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**July 2014** 

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## **New Members**

Hunter BlackClass IRNTCharles MasseyClass IIIBoth

New Solos!	Date	Instructor
Sanae Akiyama	6/2	Paulay
Dan Crevensten	6/5	Pipkin
Eric Burlingame	6/7	Guthrie
Doug Edwards	6/24	Lee

New Ratings	Date	Instructor
Brad Gilmer, Instrument	6/7	Catalfamo
Peter Gangar, Private	6/21	Catalfamo

#### **CALENDAR**

#### **Monthly**

**Aircraft Maintenance Team**: Meets every Thursday from 4-8 pm at the Renton Office. Contact Walt Cameron for more information.

#### **July 2014**

**Board Meeting**, 7/18 at 4pm, Renton Office

#### September 2014

**Boeing Auburn Site Family Day**, 9/21 from 11am till 3pm. Volunteers needed to staff the BEFA information booth! Please see Glenn Dalby's article in this newsletter.



# From Your President By Steve Beardslee

What a difference a month makes! Last month we were short of cash to pay bills; this month with flying hours up, we are able to replenish capital accounts. As you know, the rate increase goes into effect on July 1st. A "lesson-learned" from our rate review was that we need to stay on top of this on a more regular basis — it had been six years since our last rate increase, and we need to be more disciplined in our review of budget and variances. Concurrently, we will be prioritizing a list of our needs for upgrades.

And while there are always bothersome squawks, there has been a lot done to upgrade the fleet during the past year, and to have the annual inspections done during the winter months. It's not perfect, but generally the fleet is operational and in good condition.

The Board has also (again) revised our policy guidance for reviewing and approving applications for Guest Membership. BEFA has many fine guest members and they have made significant contributions to our operations. We will continue to review and approve "exceptionally well-qualified" applicants, as well as those who are seeking primary training or additional ratings – and pass background checks.

Congratulations to Jon Vogel and Shad Pipkin in being hired to fly for Horizon Air! Of course, we are again looking for flight instructors – the board approved James Walker as a new CFI last week.

### Fly Safe!



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#### **Aircraft Rates**

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Aircraft	Н	ourly Rate
PCATD-M	\$	15.00
PCATD-NM	\$	20.00
Redbird FMX (member)	\$	65.00
Redbird FMX (non-member)	\$	85.00
C150	\$	102.61
C172	\$	125.14
PA-28-151/161	\$	125.14
C172SP	\$	142.36
Citabria	\$	142.23
R172K XP Float	\$	167.06
C182Q	\$	177.82
SR20 (HOBBS)	\$	174.80
C182RG (68T)	\$	188.90
C182RG (65C)	\$	207.01
CT210	\$	257.68

("M" and "NM" refer to members and non-members, respectively.)

# Volunteers Needed for Boeing Auburn Site Family Day Sunday, September 21, 2014

By Glenn Dalby, BEFA Vice President

The Boeing Auburn site will be holding their biannual Family Day and Open House on Sunday, September 21st and volunteers are needed to staff a BEFA information booth and exhibit. 3500 people are expected this year and this is a great marketing opportunity to get the word out about BEFA to many new prospective members.

The event runs from 11:00 am to 3:00 PM with set up starting an hour before at 10 am. We are seeking a minimum of four volunteers to staff two shifts and assist with set-up and take-down. You do not need to be a Boeing employee to participate as a BEFA volunteer and visitor badges will be available for guest members and staff who wish to help out. A sign-up sheet is located in the Renton office or you can call the office at 425-271-2332. For questions, please contact Glenn Dalby 206-962-0709 or glenn.r.dalby@boeing.com.

Thanks to the volunteers for all the help!

# Thanks to the Paine Plane Wash Volunteers!

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By Vic Asp

On June 21st, five Paine Field pilots pitched in to wash the entire Paine fleet. Early on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning, supplies were loaded up and carried over to the wash rack located at the intersection of taxiways G and D near the approach end of runway 29.

Cleaning got started with N4801D, which was scheduled for a trip to Portland at 10am; one happy pilot made. Next was N704RY, washed and vacuumed for a lesson at 9:30am; a satisfied instructor and student pilot. N739BT was then brought to the wash rack for a scrub down and windows cleaned; another student pilot with a check ride at 1pm, no worries. Finally, the queen of the North fleet, N2164Z, was soaped up and rinsed off with extra attention paid to the underside; a student pilot and instructor proud to take the runway at 12:15pm.

