



President's Message from John (Red Binky 3)

I thought back to the meeting on the 14th and it occurred to me that, without planning, a theme emerged. It began with the touching remarks by Steve and Lissa Smith about the recent tragic death of Tyler and how PSAAC members provided support at a time when they so badly needed it, simply by being there for them. Similarly, near the end of the meeting Summer Martell's excellent presentation spoke of how important her aviation friends were at critical junctures in her life. Like bookends to the meeting, they expressed the same sentiment about how much they appreciate their *aviation family*. We are all very fortunate to have found this unique way of life that makes such close ties happen.

Now for a little business. A vote was taken whether or not to have a meeting on Friday, May 9th, the day before the South Prairie fly-in. Like last year, a solid majority voted to meet.

Call for Speakers

We are looking for speakers. Please let Ben Littlefield know if you have any suggestions.

2014 Annual Picnic

A discussion followed about when and where to hold the annual picnic for 2014. The members at the meeting voted to hold it on June 21st and Leo and Gail Dondlinger volunteered to host the picnic in their hangar at Evergreen Sky Ranch. Some concerns were expressed about the lack of a privy and water in their hangar, but the membership was confident this would not be a problem! Can you say port-a-potty? Other folks living at Evergreen assured us that they would provide the Dondlingers with all the support they will need.

2014 Summer Club Fly-out

Madras is on and Cavanaugh Bay is out.

Shane Mahoney and I presented Dick Migas and Melanie Jordan's 2014 summer fly-out proposal to attend *The Airshow of the Cascades* (<http://www.cascadeairshow.com>) to be held at the Madras Airport on August 22 & 23. The discussion that followed showed that there were folks interested in the suggestion from the January meeting to go to Cavanaugh Bay. A series of votes revealed that there was roughly equal interest in both of the original proposals and a third suggestion to go to Cavanaugh Bay on August 20 & 21 and from there to Madras. Given the lack of a clear plan, I threw this back to Dick and Melanie to investigate and put forth a final plan. What they found was that Cavanaugh Bay has only two suites available the week of August 16 thru 22, each capable of accommodating three to four couples comfortably. Each suite has 3 bedrooms that sleep 6 and a loft where 8 more folks can share two double and four twin beds. The catch is that Cavanaugh's has a one week minimum stay at \$3,500 per unit or \$500 per couple if all the beds are filled! Given these facts, I am advised Dick and Melanie to move forward with the Madras plan. This does not mean we cannot add to our summer outing(s) should someone wish to consider other destinations, but Dick and Melanie are not pursuing Cavanaugh any further.

As of March 31, Cross Keys had 30 rooms available, less the one Dick and Melanie reserved. Melanie was quoted \$125.99 for a King, \$135.99 for double queens and \$185.00 for a suite. Cancellation Policy is 72 hours in advance – so that's 3 days before the fly-in. The Airport is providing shuttle service. I will pass

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along additional information as Melanie provides it.

Please note that the Madras plan conflicts with the Wings over Republic Fly-in although I could find little information about it on the Internet. Here is what I could locate:

<http://www.pacificnorthwestflying.com/index.php?topic=11642.0>.

2015 PSAAC Air Tour

I am looking for someone to take the lead for the 2015 air tour and others to participate in the planning and preparation. The air tour will be a topic for the May 9th meeting as planning needs to begin soon. Please seriously consider volunteering. You will get plenty of support from past air tour committee members. These are fun events, but they don't happen all by themselves!

2014 National Aviation Heritage Invitational (NAHI)

I forgot mention NAHI at the March meeting. You may recall that several of us participated last year and that Jeff Poschwatta won the antique class with his Interstate Cadet. NAHI is now accepting 2014 applications and it would be great if PSAAC was well represented. Josh Cawthra's Cessna 140 has already been accepted and Jeff Poschwatta is automatically invited because he won last year. An invitation comes with admission, pit pass, priority parking, morning coffee, lunch and front row seats for the races. You can find the information you need to apply on the NAHI website (<http://heritagetrophy.com/>) and see last year's winners here: http://heritagetrophy.com/sp_winners_circle_1_p.php.

I am not committing to routinely publishing this much information, but will work to keep you updated. I felt there were a number of issues that need attention at the next meeting that warranted getting some detail out to you beforehand.

See you at the Quality Inn in Pacific for the May 9th meeting!

What follows in an updated list of events for this summer. It incorporates **SOME** of the dates that John Smutny has collected!

May 9	PSAAC Meeting
May 10	South Prairie Fly-in Ranger Creek Work Party
June 21	PSAAC Picnic
June 14-15	Olympia Airshow
June 20-22	Historic Flight Biplane Fly-in at Paine Field
July 10-12	Arlington Fly-in
July 26-27	North Cascades Fly-in at Concrete
July 28-August 3	Oshkosh
August 22-23	The Airshow of the Cascades at Madras
August 22-24	Wings over Republic
August 29-31	Vintage Aircraft Weekend at Paine Field
September 6-7	Hood River Fly-in
September 10-14	Reno Air Races
September 19	PSAAC Meeting
November 14	PSAAC Meeting