

President's Message

by John Dobson

TFR vs. Economic Growth. At our last general meeting Dave Waggoner brought us up to speed on the NASCAR proposal near Arlington. He followed up at the Board Meeting elaborating on several of his points. In essence the facility (if built - south southwest of the airport) would fall under prevail of the TSA and that means Temporary Flight Restrictions. One way to minimize the impact is to add a temporary tower during such events . . . similar to the Northwest EAA fly-in in July. NASCAR is much more popular on the east coast. And yes they have TFRs about Talladega and Daytona and they have towers at those airports. It seems to work just fine.

Snohomish County could use a shot in the arm economically speaking. I don't have any hard statistics on GDP but I do know that total new and used automobile sales in Snohomish County for the first quarter of 2004 are down 16.5% over the same period of 2003. Arlington could also benefit from some major road work. The primary overpass that leads one to the South side of the airport (in front of the Aviation Division Offices) is every bit as congested as any thoroughfare you can imagine.

This sounds like a no-brainer. The county gets a great venue (NASCAR) and economic growth. They also get some desperately needed attention to their infrastructure. The only downside is to the pilot community. We would have to adjust to a TFR and temporary tower once or twice a year. Who are we to say NO to something that could be a major benefit to our community?

Reality sets in when we ask some questions. Just how many NASCAR events would happen during the year? The temporary tower would be in effect from when to when. Are we talking just for the event (several hours) or are we talking several days? What procedures would be in place for NORDO and ultra lights? Is there any benefit (long or short term) to GA? How many aircraft fly in to support a NASCAR event? AOPA did an expose on the traffic flow for such events a couple of years ago . . . this is serious stuff!

The issue to me is trust. The City of Arlington has not proven to be a stellar defender of GA assets. Remember, this is an airport that has received federal funds and must abide by that federal agreement. They also threatened to encroach on the Northwest EAA fly in several years ago by developing airport property used by that group. In my view the City of Arlington has not given full consideration to the airport as a major community asset. It is just not part of their long term strategic plan.

Another issue is the political process that now surrounds the TFRs. We have analyzed to death the technical side of the four TFRs about Puget Sound. The admiral's assistant tried to defend the Navy's actions in Puyallup yet did not understand the difference in Kinetic energy of a C152 and a Boeing 767. Even though there has been a marked reduction in their size they are still in place because of the personal bias against GA by one person.

For me to support NASCAR the City Fathers in Arlington need to address their issues of credibility with GA. They need to figure out a way to remove the politics from the assignment of TFRs. And, they need to understand that aviation is a technical discipline that responds well to facts . . . all of the facts.



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DEADLINE
May 16th**

Flyouts and "Hangar Flying"

by Rebecca Lohman



This spring and summer we all have many activities planned. I hope they include joining us on Saturday mornings for an “in the air” fix. We have scheduled fly-outs that are in the calendar, and the rest of the Saturdays we just suggest a couple of places and go.

Recently the beautiful Easter week-end we had a small turn-out as far as numbers, but just a fantastic day. It started with a trip to the coast, Hoquim, for a nice lunch, where we were joined by another member of our chapter, who was taking friends on an air “tour”. After lunch we headed North up the coast. There should be another article in this newsletter that really describes the treat we came upon, however, I will say this y’all missed something spectacular!! I’ve seen a whale or two, but never ever did I expect to see “a herd of gray whales” (herd is a southern term—as there aren’t too many pods of whales in Texas and Arkansas, at least where I’m from). I will say there were two women pilots that were excited, and there was a lot of yelling “look at this and look over here, etc.”

I’m only briefly mentioning this, because you never know what you are going to miss out on by not joining us. The past few months the weather hasn’t been as cooperative and we have spent a number of Saturday mornings “hanger fly’n” over breakfast. If you happened to show up for one of those days, and were disappointed, we were too. I do hope you will try flying with us again.

It really is a lot of fun with a group of us as we “invade” some unsuspecting airport. We do try to call ahead to the eating establishment that will be impacted by our arrival.

I really would like to see us go to Tillamook again, and invite some other chapters to join us like we do for Jackpot. If you have some ideas of where you would like to go, let me know, via e-mail, or a call.

Remember, we try to find spaces in planes for everyone that would like to fly. So if you don’t own a plane or have excess to one, don’t let that keep you from coming out. We have over the years, unofficially, established an unspoken tradition, that if you fly with someone that you offer to help with the fuel, or at least buy your pilot breakfast/lunch. This is just one way to say “thank you” for the flight, and once again the aviation fuel prices are rising.