Each aircraft had a wash with soft brushes and a good rinse. Special attention was paid to the leading edges with all the bugs. Strong soap and muscle were applied to the undersides and landing gear. The windows were all dried and cleaned with Pledge, and the interiors were vacuumed and had the pockets cleaned out. This effort should keep these aircraft looking good for a long time... or at least until the rains come!

Arranging this Solstice day event was fun and pretty painless and I want to thank Ed Miao, Sanae Akiyama, Daiyun Fang and Steve Kirsch for all their hard work! We all had a good time and enjoyed the camaraderie.



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# **Safety and Operations Briefing**

By Wes McKechnie, BEFA Operations
Manager

#### OF STARTERS AND THINGS......

Of late we've been seeing a rash of broken teeth on ring gears and starter gears. This is not common at BEFA, and is the result of engaging the starter when the engine is already running, usually done accidently at startup or shutdown. This is simply not being engaged in the moment. I'm not really sure how to address this issue other than to say please stop doing this. Turning the start key to engage the starter is no different than your car! Please be deliberate in your actions throughout the flight, which those of you who have been here a while know from my standpoint starts when you arrive in the parking lot and ends when you leave the parking lot, not just when the you start the engine and shut it down. CFI's please report when this happens, and make sure your students are of this issue and the consequences. Stay deliberate and engaged until at least clear of the aircraft. This costs your association, which is you. It's about \$800 to \$1,000+ a copy to replace starters (and ring gears, if needed), and this all adds up when the data is examined when the Board sets our aircraft rates - and remember there is no "king of BEFA" to trickle these costs to, but us. We all wind up paying for it. Thanks.

#### **VOLUNTEER FOR RENTON PLANE WASH NEEDED**

Please see me if you can coordinate a plane wash day here at Renton Airport for the South fleet. Very impressive what the PAE North folks did! Thanks!

#### **Grievances:**

- 7568T Gust lock and sunscreen not in place after flight.
- 435SP starter gear tooth broken when someone engaged the starter when engine running during shutdown ops.
- 6/28/14 435SP sunscreen not installed

# Notes From The Office 'Attaboys For Our Volunteers

Your fellow members continue to pitch in to keep us running smoothly, often saving money in the process. This month we thank:

 Steve Kirsch for donation of aircraft grade flooring for our planes.

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- Howard Wolvington and Ray Pedrizetti for swinging the 9537Q compass.
- Debbie Brown and Ray Pedrizetti for forming and installing the new flooring in the floatplane.
- Victor Asp for organizing and Ed Miyo, Daiyun Fang, Sanae Akiyama, Steve Kirsch for washing the PAE fleet! Nicely done.
- Greg Edwards to the BEFA office blinds project.
- Debbie & Kelly Brown for the discounted carpet cleaning of the offices.
- Ray Pedrizetti for two solid days of his time assisting Ace in the Annual of 9537Q.
- Doug Morfeld for his increase in grounds keeping with the spring time growth spurt.

## **Volunteer Help is STILL Needed**

BEFA has a regular need for volunteer help. Unfortunately, Boeing work demands are making it increasingly difficult to provide community service. BEFA has many needs and cannot satisfy them without member help. If you can contribute, please call the office to volunteer. Below is the BEFA updated volunteer project list for your generous consideration:

- Replacing or repairing some of the hangar downspouts
- Anyone with a working knowledge of Real Player software please see Wes.
- Painting the inside of the reception area.

If you can head up or help on any of the above projects, please let Wes know. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

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BEFA Members get a 15% Discount

ABC Jet Steam Clean

Carpet Cleaning, Upholstery Cleaning

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abcjetsteam.com

Kel & Deb Brown (BEFA members)

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**SCHEDULEMASTER:** <a href="http://www.schedulemaster.com">http://www.schedulemaster.com</a> or 1-800-414-6114 using your user ID, password and

phone menu

#### JEPPESEN EMPLOYEES FLYING ASSOCIATION:

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3) Any Board Member

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**Office:** No phones at this time in Everett. Please call RNT Office in an emergency, otherwise call the focals below.

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