

✈ BEFA Newsletter ✈

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Welcome New Members!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aaron Culbreth	Guest	RNT
Charles Hampson	Guest	RNT
Eric Slagle	III	RNT

New Solos!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Mike Reilly	12/16	B. Behrend
Chad McFadden	12/18	M. Gianni

Congratulations!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Tony Hupfauf	12/3	Private SEL	Demco
Andy Curtis	12/5	Private SEL	Wolvington
Dayne Olmstead	12/26	Instrument	Yager

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>	5:00pm	1/19	RNT
• <u>BEFA Friday Night at the Movies</u>	6:30pm	1/26	RNT
• <u>Instrument Rating Ground School</u>	5:15pm	2/5	RNT
• <u>Crab Feed/Membership Meeting</u>	5:00pm	2/17	RNT

From Your President By Frank Marshall

Ninety Bucks is Ninety Bucks: The more observant among you will soon be noticing a minor change on your monthly statements from BEFA.

The statement for each active member will continue to show the familiar \$90 invoice amount for dues and insurance, but in the statement summary the invoice will no longer show two separate charges: \$45 for dues, and \$45 for insurance. Instead there will be a single \$90 charge for “dues and insurance.”

All right, I agree this is not such a big deal, but I thought an explanation would be in order anyway.

This change is part of the fallout from an exercise the board has been conducting to improve the metrics we use to track our financial health. A few months ago I asked our treasurer, Bob Bumpous, to develop some new metrics that separately track how well our two main revenue streams are covering the expenses they are designed to cover.

One revenue stream (we call it “non-flight” revenue) is from the dues and insurance payments and other miscellaneous income sources (such as tie-down rentals). It covers all the expenses that are accrued whether the airplanes are flying or not, including maintaining our facilities, meeting payroll, etc.

The other revenue stream is from the tach book charges, and covers the direct costs of actually operating the airplanes, including line maintenance, fuel, the overhaul reserve fund, and the aircraft replacement fund.

Bob has done a tremendous job of accomplishing what turned out to be a very challenging assignment. I do believe that if we hadn’t had a treasurer with the Excel programming skills that Bob has, this couldn’t have happened. (Somehow he has managed to keep his day job throughout this period.) The results will be reviewed at the General Membership Meeting and Crab Feed on February 17.

One result was that it became apparent that the \$45 per month charge for insurance was not completely covering the total cost of insurance, including the contributions we have been making to our self-insurance reserve fund. The shortfall, however, was being covered by a corresponding surplus in the \$45 per month dues payments.

We could have elected to change the split between the dues and insurance parts whenever it became necessary, with a periodic grand announcement each time from yours truly of a new set of monthly charges. Instead the board has elected to combine these into a single \$90 charge and leave it alone, as long as all of our non-flight expenses are being covered. (Currently, they are!)

You will see the new approach reflected in your monthly statements as soon as the change can be implemented in our

accounting software.

Fuel Surcharges: Surcharges and rates for January are as follows:

Aircraft	Base Rate	Surcharge	New Rate
BE76	\$159.00	\$17.10	\$176.10
C150	\$52.00	\$4.95	\$56.95
C172	\$68.00	\$7.11	\$75.11
C172SP	\$75.00	\$8.01	\$83.01
C172XP	\$120.00	\$6.84	\$126.84
C182Q	\$100.00	\$11.70	\$111.70
C182RG	\$105.00	\$11.88	\$116.88
Citabria	\$75.00	\$7.11	\$82.11
PA-28-151	\$68.00	\$7.11	\$75.11
PA-28R200	\$89.00	\$8.10	\$97.10
PCATD-M	\$15.00		\$15.00
PCATD-NM	\$20.00		\$20.00
SR20-WD	\$113.00	\$10.80	\$123.80
SR20-WE	\$133.00	\$10.80	\$143.80

(“M” and “NM” refer to members and non-members, respectively, and “WD” and “WE,” to weekdays and weekends plus holidays, respectively.)

**BEFA Crab Feed and Membership Meeting,
February 17, 2007**

By Joe Kranak, BEFA Vice President



The annual BEFA Crab Feed will be held this year on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 5:00pm in the Renton hangar. BEFA will again be providing crab as the principal entrée along with a variety of salads, rolls, desserts and beverages (water, soft drinks, coffee and tea). For members who would prefer items other than these, we will once again set aside space on the serving table to accommodate “potluck” offerings. Just let us know ahead of time what you plan to bring, and whether any special provisions are required (i.e. electrical power for warming trays, etc.). Those bringing potluck items of their own should plan to arrive a little early (~4:30pm), so that the serving tables can be ready to go when the dinner service begins at five.

