



CHAPTER 206 NEWS

OCTOBER, 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is here and winter flying is around the corner. Be prepared! Also in the fall is our last pancake feed of the year. Don't forget October 11th either to help out or come and eat! Both are good! Give me a call if you want to volunteer and haven't already talked to me.

The board met and discussed upcoming events. We think that we have some good ideas for future meetings that we will share in October. The October meeting will probably be about the fast little Pitts sitting in Tom McMahon's hangar (no, it is not his) and Reno air racing.

I am looking forward to being behind the grill in a couple of weeks and maybe taking up a passenger or two in the RV-6 if the weather allows. See you there and fly safely!

Stu

"Keep thy airspeed up, lest the earth come up and smite thee."

William Kershner, pilot & author

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many activities on the horizon for Yakima EAA Chapter 206.

The first is our annual fall pancake/ham/eggs/potatoes/coffee/juice breakfast on Saturday, October 11 at Yakima Airpark. Doors are open at 8:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served until 11:00 a.m. If you are available to help in any way contact our president, Stu Copeland and he will advise you as to what the needs are.

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16 at YKM airpark. The program will center on the Pitts racer, its past and future aspirations.

Program for the November meeting to be announced.

Also, set aside the evening of December 11 for our annual Christmas dinner. As you know, last years event was a huge success with over 75 happy people attending. We expect even more this year. Details regarding the menu, RSVP etc. will be discussed at the November meeting.

Young Eagles 2008

As many of you are aware, we completed another successful Young Eagles event on September 13 at McCallister's Museum.

The event took place simultaneously with the airport's 80th anniversary celebration which created some logistical problems. Then there were problems with access because of the 16th Avenue bridge and road work being done. But our pilots and ground crews worked through those challenges to provide over 200 kids with the experience of flight!

Stu Copeland with a happy young Eaglet!



Thanks to Ola Vestad for his leadership, to the pilots and ground support people, to the CAP people for their help directing traffic and to the McCallister Museum for providing the always accommodating venue for this event.

Speaking of young Eagles, how many of you know that the Hughes boys, both Ethan and Bryce, experienced their first Young Eagles flights back in 1997? They were so inspired that both have gone on to pursue aviation related training and future careers. Ethan is working for his private license and Bryce received his in 2006. Both continue on their aviation career path. Their stories are examples of the inspiration and motivation the Young Eagles program provides!

Happenings at McAllister Field

1. Union Gap (Valley Mall Blvd project) is working very hard to get 16th open before winter. There were some problems with the bridge over Wide Hollow Creek that caused a 4 week delay. Stay tuned!

2. The Airport's 16th Ave. project Environmental Assessment is ready to be presented to the public for review. So far, this process has consumed \$400,000.00 (13% of the project cost) and taken 19 months to satisfy 34 state and federal agencies. The real culprit is the copious and

sometimes ridiculous regulatory process that must be dealt with to be eligible for the funding. The actual road construction will be less than 6 months.

3. The Reversion Clause included in most airport leases is now at city legal for review. Once the language is approved, we will bring the matter before the Board for action.

4. The land lease for the new hangers at the Airpark was approved. Tom McMahon missed the vote to answer his phone.

5. Barnstormers is operating under a revised payment schedule. Please support them.

6. Airport Manager:

Toby Schope has been hired to help Jerry. Toby was a summer intern during '07.

The Board is working with the HR department of the County to find a new manager. The application process will open soon (watch the airport website:

www.yakimaairterminal.com)

7. Wings Cafe in the secure area of the terminal has ceased operation.

8. TSA finally paid their 9 month old bill of \$36,000.00 plus to the airport (without interest).

9. The Airport Overlay has been

presented to the Regional Planning Commission and the Union Gap Planning Commission. They will study the proposal and then make recommendations to the City/County of Yakima and Union Gap and then the public process will begin. This will take some time.

10. Chairman Bill Wheeler, Jerry and Toby met with Horizon to discuss the new flight schedule. We pointed out that their ridership has dropped due to the times offered: no arrivals until 11:00 AM and the last flight in leaving SEA at 8:00 PM.

Our next Board meeting will be at 7:30 AM, October 23 at Barnstormers

Tomas Holbrook, Les Flue
YKM Airport Board

Ola Vestad keeping Mitch's Yak from prematurely launching.

