



CHAPTER 206 NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well folks, two years of coming up with "Thoughts from the president" is drawing to a close. Our club has grown, it has done some good things, and it has had some issues. Let's work towards having the best club we can. This meeting in October is when we need to have nominations for officers, November is the election, and in December we have our Christmas party and start the new year with new or at least re-elected officers. Please consider stepping up to help our club with guidance for the coming year/years. However, also remember that our club officers have to be national EAA members in addition to local EAA members.

Besides nominations, October should be really interesting because our members who went to Oshkosh will be telling us and hopefully showing us about their experience at the greatest fly-in in the world! November not only brings elections but also our web master, computer guru, and wealth of information doctor, Scott Heppler, will be filling us in on his Chief restoration project. He has made progress and I know we are all eagerly awaiting the resurrection of the Chief.

I hope that I had the chance to see you at our October 10th Pancake Feed!

Stu

OCTOBER, 2009

REMINDER

This month's meeting will be held this Thursday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m. at hanger # 1, Yakima Airpark. As Stu mentioned this is an important meeting because of nomination of officers for the coming 2 years. We have had good leadership the past few years and this needs to continue to ensure that our club continues to be effective.

HAPPENINGS AT MCCALLISTER FIELD

1. If you are interested in restaurant equipment, we have some to sell. If interested, contact Mike Redmond.
2. A full scale exercise to test our emergency processes and methodologies was held September 19. Our initial feedback was that the exercise was a success.
3. We continue to work on the stormwater assessment, the Airport Safety Overlay, new contacts for commercial service, various environmental issues (contaminated soil, underground tanks). It may be possible that the Richardson site will be released by year end, but remember who we are dealing with (DOE).
4. 16th Avenue will be open by November 13. The delay is due to the traffic light on Valley Mall Blvd and it's certification. Other projects include new taxiway signs

that are being made, the taxiway centerline markings that are almost finished and the design phase for a new overlay on RWY 9-27.

5. As budgeted, we will need money from our reserve account for this year. This was expected in the proposed, yearly budget and we are monitoring our cash flow very closely and expect to end the year as budgeted.

6. As has been the case for the last 3 years, collecting money owed by TSA is always a challenge. We have had to write off \$10,000 because they changed the rules, but didn't tell us for four months.

7. Our new assistant manager, Eric Mercado, has been with us for four weeks. He grew up in the Chicago area, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management and a private pilot license from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He has experience working at the San Mateo County Airports (San Carlos, CA) and more recently the San Angelo Regional Airport (San Angelo, TX). He will oversee administration, airfield maintenance and operations and building maintenance.

8. On October 6, there will be a representative for Horizon Air visiting Yakima. They will meet with the Board at 11:00 AM and be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce for a noon lunch at the Chamber office. We want to tell them of our needs in YKM.

9. Our next meetings are:
Study Session, Tuesday, October 20 at 5:00 PM
Regular Board, Thursday October 22 at 7:30 AM

Both meetings are in the Airport Board Room.

If you are unable to attend the Board Meeting, it is replayed on Charter channel 22 at various times on Y-Pak. A DVD/CD can also be purchased for \$2.00 at the Y-Pac office at the Yakima City Hall.

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