

✈ BEFA Newsletter ✈

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Welcome New Members!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jay Anonson	II	RNT
Don Delzell	I	RNT
Anthony Diamond	III	RNT
David Richmond	II	RNT
Akitoshi Sakaguchi	II	RNT
Aaron Solomon	I	RNT
Yoshinari Suzuki	I	PAE
Tim Sorenson	I	RNT

Congratulations!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Evelyn Rosengarten	2/10	Comm MEL	Wolvington
Doug Kirby	2/11	ATP/757 type	Clark
Cody Hargreaves	2/13	Private SEL	K. Davis
Douglas Withers	2/17	Instrument	Wolvington
Daniel Downey	2/23	Private SEL	Miskell/ Koehne

Coming Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
• <u>Aircraft Maintenance Team.</u> (Contact Walt Cameron)	6-9pm	TH	RNT
• <u>Board Meeting</u>	5:00p	3/19	RNT
• <u>Pinch Hitter Class</u>	6:00p	4/12	RNT
	And	4/14	

From Your President
By Howard Wolvington

Congratulations: At the annual Crab Feed and membership meeting, we announced the award of the Member of the Year award to Bill Shepherd, and the Jim Derdick award to Ron Larson. We really appreciate the support that each of these members have provided to BEFA over a very long period of time.

Fuel Surcharge: I am sorry to report that the fuel surcharge is back. We were notified in February by our largest supplier

of an increase in fuel prices, and told to expect further increases. On that same day I happened to fill my car late at night at COSTCO. The attendant said that they had two deliveries of fuel that day, and on each delivery the cost had increased, and that the closing price was \$.05 a gallon higher than it had been the night before. A local radio station pundit warned that we might see auto prices above \$3.00 by the summer. If this turns out to be true, 100LL will surely follow. In any case, in the February Board meeting, we voted to implement a fuel surcharge that recovers the increased cost of fuel. I can hope for a decrease next month, but we will need to do whatever the market demands. The new aircraft rates, effective March 1, 2004 are as follows:

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>GPH</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
C150	5.5	\$49.00	\$0.55	\$49.55
C172	7.9	\$68.00	\$0.79	\$68.79
C172S	7.9	\$87.00	\$0.79	\$87.79
PA-28-151	7.9	\$68.00	\$0.79	\$68.79
Citabria	7.9	\$68.00	\$0.79	\$68.79
C182Q	13.0	\$90.00	\$1.30	\$91.30
C182RG	13.2	\$96.00	\$1.32	\$97.32
C172XP	7.6	\$91.00	\$0.76	\$91.76
PA-28R200	9.0	\$97.00	\$0.90	\$97.90
BE76	20.0	\$149.00	\$2.00	\$151.00

Airspace Regulation: After 9/11, numerous TFRs were implemented in the U.S. Some of these have been eliminated, and the local ones have been reduced in size. However, we have always had a fear that these TFRs might become “PFRs” – Permanent Flight Restrictions! AOPA announced last week that the DoD has petitioned the FAA to create a Prohibited Area over the current TFR at Kings Bay, GA. Further, it reports that the DoD intends to request similar prohibited areas over the remaining TFRs. We can oppose this direction by appropriate comments to the Department of Transportation. See the AOPA web site, www.aopa.org for details.

Congress continues to propose additional regulations as well. The EAA reports that Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA) has proposed an amendment to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 that would place additional restrictions on general aviation. Under high threat classifications, “No-Fly Zones” would be established over nuclear and chemical facilities. Further the regulation would require “vulnerability assessments” by airport operators that serve general aviation and a plan for addressing vulnerability within one year. We

can oppose this legislation by contacting our local congressional representatives with our comments. See www.eaa.org for details.

Safety and Operations Briefing

By Wes McKechnie, BEFA Operations Manager

NIGHT FLIGHTS

Yes, it's winter and skiing is still going strong with the continued wonderful dumps of snow, but already the days are getting noticeably longer and believe it or not we're only about 4 weeks from daylight saving time by the time you get this. So, a seasonal reminder that now is the time to start thinking about your night flight requirements for either currency, proficiency or future rating requirements. It's a lot easier on the body clock to acquire the time when you can leave in relative darkness at 6PM or so rather than later in spring when you're leaving at 9 or 10 PM, and getting back at midnight or beyond. Remind yourself or your CFIs to get this task checked off sooner rather than later.