A registration form will be placed on the counter of the BEFA Renton office beginning January 2nd where you may sign up in person. Or if that’s inconvenient, you may notify the BEFA office staff by phone, or e-mail them at befa_office@mindspring.com. Please let them know that you’ll be attending and how many guests you expect to bring. The cost this year will again be \$16 for adults (the same as in past years). Children twelve years old and younger are still free. Payment may be made by cash, check or billing to your BEFA account.

As always, we could also use some volunteer help with logistics.

- Set-up and take-down of chairs and tables (4:00pm the day of the event).
- Placement of utensils, plates, napkins, and tablecloths (most already exist in storage)
- Wipe down, fold and stack tables after the event

Extra columns have been provided on the sign-up sheet where you may designate whether you will be bringing a “potluck” item or can volunteer to help with logistics. You may also contact Joe Kranak directly at home (425-391-6071), at work (206-856-7948) or via e-mail joe.kranak@boeing.com if you will be willing to lend a helping hand.

Please mark your calendar and we’ll see you there!

Safety and Operations Briefing

By Wes McKechnie, BEFA Operations Manager

BEFA MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS

Friday January 26, 2007 at 6:00pm marks the return of the “BEFA Friday Night at the Movies” event series. This has been a lot of fun the last couple of years. There is room for only 16 patrons so please call the office and reserve your spots. We have not chosen a movie yet, we’ll keep you posted on Schedulmaster’s message page. See the back page of the newsletter for the announcement and possible movie choices.

PINCH HITTER COURSE AT BEFA

A “heads up” for this popular program. Kip Davis (206-406-7262) and Kris McKelvey (206-999-1397) will be providing a Pinch Hitter course for BEFA flying companions. BEFA’s insurance and Rules of Operations allows the companions to manipulate the controls for this emergency training program only. It will consist of a two day, 2 - 1/2 to 3 hours per day ground school, followed by flights with Pinch Hitter approved BEFA CFI’s to provide flight instruction at a mutually agreed time. The objective is to get the companion to the point where they can fly the four fundamental of flight and land the airplane safely, and very basic radio ops in the event the pilot is incapacitated. Dates will be released next newsletter.

SPECIAL THANKS TO STORM HELPERS

Thanks to all the BEFA members who chipped in to secure BEFA for the storm, and the aftermath. The fleet held up very well except for some trim tab and rudder stop damage to the Duchess, and loss of several roofing tiles on the office that Bob Cutler quickly patched. Bob Carter also came down late at night to check on the condition of the fleet and phone

in a report, and help secure the Duchess.

.....AND THANKS TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE FLOATPLANE DAMAGE REPAIR FUND

Float pilots Daryl Hickman, Keith Murphy (non-float pilot), Kevin Sullivan, Gary Pipkin, Toby Bright, Steve Arterberry, Scott Heston Sandy Urquhart, Bob Guthrie and Bill Syblon have contributed towards the estimated \$3,000 floatplane repair. That's \$1,200 total towards it so far, thanks much. There's still room for more

BEFA LOUNGE UPDATE

We finally have all the inspections completed. The next step is having our old lights removed and the ceiling painted and new overhead light installed. Then some bookcases will be boxed into the framework on the north wall, followed in tandem with more electrical work and beginning of the sheetrock/counterwork. We are looking to see if anyone has experience with gas lines/appliance. We need to extend the gas heater line to the west side of the new wall so the classroom area can be heated with a much smaller yet to be purchased gas heater. We will also need removal of the large industrial size gas furnace presently in the lounge, (the lounge will be electrically heated). If you can think of anyone who does this type of work, please let us know.

GRIEVANCES/INCIDENTS:

- 12/16/05 733XW returned 20 minutes overdue delaying next flight.
- 12/18/05 RNT Facility Interior and external hangar building doors unlocked.
- 12/27/05 54088 door left unlocked.

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:

- Jim Goodnow for making new VOR logs for our planes.
- Daryl Hickman for filling in on the front desk.
- Thanks to the mystery person who cleaned up the oil area in the hangar. Please contact me or Walt so we know who you were!
- Gary Pipkin for donating floatplane POH supplements.
- Rob Wilson for donating more material and fixing clock.
- Mark Gaponoff for delivering a spare cylinder to Avian at PWT for repair.
- Norm Craven, Lis Demco and Bob Guthrie for helping stuff invoices.

