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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**New Members**

**Chaz Bracken**                      Class I                      RNT

**New Solos!**                      **Date**                      **Instructor**

**Robert Reichle**                      11/25                      Jun Lee  
**Miguel Palmero**                      11/28                      Tomlinson

**New Ratings!**                      **Date**                      **Instructor**

**Ann Galbraith, Private**                      12/6                      Jacobson  
**Ken Heinle, CFII**                      12/8                      Paulay

**CALENDAR**

**Monthly**

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

**January 2017**

**Board of Directors Meeting,** 4pm 1/20 at Renton Office

**February 2017**

**Board of Directors Meeting,** 4pm 2/17 at Renton Office

**Northwest Aviation Conference,** February 25-26 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Volunteers needed to staff the BEFA booth! Please see Vice President Bob Bumpous' article in this newsletter or contact the office to sign up.

**From Your President**

By Bob Ingersoll

I want to welcome 2017 by first congratulating the new BEFA Board members: Secretary is Harium Martin-Morris; Operations Officer is Troy Larson. Likewise I want to offer my sincere appreciation to Oliver Meier, Tyler Wilson and Steve Beardslee as outgoing board members. They have worked tirelessly to make BEFA the success it is today. Thank you!!

2016 has been a great year for BEFA. The purchase of the Cirrus is complete. Our fleet is in excellent condition thanks to Wes, ACE and the BEFA Crew. We have also conducted a number of TBOs and ADS-B avionics upgrades in 2016. There is always more to do and we will prioritize the work for 2017. Fortunately, fuel rates have been stable which has benefitted all our members.

We are watching what the FAA does to implement the Pilot Bill of Rights Act recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. This bill includes a major revamping of Class III medical criteria. This could have a significant impact on our members in 2017.

Probably our biggest challenge for 2017 is to continue our safe flying record and further develop our lease and building plans for RNT and PAE. Our building committee, led by Steve Beardslee, has made excellent progress developing architectural renderings of various layouts for us to evaluate with the City of Renton and conduct our affordability assessments. A lot more on this in future Newsletter.

The BEFA Board will continue to meet the third Friday of each month at 4pm. The meeting is open to BEFA members.

I welcome your input and will work with BEFA members to continue our legacy of a best value and safe flying experience.

**Aircraft Rates**

January-2017	
Aircraft	Hourly Rate
PCATD-M	\$ 15.00
PCATD-NM	\$ 20.00
Redbird FMX (member)	\$ 50.00
Redbird FMX (non-member)	\$ 85.00
C150	\$ 93.68
C172	\$ 111.87
C172SP	\$ 127.44
Citabria	\$ 129.30
R172K XP Float	\$ 152.43
C182Q	\$ 155.41
SR20 (HOBBS)	\$ 162.24
C182RG (68T)	\$ 166.31
C182RG (65C)	\$ 205.88
CT210	\$ 245.17

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

**Northwest Aviation Conference -  
Volunteers Needed  
February 25-26, 2017**

By Bob Bumpous, BEFA Vice President

Volunteers are needed to staff BEFA's booth at the 2017 Northwest Aviation Conference that will be held February 25-26 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, Showplex Event Center. We are targeting a minimum of twelve members to cover the six shifts on Saturday (9:00-5:30) and Sunday (10:00-4:00). A sign-up 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](mailto:befa_ops@mindspring.com)

The Conference & Trade Show has been an integral part of aviation in the Northwest for more than 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. 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 about BEFA and to experience the NW Aviation Conference. Thanks in advance for volunteering your time and effort!

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

**REQUEST WHEN BOOKING PLANES**

When booking planes out on our FSP scheduling system, please fill in the balance of the scheduling box, which consists of Route ("North East Practice Area/South East Practice Area", "Renton to Ellensburg to Yakima", etc...), and add any pertinent "Comments" as well. Also, remember to pick the type of "activity flight" you are doing per the following list:

SELECTING A CORRECT "ACTIVITY TYPE" WHEN BOOKING A FLIGHT ON FSP

When booking new reservations on FSP, there are 2 choices for "Activity Type" in the drop down window: "Standard" and "Training" that are to be chosen when booking your flight. The following is the criteria and descriptors for guidance on your selection.

