



## EAA Chapter 206 November 2007 Newsletter

The November meeting will be held Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 7:00pm in Hanger #1 at Yakima, Airpark. New officers will be elected for the chapter with the officers holding a two year appointment. Many of the candidates are running unopposed but write-ins and new nominations can be made right up until the vote.

President - Stu Copeland  
Vice President - Mike Bull  
Treasurer - Marvin Pugh  
Secretary - Bill Hudson

Our last few presidents have seen the chapter make significant strides in increasing chapter activities and membership.

During the November Meeting we will present Yakima ATC a plaque in appreciation of their help during Young Eagles Day. An extra control tower operator was brought in just for the occasion. 15 planes and 250 children were safely and smoothly routed though the local traffic pattern. A representative from ATC will also appraise us of the challenges being presented by the new runway incursion regulations.

We will also begin to firm up plans for the Chapters Christmas dinner on December 13. We need to provide M&M caterers an accurate head count a week in advance of the Dinner.



Happenings at McAllister Field:

1. Skywest (Delta) will be opening a counter in the terminal attended by their staff. It will be where the line forms to clear security.
2. TSA will have their offices in the east concourse to make room for the Skywest arrival.
3. New paint has been applied on RWY 27 and brings the markings up to the new FAA standards. Take a flight around the pattern and see the outstanding job the airport team and the city crew did. As a bonus, these people did the job for \$85,000 less than if we would of contracted out the work.
4. The boardings for Delta were down to 63% in September. Using this small amount of data, they are removing the afternoon flight from January 3, 2008 until about February 22, 2008. I don't get it either, but Buck and Chairman Bill Wheeler are putting the heat on the person that made that decision.
5. Buck presented a balanced budget which the board approved. The city then dropped a \$30,000 bomb rendering a budget shortfall. Starting next year all businesses and residents are subject to a tax relating to storm water run-off. This tax goes into effect next year for homes will range fro \$18 to \$42 per GRU (I can't explain the acronym) and will escalate over the next 3 years until leveling off after 4 years. In short, any impervious surface will pay a fee to mitigate the run-off entering the ground water and stream systems. The airport will apply for a waiver as we consider the runways and taxiways to be transportation systems, which

the city and county have exempted themselves from.

6. We continue to work on the airport overlay(AO), formerly the AIA (airport impact area), ASO (airport safety overlay). It will probably have a new name ext month.

7. The State Aeronautics has new maps for pilots. They may be picked up at the Airport Administration Office. There are photographs of the state's airports with the pertinent communication data.

Our next Airport Board meeting will be at 7:30 AM, November 15, 2007 at the Airport Board Room. If you have any questions, please call, email or write to me. We have an audience participation agenda item during the meeting if you would like to address the Board.

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City Representative  
Yakima Airport Board

