



CHAPTER 206 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Those of you who didn't have the chance to go to Ellensburg on May 3rd for the pancake feed, lunch, tour of projects, and the presentation at the college really missed a treat. Ellensburg EAA has some great projects in the works or done. The pancake feed put on by the students from Central was wonderful. Lunch in Jack Dugan's hangar was great. The presentation at the college of Century Aviation up in Wenatchee was outstanding. I think there were many of us that didn't know such a great aviation operation was located a short distance away in our state! They restore or build replicas of some of the famous early aircraft of aviation such as the de Havilland DH-4 and the Japanese Zero. They also move aircraft or hang aircraft for exhibition. Perhaps their most famous move ever was the Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose to McMinnville. It was a great presentation and a great day. Thank you Ellensburg!

So, I think now we need to make sure we are ready to host a great pancake feed in June, perhaps organize a fun activity like the poker run suggested by treasurer Marv Pugh, and have a summer fly out to the fairly new museum that has been mentioned before down in Hood River, Oregon. While doing all this and enjoying the flying weather and activities, let's remember to keep it safe. We all want to be able to go on flying for years.

I hear Vice-President Mike Bull and Web Master Scott Heppler have been putting together a great presentation on PowerPoint concerning this year's Fun and Sun fly-in. Hope to see you there!

Stewart Copeland

UPCOMING EVENTS

This month's meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 15** at the Yakima Airpark. We will be meeting this month at **6:00 p.m.** for a hot dog and hamburger supper on the lawn behind Tom's hangar. Join us for a fun time of visiting and eating. The regular meeting in the meeting room will begin at our normal time of about 7:15. The program will be a special presentation of Mike Bull's fun trip to Sun and Fun this year in Florida. Scott Heppler has put together a Power Point presentation that should be both informative and entertaining.

Make certain that you set aside Saturday morning, **June 14** for our pancake breakfast/fly-in event at Yakima Airpark. If you can help with the preparation and or serving let Stu know at this month's meeting.

NOTES



The above is a picture of the wooden bench that was constructed by Chuck Babcock in memory of one of our past EAA 206 members, Bob Baird. The bench is located outside of the main office/kitchen of Yakima Airpark and has a brass plaque honoring Bob.

Most of you remember Bob as the famous P-51 pilot from WWII who not only shot down two jet powered German Messerschmitts but also had the distinction of landing a surplus P-51 on a highway outside of Naches so that it could be delivered to a high school industrial arts class. Unfortunately the class deconstructed the P-51 and it is no more. An attempt was made several years ago to locate its remnants but without success.

Bob later became a business owner and farmer in the Naches area and an active member of EAA 206.

-There are still several individuals who have not paid their 2008 dues. If you are one of those individuals please pay your dues to Marv Pugh, our treasurer. By not paying we assume that you no longer want to be an EAA member.

-This month there will not be a report from the airport board members. Not much happened at the last board meeting but they will make up for it next month.

-You may have noticed a new feature at the entrance to Yakima Airpark. Due to the concerted efforts of several individuals including Tom McMahon, Ola Vestad, Scott Hepler and especially Marv Pugh there is a very attractive windsock and pole installed to honor the memory of Bill Hudson. More information on this will be in next month's newsletter.

"I fly
because
it releases my mind
from the tyranny
of petty things."

Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900-1944)
pilot and poet