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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow aviation enthusiasts, I hope that you are either having fun with your aircraft projects, in flying your planes, or maybe being able to do both as June approaches. However, with June comes the TSA background checks and ID badges. To protect your rights to access to the airport without the cumbersome restrictions envisioned by TSA, be sure to contact our senators and representatives and let them know how you feel about the TSA badge and background check requirements. Also, thank Scott Heppler for drafting a letter that many of us had a chance to sign to voice our objections. However, if the TSA gets their way initially, don't give up on our freedoms. Continue the good fight with our right to petition Congress for a redress of grievances. If enough of us across the USA keep at it, we can prevail. Be aware that the national level EAA, AOPA, GAMA, and NBAA are all working to solve the problem.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

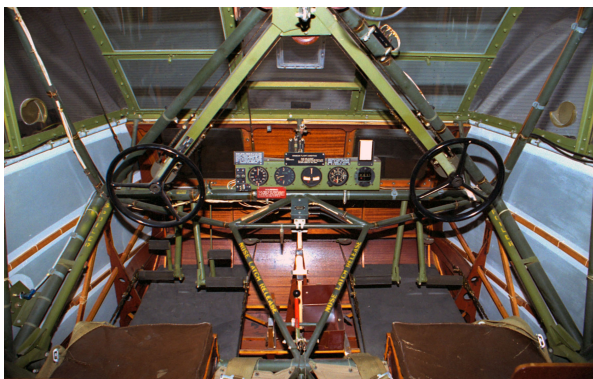
Be certain to set aside Saturday, May 16 for our EAA/WPA sponsored "Poker Run". This event will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude around 12 noon. Participants can join the game with a \$10 entry fee. which goes into the pot. They will then fly to 5 different airports retrieving a playing card at each. Upon return to YKM the best hand will win the pot. Airport destinations are Ellensburg (where participants are invited for breakfast before moving on), then Desert Air, Prosser, Sunnyside and finally back to Yakima where everyone will enjoy a noon BBQ hosted by head chef, Tom McMahon. The main menu will offer all beef hot dogs and hamburgers. Not only will the flying, camaraderie, and chance to win \$\$ be fun, but everyone will be well fed by the end of the event!

If you have any questions contact event organizer, Marv Pugh @ 698-3967 or 654-2450.

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 21 at hangar #1, Yakima Airpark. Meeting time will be 6:00 p.m. because of our spring BBQ and open house. Feel free to bring family and friends.

Also, it is not too early to begin planning to attend some of this summer's flying events. The one most of us attend is the annual Arlington Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention July 8-12. The other event that some of us are planning to attend is the mother of all airshows, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration on July 27th through August 2. This year will be Marv's 9th trip and he still sleeps under his aircraft's wings.

We are a little early with the newsletter this month so the regular feature "from our technical advisor" will be postponed until next month's newsletter. Instead Pete has submitted this photo of an unidentified cockpit. If anyone knows what airplane this cockpit belongs to send Pete an e-mail and we will publish the winner next month. Pete may even have some kind of prize for the 1st place winner?? You can contact Pete with your winning answer at pilotpeat@hotmail.com



"I think there is something exhilarating in flying amongst clouds, and always get a feeling of wanting to pit my aeroplane against them, charge at them, climb over them to show them you have them beat, circle round them, and generally play with them; but clouds can on occasion hold their own against the aviator, and many a pilot has found himself emerging from a cloud not on a level keel.

Cloud-flying requires practice, even if you have every modern instrument, and unless you keep calm and collected you will get into trouble after you have been inside a really thick one for a few minutes. In the very early days of aviation, 1912 to be correct, I emerged from a cloud upside down, much to my discomfort, as I didn't know how to get right way up again. I found out somehow, or I wouldn't be writing this."

— Charles Rumney Samson, 'A Flight from Cairo to Cape Town and Back,' 1931.