LEAD SPRING/SUMMER GROUND SCHOOL

Boeing's LEAD (Learning, Education and Development) Off-Hours Private Pilot Ground School will soon be taking enrollment for the Summer Private Pilot Ground School. All Boeing badged vendors, current Boeing employees as well as retiree's are welcome to sign up for this no-cost 10 week course. The summer course starts July 5th. If you know of any of the above who are at all interested in flying, please have them call LEAD at 206-544-5323 for more information.

JUST TO MENTION A FEW.....

With so many wonderful volunteers and benefactors here at BEFA, it's always awkward singling out only a few of the many great people we have here. But I would like to give our thanks to Dustin Harmon and Erv Trapa for generously donating their shares to BEFA, they will be put to good use. Also, let's welcome Tom Carpenter to the BEFA Crew. His time and talents will help to keep BEFA's costs low and add capacity to the great work the BEFA Crew provides to us. In addition, Maynard Winchester, last year's Member of the Year, continues to share his time and skills by providing us with new stepladders for our ramp - good job Maynard! And finally, thanks to Ernst Langhout for his long service provided to BEFA. Ernst recently designed and made some rudder gust locks for us to use in high winds. Thanks much Ernst. Be sure to give these volunteers a thank you when you see them.

Also I'd like to add on behalf of the Membership a special thanks to Bill Shepherd, the 2003 Member of the Year, and Ron Larson, the Derdick Award winner. Bill, who started on the Board in 1996, and the other individuals on the Board at the time had to think fast and work very hard to keep our operation steady during the challenging times around 1997

through 2000. Somehow during that period they even managed to improve the fleet a bit with our first new radio upgrades in years, continued paint jobs and tackled a mass engine change, and engine conversions on our N model C-172's. This accomplishment was even more remarkable given BEFA did not have near the visibility or stability that we have now have in Accounting. Bill kept a calm steady hand on the reins and a creative mind on the challenges of those times and nurtured us to a vastly improved Association by the time he stepped back from office in 2002.

Ron Larson is our coveted Derdick Award winner, and I can't say enough about Ron's dedication and rock solid dependability to BEFA. The time, skill, and energy that he along with the rest of the BEFA Crew devote to the Association helps keep our costs down and our fleet on line. I've walked through the hangar more than once and found Ron alone changing oil and tweaking the squawks. Ron, we can't thank you enough for your help and dedication, as well as the rest of the remarkable BEFA Crew. I'm sure Jim Derdick, whom the award is named for, is smiling down on you too.

GRIEVANCES

- 02/14/04 54088 - Mixture left in the "in" position.
- 02/14/04 78440 - No gust lock, beacon "off".
- 02/23/04 78440 - Beacon light "off", Nav lights left on.
- 02/24/04 2008E - Door left unlocked and cover 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:

- Eric Tomlinson for providing transportation.
- Bob Guthrie (CFI) for filling in for Wes, and moving aircraft.
- Bob Bumpous for the aircraft cost review.
- Ernst Langhout for designing and making rudder gust locks.
- Kip Davis (CFI) for repositioning airplanes and filling in as Safety Officer.
- Maynard Winchester for making new step ladders for the ramp.
- Bill Walker for providing transportation.
- Dustin Harmon and Erv Trapa for donating their shares to BEFA.
- Tony Diamond for filling the oil bottles.
- Dan Turlington (CFI) for the switch plate in the sim room.
- Bonnie Cole and Jack Yager for filling in for Matt

Malkin as Board Secretary at the meeting, and especially to Bonnie for bringing in home made cake.

- Tom Carpenter for joining the BEFA Crew.

VFR and tailwinds to all of you for your generous support!