I’ll see ya Saturday morning around 10:00 am at Regal Air, PAE.
Fly Safely,

April Meeting

Seventy members attended April’s meeting. I hoped everyone enjoyed our program on AirVenture. We wanted to share the experience of being there. Remember, if you attend AirVenture, stop by our Bonanza parked on the Past Grand Champion Circle by the Vintage Red Barn. We may be there, and if not, check our prop placard for our camping spot and come visit.

Stephanie and Rich

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You will receive a positive response that your article has been received

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Lake Chelan

Grab your friends, invite your club to join Golden Age, through new airplanes at the Fifth Annual Lake Chelan Fly-In Sat. June 5 Pancake breakfast 8:00 - 11:00 by EAA Chapt. 424 supporting the "Spirit of Wenatchee," Miss Veedol project. Lunch starts at 11:00am by Lake Aero Maintenance and Instruction. Win a prize in the drawing. Make it a weekend camping event and use the pilot's lounge for a shower, restroom, & kitchen. \$10 has a Super-Unicom and credit card gas. For more information, Jan Liberty 509-682-3841 or jliberty1@cs.com

May Meeting

Aviation Division on Land Use Planning and State Airports

John Shambaugh, Senior Planner, has over 18 years of land use planning experience in the State of Washington and holds a BA degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Washington University. He supervises the Aviation Land Use Compatibility Program, Obstructions Program and Airport System Planning Program. His primary responsibilities include developing a long range plan for aviation in the state; developing policies, procedures, and mechanisms for planning implementation; developing methods for measuring system performance and capital needs while working in a spirit of collaboration with local, regional and state customers. Come hear what he has to say about the present and future of our state airports.

Invitation to Join WBS on Canada Cruise

The WPA is invited to join the World Beechcraft Society cruise to Canada/ New England. The cruise will depart New York on Oct. 1st aboard the 1600 passenger Regal Princess for an 11-day, 10-night cruise to Montreal, Quebec. Other ports-of-call include Newport, RI.; Boston, Mass.; Bar Harbor, Maine; St. John, NB; Halifax, NS, cruising the Saguenay River; and Quebec City. The WBS travel agent for the cruise is Ron Moore of La Mesa, CA, phone # 1-800-714-4007 and E-mail sdfestvl@aol.com . If you have any questions, you may also call Carolyn and George Luck at 425-337-2128.

Museum of Flight Personal Courage Wing

June 6th is the 60th anniversary of D-Day, one of the most significant events in the history of World War II. On that same day The Museum of Flight will have the grand opening of its new Personal Courage Wing, a new \$53.5 million interactive addition devoted to honoring those who served in World Wars I and II.

This 88,000-square-foot building will include two major galleries with 30 interactive exhibits telling the history and personal stories of those who served in the two wars, and will feature aircraft from the world-renowned Champlin Fighter Collection.

Several Medal of Honor recipients will be attending.

For more information, visit www.museumofflight.org

Minutes

In our continuing effort to take advantage of current technology, we have moved the minutes of the general meeting, and board meeting to the web site. This will save significant funds by reducing the size of the newsletter, thus saving printing and postage. If you do not have access to the web, please call Mitch at 206-890-6367 and I will make arrangements to mail you the minutes each month.

Dues

We are well into the year, and several of you have not renewed your dues. Follow-up invoices were mailed out about a week ago. Additionally, if your address label has a number before your name, it represents the date your dues expired. The date is in the format YYMM. If your dues are past due, we ask that you please take care of it right away. If you received a statement and you have already paid, please send an e-mail to treasurer@wpa-painefield.org. We plan to publish a new membership roster, and will only include those who are current in their dues. We must also stop mailing newsletters to those who are not current in their dues.

If you joined mid year in 2003, you will receive an invoice in the month you joined. That invoice will be for an amount to pay you up through December 2004, and you will be in sequence with everyone else.

NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY May 7, 2004
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 7th	Land Use Issues
Jun 4th	Flying in Canada
Jul 9th	Tent Revival
Aug 6th	Goodrich tour
Sept 10th	Hanger Party
Oct 1st	Flying in Alaska
Nov 5th	Year in Review
Dec 3rd	Christmas Party

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Have our WPA logo put on anything – blankets, jackets, shirts, etc. Computer controlled machine stitching of the WPA logo is made available to the Paine Field Chapter by Don's Group Attire.. The approximate cost for a garment is \$42.00 for front and back logo and your name.

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