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CONGRATULATIONS!

New Members

Christopher Carhart RNT

New Solos!

Date	Instructor
1/27	Newman

New Ratings

Date	Instructor
1/6	Sievers

CALENDAR

Monthly

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

February 2014

Board Meeting, 1/21 at 4pm, Renton Office

Visit BEFA at the Northwest Aviation Conference at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, 2/22-2/23. See Glenn Dalby's newsletter article and request for volunteers. See you at the conference!

From Your President By Steve Beardslee

We are now underway in 2014, reviewing 2013 for lessons-learned, and looking for process improvements that make sense:

- Our PAE pilots are using Flight Schedule Pro, and thus far it appears superior to Schedule Master. Our Board members will familiarize themselves with Flight Schedule Pro, and determine whether or not to implement BEFA-wide, perhaps as early as March 1st. We think Flight Schedule Pro will save us money on

month-to-month subscriber fees, help us with improved visibility and tracking of squawks & maintenance, and provide better measuring of our flight operations performance. Please take a look at Flight Schedule Pro.

- The Feasibility Study team has determined that the risk of acquiring additional lease space on the Renton airport and building additional hangar space for rent to owners of small business jets owners is too great and would not be wise – at this point. This was not arrived at lightly, but our due-diligence argues clearly in favor of avoiding excessive risk to BEFA. It appears KBFI has now, perhaps has been overbuilt (rental prices are beginning to drop a bit); there is not sufficient reliable market demand information that would justify BEFA undertaking this kind of significant risk. However, the Feasibility Study team continues to evaluate other potential revenue sources, such as training (our BEFA core strength). We are looking for a way to improve our facilities at both Renton and Everett. Stay tuned.
- We continue the process of establishing a new non-profit organization that will act as a "public charity" and carry an IRS tax classification of 501(C)(3). We look to appoint the initial Board of Directors, and expect to gain Washington DOR and IRS approvals in 2014. This looks good.
- We continue the avionics upgrade of our aircraft to meet the FAA mandate for Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B). We completed N5344K & N97PD in 2013, and will now upgrade another aircraft this month.
- We've completed the purchase of a 2003 Cessna 172S; N2164Z is now on the ramp at KPAE. Oliver Meyer & Steve Kirsch flew it home from Kentucky last week. Please take a look, schedule it, and fly it! This is a great addition to our BEFA fleet – Thanks Oliver for making this happen!
- This is our month to get N758NF operational with EDO 2440 floats – I know, it's been far too long, but we're now almost there. We now need to re-energize

our float plane community. The seaplane dock area is now operational, thanks to the City of Renton.

Most of you know this, but there is the annual NW Aviation Conference and Trade Show at the Puyallup fairgrounds, Feb 22nd & 23rd. There are two items of importance here; first is the BEFA booth that we've done each year – this has been an enjoyable experience for those of us who've represented BEFA in the Booth. Glenn has posted a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the booth; I encourage you to participate if you can – I've personally found this to be an enjoyable experience – and this has always benefited BEFA. Also, one of our BEFA CFI's, Howard Wolvington was selected by the FAA NW Region as their CFI of the year <http://www.generalaviationawards.com/news/>; this will be awarded during the conference. Please attend his presentation on behalf of BEFA; Thanks Howard – and Congratulations!

Fly Safe!

**Northwest Aviation Conference -
Volunteers Needed
February 22nd and 23rd, 2014
By Glenn Dalby, BEFA Vice President**

Volunteers are needed to staff BEFA's booth at the 2013 Northwest Aviation Conference that will be held February 22nd and 23rd 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

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!

**Safety and Operations Briefing
By Wes McKechnie, BEFA Operations
Manager**

**VFR CHARTS NEEDED, PLEASE DONATE OLD ONES
TO THE OFFICE**

The Aviation Ground Schools need you last cycle VFR Sectional charts for their classrooms. Please send them via Boeing Interplant Mail, to M/S 94-35, or drop them off at the office. Thanks!

MIXTURE CONTROL ON PREHEAT CARTS

Please remember that the same elements that apply to mixture control on airplanes also holds true with the preheat carts. We had a hose melt on the vertical preheat cart from the mixture setting being too high. If it's too hot, remember to 'enrichen' the mixture to lower the temperature to an acceptable level. See Wes for a quick demo.

**"HEADS UP" for SPRING AVIATION GROUND
SCHOOL AS FOLLOWS:**

NOTE: THESE CLASSES ARE TUITION REIMBURSABLE TO BOEING EMPLOYEES (with a "C" or better grade through Boeing LTP program). THESE CLASSES ARE ALSO OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Enrollment has NOT started yet. Please see the flyers attached to the back of the newsletter and post them in your workplace.

**Private Pilot Ground School SOUTH, HELD AT
RENTON AIRPORT:** There are 2 classes available, Morning session and an Evening session, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 8th through June 12th, 2014. Approximately 3 hours per class, 60 hours total. Morning Class starts at 10 am, Evening class starts at 4:45pm.

**Instrument Ground School SOUTH HELD AT
RENTON AIRPORT:** One evening class on Mondays and Wednesdays starting April 7th through June 16th, 2014. Approximately 2.5 to 3 hours per class. Evening class starts at 5:00pm.

For these SOUTH classes, Register with Renton Technical College, (RTC). RTC Class registration see: <http://www rtc.edu/ContactUs/> and view course description. Contact by phone is Joanne, Registrar, at RTC, 425-235-2352, for enrollment questions.

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For these NORTH classes, Register with Everett Community College, (ECC). ECC Class registration see, <http://www.everettcc.edu/enrollment/> and view course description. Contact ECC Registrar by phone at 425-388-9219 for enrollment questions.

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:

- Web site aircraft "features list" requires fact checking and editing.

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

The Cost of Freedom

By Steve Isaacson

The February 2014 issue of "AOPA Pilot" magazine has an article titled "Fighting For Your Freedom." The photo of an armed Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer standing next to a bulletproof vest-wearing German Shepherd makes it clear this is about something more than airport fess or a new gas tax.

The article is about what to do if approached by a law enforcement officer while operating on the ramp of an airport during a flight that is wholly conducted within the United States.

What to do?

In short, remain calm, be courteous and respectful, and do not volunteer information. And even though as pilots we are required to present our certificate and photo id, you do not have to surrender any items or allow the plane to be searched.

The AOPA CBP guidelines are available here:

<http://download.aopa.org/epilot/2013/CBPGuidelinesKneboard.pdf>

AOPA ran the article because there's the possibility the CBP is occasionally over-stepping its authority.

I have mixed emotions on this issue.

On the one hand, I have nothing to hide. Search away.

On the other hand, this is America. Many have given their lives to protect your right and my right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure.

Uniformed officers with sunglasses and guns can be very intimidating. I don't know how I'll react if I'm ever confronted, but I downloaded the AOPA guidelines just in case and added them to my flight bag. You may want to do the same.

CLASSIFIED ADS**DIRTY CARPETS OR UPHOLSTERY?**

BEFA Members get a 15% Discount

ABC Jet Steam Clean

Carpet Cleaning, Upholstery Cleaning

425.221.2244 or 425.289.6527

abcjetsteam.com

Kel & Deb Brown (BEFA members)

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SCHEDULEMASTER: <http://www.schedulemaster.com>

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 - 3) Any Board Member

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