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. Some of the things that require volunteers are:

- AIRCRAFT WASHERS/POLISHERS NEEDED!!
- Someone to help install a blower fan and vent for the upstairs classroom.
- Helpers to assist the Crew in a regular once a month cleaning of the hangar.
- Bamboo rollup type sunshades needed for the office.
- Someone to properly wash several sheepskin covers
- Volunteers needed for yard work at BEFA.
- Donation of a silent air-conditioner.
- Construction volunteers to fix up the old upstairs Action office space into a nice BEFA pilot lounge
- Needed for lounge project; 2 – 3 X 6 sliding windows, 20 sheets of 4 X 8 X ½” drywall, Joint compound, tape wallboard sealer, 25 – 2 X 4” studs and 3 full packages of R-15 insulating batting (7 batts per package).
- Painters for the Renton building’s exterior.
- In the old downstairs Action space we need some minor wallboard repair, vinyl-flooring replacement in the two small bathrooms, carpets cleaned and some painting done. Anything you could do would be appreciated.
- Someone to patch a hole in the North hangar building wall to keep the rats from the furnace room.
- Someone to fix the men’s toilet flush handle

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

Attention Aerobic Pilots – Parachute Seminar By Rochelle Oslick

The Alan Silver Parachute Seminar, hosted by Paraphernalia Parachutes, is coming to Arlington on March 20th!! This is an incredibly informative seminar and will greatly enhance/refresh your knowledge of every practical aspect of emergency bailout and parachute selection, operation, deployment, storage, and care. I have been to Alan's seminars the past two years - He's an interesting and entertaining speaker. All BEFA aerobic pilots should try to attend this seminar.

Also, it's quite likely that the FAA will grant acceptance to Alan's safety seminar as fulfilling one of the requirements of the Pilot Proficiency Award Program (WINGS Program), so come out and earn your WINGS.

TIME: 10am to 1pm, Saturday, March 20, 2004

PLACE: The Boys & Girls Club, 18513 59th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223 (it's across the street and 1000ft north from the East entrance of Arlington Municipal Airport---AWO)

Please feel free to FLY IN to AWO!! It's a VERY short walk to the meeting place.

Pinch Hitter Class on April 12 and 14th By Mike Sievers

BEFA will be offering a two-night "Pinch Hitter" class on April 12th and 14th in the Renton classroom. What is a Pinch Hitter Class?

A Pinch Hitter class is designed to give your non-pilot flying companion, whether it be spouse, significant other, or good friend, an introduction to airplanes and flying. We pilots are pretty comfortable about getting from point A to B in airplanes that are smaller than your average 737, but what about your non-pilot flying companion? To someone who has little or no familiarity with flying, a Cessna 172 cockpit can like a confusing mass of dials and equipment. The Pinch Hitter class can help your flying companion to become more knowledgeable about flying, and take some of the mystery out of flying. The classes will cover basic information about flying, radio communications, navigation, and map reading.

In addition, the Pinch Hitter students can sign up for an optional introductory flight with a BEFA flight instructor, so that they can practice what they've learned and get more familiar with airplanes. If you have a non-pilot flying companion, please encourage them to consider signing up for the class. There have been cases where flying companions were so enthralled by the experiences that they gained from the Pinch Hitter class, that they immediately signed up for flying lessons.

The two-night class will be held on Monday April 12th and Wednesday April 14th at the Renton office from 6:00pm - 8:30pm, taught by a BEFA instructor. The class fee of only \$10.00 covers the cost of course materials and includes an informational booklet, which you can take home with you. (BEFA has generously agreed to cover the instructor fees, so this is an excellent deal). In addition, participants can schedule an optional flying session after with the instructor of their choice at a mutually agreeable time. The fees for the optional flying session are not included in the Pinch Hitter

class fee, and must be discussed with your selected instructor. It's a valuable class, and highly recommended! Call or stop by the office to sign up.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Garmin GPSMAP-195, all accessories, like new, \$600 obo. Call Bob Kenin 425-227-9405

Want 2-3 partners to acquire a 4-place, IFR plane (e.g., 182/ Arrow/Mooney M20) at RNT, BFI or PAE. mardonmc@aol.com Don, W: 206.292.4600; H: 206.368.9488

For Sale: 1995 Cobra 26 ft. R.V. trailer: 2-dr elec. lighted hitch jack, A.C., new spare tire, elec. ignition, 10 gal water heater – tub & shower, swivel rocker, blue interior, microwave, elec/gas refrig. Sleeps 6. Carpet thru-out, AM-FM stereo cassette radio, T.V. capable accessible, and towing access. Used 3-seasons. \$10,500 OBO. Bill Herzog 425-255-0525

For the Web Heads

SCHEDULE MASTER:

<http://www.schedulemaster.com/smlogin.htm>

(There's a link from BEFA's homepage)

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