scott Bach and his Pitts

