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CONGRATULATIONS!

New Members		
Ken Heinle	Class III	PAE
Reuben Morris	Class II	PAE

New Ratings!	Date	Instructor
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Jim Giannakis, Instrument	1/11	Allen
Siegfried Schobesberger,	1/14	Demco
Instrument		
Joshua McCormick, Private	1/31	Watt

CALENDAR

Monthly

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

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BEFA at the Northwest Aviation Conference, 2/20-2/21 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. See the Vice President's report for more information and to sign up to help!

Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm 2/19 at Renton Office

From Your President By Steve Beardslee

January has been a busy month; we secured a loan for 735LH, reviewed the member survey result in greater detail, decided to repair (rather than replace) 78440, are working a higher than normal number of engine overhauls, and continuing to plan for the future. All-in-all, we're on-track for this time of year.

We had an excellent response to our survey, and the results are now on-line. Both the metrics and the comments are very valuable – please take a look for yourselves. The use of Survey Monkey made it easy to tabulate the metrics, and comments from our members were especially valuable – we'll want to use this technology again in the future as issues arise that are important enough to both inform members and solicit their views as input to the Board.

Of 208 member responses, 197 included their names and were entered into the drawing to win one free hour of flying time (C172S equivalent). We used a random number generator model as an Excel macro to pick the winner. Congratulations to Yuly Wung – enjoy!

The survey showed a clear preference by members to add another C172S to the fleet, **BUT** where the survey was not constrained by cost, BEFA is! The difference in the net cost to repair 78440 vs. buying another C172S was approximately \$100K. The Board elected to repair 78440 as being the least expensive way to re-establish our fleet to 16 aircraft. We've also requested a cost estimate to further modify 78440 to replace the airspeed indicator to read in knots vs. mph, clean up the flap switch configuration, and update the POH to reflect these mods. If the mod costs are "reasonable", the Board will likely approve that in addition to overhauling the engine & prop.

Further, as we do our annual (spring) rental rate review, the Board will likely consider differentiating the rental rates of our four older C172s (440, 01D, 9BT, and 44K); currently the rental rates for all four are identical, but their capabilities are not. The net effect is that 44K (as the newest and best-equipped) flies a lot while 440 (the oldest and least-well equipped) flies less.

With \sim 320 members actively flying, 16 aircraft maintains a 20:1 ratio of active members to one aircraft; a 16 aircraft fleet size is a good number for now. If we

increase the number of actively flying members to ~340, we'll need to add another aircraft.

The survey also showed that many of our members are interested in

- More social activities (fly-outs, etc.). It's an excellent point. We've done that in the past, and need to re-energize that.
- Getting involved in helping young aviators by sponsoring, mentoring, facilitating their learning and growth, and help them understand our aviation community – They are our future! Look for BEFA initiatives in this area – this year!

We've got a lot to do!

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Steve

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Aircraft	Hourly Rate		
PCATD-M	\$	15.00	
PCATD-NM	\$	20.00	
Redbird FMX (member)	\$	50.00	
Redbird FMX (non-member)	\$	85.00	
C150	\$	91.87	
C172	\$	109.50	
C172SP	\$	124.75	
Citabria	\$	126.76	
R172K XP Float	\$	149.48	
C182Q	\$	151.79	
SR20 (HOBBS)	\$	159.84	
C182RG (68T)	\$	162.55	
C182RG (65C)	\$	203.10	
CT210	\$	241.43	

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

Reminder: Northwest Aviation Conference - Volunteers Needed February 20th and 21st, 2016

By Bob Bumpous, BEFA Vice President

Volunteers are needed to staff BEFA's booth at the 2016 Northwest Aviation Conference that will be held February 20^{th} and 21^{st} and at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. We are targeting a minimum of twelve members to

cover the six shifts on Saturday (9-5:30) and Sunday (10-4) and a signup sheet with the available shifts and times is located on the counter in the BEFA office in Renton. If you would like to help out, but are unable to come in to sign up, please call the BEFA office on 425-237-2332, or send an e-mail to: befa ops@mindspring.com

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The Conference & Trade Show has been an integral part of aviation in the Northwest for 30 years and brings pilots, mechanics, aircraft owners and their families together for two days of seminars and presentations as well as over 300 exhibits. BEFA has regularly participated at the NWAC with a display booth, and volunteers will have access to the show before or after their scheduled shift. Additional information can be found on the NWAC website at: http://www.washington-aviation.org/

This is a great opportunity to get the word out on BEFA as well as experience the NW Aviation Conference. Thanks again for volunteering your time and effort!