- Jim Gannett for donating his membership share.
- Howard Wolvington for new Warrior check list.
- Will Allen for setting up the BEFA Christmas tree. We heard it was a huge undertaking!
- Bob Cutler for braving miserable weather to repair the shingles that blew off of the Renton office roof.
- Austin Watson for filling up the deice fluid.
- Daryl Hickman for filling up the float truck gas cans.

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:

- Members with drywall taping experience needed.
- Someone to help move an electrical outlet a few feet in one of the bathrooms

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

**From Your Safety Officer
By Bob Guthrie**

While writing this article, it occurred to me that by the time you read this, winter will finally be here. I don't know about you but I have already had enough of winter before it even starts. I have noticed nobody is planning a long cross country, and not too many are even getting up in the air. How about landing practice? The southerly winter winds coming over Beacon Hill give us the perfect opportunity to try our hand at cross wind landings. If it has been a while, get an instructor to go with you at first, and think about your personal limits. Everyone knows that a perfect landing makes a perfect flight out of an otherwise very normal one. In our last issue of Flight Training, there is an article that may interest you, called "12 Tips for Perfect Touchdowns." Before I list them remember the sink that lives all winter long on short final to runway 15. That is the wind coming down off Beacon Hill, so include that sink in your plan. If the wind is coming out of the southeast, the wind is going to make altitude hold, a little tough on the downwind over the Cedar River Valley, and you might want to wait for another day. With these thoughts in mind, the 12 tips are:

- 1) Look a good distance down the runway during your landing
- 2) Be patient
- 3) Grasp ground effect

- 4) No overblown control inputs allowed
- 5) Pilot power(keep your hand on the throttle)
- 6) Keep'er pointed down the runway
- 7) Keep your options open
- 8) After landing, please don't drop the nose
- 9) Do your exercises(practice slow flight, and power off stalls at a safe altitude)
- 10) Airport as a simulator(fly just above it at slow speeds with flaps deflected)
- 11) Relax this is fun stuff
- 12) Do the practice in your favorite airplane (mine is the Citabria, a low approach with a nice cross wind is just the thing to sharpen my hand feet coordination.

When everything is working right, a one wheel landing with no side loads is a very satisfying end to a very satisfying day of flying.

Fly Safely
Bob Guthrie

**Instrument Rating Ground School
Last Call
By Frank Marshall**

Time is running out to sign up for the BEFA-sponsored Instrument Rating Ground School. This course will prepare you to take the FAA Instrument Rating Knowledge Test, and will help with your flight training as well.

The 10-week course will be offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings in the Renton classroom, and is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 5. The first session will begin at 5:30 PM on the 5th. The start time for subsequent sessions may be adjusted to as late as 6:00 PM based on a vote of the class. (A couple of people have expressed an interest in a later start time.)

The cost, which includes an excellent 850-page Jeppesen Guided Flight Discovery textbook (it will likely remain a valuable reference long after you've completed the course), the complete FAA Knowledge Test question bank, and the latest FAR/AIM, is \$300 (\$330 for non- members).

You may sign up now at the Renton office to reserve your spot in the classroom. Payment (or an authorization to charge it to your BEFA account) is required at the time you sign up, so that the cost of ordering supplies is covered. The sign-up deadline is January 22.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Marshall at

253-838-1661.



*We are once again starting the **BEFA Friday Night at the Movies** for 2007. Every month a featured movie will be shown with flight as a theme for enjoyment of true enthusiasts of flying, flight, airplanes, hot air balloons, kites, paper, commercial, private, military, even nice shots of severely clear skies. You name it, and if it has anything to do with flying, we'll watch it!*



Next Showing: Friday, January 26th @ 6:30 PM in the BEFA - Renton Classroom for one of the two movie choices below:

Pancho Barnes

Valerie Bertinelli stars in this true story of the legendary aviatrix Pancho Barnes. This story covers her life from her childhood up through her days making movies and even past the days when Chuck Yeager and Bob Hoover stopped by her flying ranch during the X-1 program.

OR

The Memphis Belle

A true story, although it's been given the Disney treatment. A dramatized version about the first Allied B-17 crew to complete their 25-mission tour of duty and return home. Lots of B-17s and some good in-flight scenes, including a very well-done crash sequence.

Remember goodies and blankets are good to have to make this a great evening of watching those

amazing men...and women, in their flying machines.

For the Web Heads: Links

SCHEDULE MASTER: <http://www.schedulemaster.com>

or

1-800-414-6114 using your user ID, password and phone menu

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