"TRAINING" - (COLOR: ORANGE) - Please choose this for the following; all training flights, dual or solo, specifically flown for training for the furtherance of a

- Private, Instrument, Commercial, CFI, Multi-engine or Seaplane license or rating.
- High performance and/or Complex sign off training.
- Tail wheel training endorsements.
- Any aerobatic training or BEFA required checkrides, i.e. BEFA 6 month checks, Mountain Checkride signoffs, grass strips etc..., in our ROP's. Also...
- Bi-annual Flight Reviews.

DO NOT choose "Training" category for your three takeoff and landings for currency, or solo instrument currency flights, or general "touch and go's" NOT in furtherance of a license or rating.

"STANDARD" - (COLOR: BLUE) - Please choose this for all other normal flights, (i.e. normal practice touch and go practice, NOT in furtherance of a license or rating, cross-country flights, general fun flights, transportation flights, sight-seeing, \$100 hamburger etc... )

If you are confused, please feel free to see Staff if you have any questions and we'll help you out - Thanks!

**FLIGHT PATCHES AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE**

Velcro BEFA flight patches for jackets as shown, \$15.00, are now available through office.



### 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:

- Joe Miner for moving planes
- Mark Ligman for designing and making all new rudder gust locks, well done!
- Bob Guthrie and Lynn Kanninen for dropping off log books to The Avionics' Shop.
- Tim Anderson and Adam Tomlinson (CFI) for picking up plane.

### From Your Safety Officer By Matt Smith, BEFA Safety Officer

It's the end of the year, and today's note is a potpourri of random thoughts as I review 2016.

Occasionally, I get an e-mail from a member after they've read one of my articles. It's interesting to see how the article related to their own experiences. Last month, I wrote about fuel reserves. After I submitted the article for publication, I got a note from Wes McKechnie saying that in the distant past, BEFA had, at least, two incidents. One where 704RY did an emergency landing on I-90, and another, inside of twelve months, where a different C-150 ran out of fuel on short final to 34, landed at Renton High, ultimately running into a fence. Talk about cutting it close. These are Safety Boards I would not have wanted to preside over. Please make sure I don't have to do one during my tenure.

From a Safety Officer standpoint, 2016 was a good year. I had to call only one Safety Board. In that one, already discussed in the newsletter, a series of decisions led to an airplane getting damaged. This is a reminder to be cognizant of how a series of decisions can lead to an undesirable result. There were two other incidents where engine roughness was an issue. In both cases, the pilots made exactly the right decision and landed at the nearest airport. In the case of 735LH, post-flight examination revealed the engine was on its way to self-destruction, so the quick decision on the pilot's part was critical to the safe end to the story.

I wish I could take credit for the good year, but that credit manifests itself in the quality of our CFIs, Wes McKechnie's steady hand as Operations Manager, and the quality of our members. I want to take this time to thank everyone for working hard at being safe. Let's make 2017 another good year.

The one issue we wrestled with during 2016 was the number of available CFIs. At times, members had problems getting access to instructors either for primary instruction, or timely 6-month checkrides. During the course of the year, we lost several instructors to people moving, or joining the airlines. I believe this is going to stabilize. We have added some excellent instructors over the course of the year, and have several more in the pipeline. We have just added another instructor at Everett. Please let the office and me know if you have problems with scheduling.

We'll talk again next month. Until then, be safe out there.

Matt

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### ***New book – "Stop Trying to Keep Up with the Joneses – They're Broke Anyway – A Financial Planner's Guide to Living Your Ideal Life"***

Brad Berger, a BEFA member, CFP<sup>®</sup> and CLF<sup>®</sup>, 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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