BEFA Survey Results

By Tyler Wilson, BEFA Secretary

Survey results from the recent BEFA members' survey are available on the BEFA website for your viewing at the following link: http://befa.org/wv/articles.html

Safety and Operations Briefing

By Wes McKechnie, BEFA Operations
Manager

CLASS D AND GPS NOTE

I found this article on issues with Class D operations, and inaccuracies with GPS databases leading to enforcement action interesting. Please read to avoid this pitfall: http://pilot-protection-services.aopa.org/News/2016/January/Class-D-Airspace.

Grievances:

- 1/21/16 Cover left off of 97PD
- 1/29/16 97PD cover was left off.

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:

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- Troy Larson for ferrying 662AJ
- Kerry Broeckling for all the pens and calendars
- Gary Pipkin, Robert Guthrie and a couple of others who I can't remember for shuttling aircraft to/from maintenance.

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:

 Volunteers to serve at BEFA's booth at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Tradeshow in a few weeks!

Why Your First Landing Should Be A Go-Around

By Dan Crevensten

From the BEFA Safety Board: As you know, N78440 had a prop strike some months ago. The following article pertains to one of the major elements that contributed to the prop strike, and is intended to benefit all of us.

Every pilot knows those few moments of sheer terror as a good landing goes bad. Combine the struggle of trying to manage the airplane with fighting the desire to give up and let it all happen and you have an experience I am sure you will want to miss.

How did you get in this situation? The approach seemed OK. Yes, there was that little gusting crosswind. But it wasn't anything you haven't handled in past landings. Perhaps you were thinking "I'll just plop this thing down on the runway and be done with it". Well that didn't work too well. Is there another way to approach landings that will prevent good turning to bad?

Yes there is, and it begins with your first landings during training. Your first landings should be go-arounds. There is enough to worry about during the approach. Why add the complexities of the roundout, flare, shifting eye focus, and judging height above the runway? Concentrate on making a stabilized approach with the

comfort of knowing you will add power and climb away for another attempt.

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Instructors take note: Teaching the go-around first is not a cop-out. There are many valuable teaching moments and lessons to be learned. They might include energy management, nose attitude, effects of drag, trim, tracking the centerline and the feel of ground effect. Lessons learned from a "go-around first" teaching method will lead to shorter learning time for the landing phase of flight training and better mental habits for your students.

Students and pilots – how can you prepare yourselves to take advantage of the "go-around first" mentality? Just think on every approach "I might land, but I will probably just go-around." This mental attitude will eliminate the temptation to just plop it down and hope for the best. When you are on short final, whether the flight picture looks good or not, think go-around. Your landings will be better and when the time comes when a go-around is a necessity, you will be glad you are so good at them.

For reference, the December 2015 issue of AOPA's "Flight Training" Magazine has two articles related to landings and go-arounds: 1) a reply to a letter by Rod Machado on the use of 20° flaps when introducing landings in the Cessna 172, and 2) an article by Budd Davisson titled "Of Bounces, Balloons, and Porpoises". The Davisson article has a good discussion on when and how to do a go-around.

Classified Ads

David Clark Headset for Sale

David Clark Aviation Headset Model H10-13.4 with the canvas carry bag. Like new, used maybe 15 times. \$250. Contact Scott Spanier at cell phone: (253) 709-0431

New book – "Stop Trying to Keep Up with the Jone\$es – They are Broke Anyway – A Certified Financial Planner's Guide to Living the Good Life"

Brad Berger, a BEFA member, CFP[®] and CLF[®], has published a new book on financial planning. It is available at http://amzn.to/1GI0Ovs

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3) Any Board Member

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