

# ✈ BEFA Newsletter ✈

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## Welcome New Members!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lynol Amero	II	RNT
Wendell Beitzel	III	PAE
Jonathan Brooks	I	RNT
Frank "Chris" Christiansen	III - Guest	RNT
L. Randy Frederick	III	RNT
Braden Gehrman	III - Guest	PAE
Raymond Kapper	III	RNT
Reiner Kraft	I	RNT
Carey Lunsford	I	RNT
Matthew Orr	III	RNT
David Pickford	II - Guest	PAE
Kevin Thomazios	III	RNT

## New Solos!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Eric Slagle	1/18	Demco

## Congratulations!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Joe Vacca	1/13	Commercial	Yager
Damian Monda	1/21	Private	Allen
Josh Bukoskey	1/31	Private	Allen

## 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	2/16	RNT
• <u>BEFA Friday Night at the Movies</u>	6:30pm	TBD	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**

**Crab Legs Beckon:** I encourage as many of you as possible to attend the Crab Feed and Membership meeting this month. In addition to a fine meal, the reports from the board, and the Member of the Year and Derdick Award presentations, there will be important information presented on two additional issues:

- **Avionics upgrades survey** – A number of members have expressed an interest in improved avionics, e.g., more GPS equipped airplanes, especially for the faster "trip" airplanes, and more (or, in the case of the 182s, more reliable) autopilots.

At the same time the board recognizes that it is important to keep some lesser equipped (read "cheaper") 172s around so BEFA remains one of the least expensive options available for pursuing a private pilot's license.

Avionics upgrades, of course, tend to be rather costly, so improvements like these will ultimately have to impact our tach book rates.

A survey to explore the feelings of the membership in this area is being planned, and this will be explained further at the meeting.

- **The longer term view of our financial health** – Our current rates were established two years ago, and we have weathered these two years in pretty good shape (even managing to add an airplane to our BEFA-owned fleet along the way). Fortunately, our use of fuel surcharges has insulated the Association from what could otherwise have been a severe hit from sharply rising fuel prices.

Now, however, we can begin to see some towering cumulus clouds building on the horizon, as maintenance costs continue to rise significantly. We can also forecast a potential cash flow crunch as an unusually high percentage of our fleet comes due for engine overhauls over the next two years.

These situations, and our options for dealing with them, will also be discussed at the meeting.

**Fuel Surcharges:** Surcharges and rates for February 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.)

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

**By Joe Kranak, BEFA Vice President**

As we noted in last month's newsletter, the annual BEFA Crab Feed will be held this year on Saturday, February 17, 2006, at 5:00pm in the Renton hangar. This month, we've also enclosed a response form with the news letter for those who may find it more convenient to reply by mail. Alternatively, you may sign up in person at the BEFA office in Renton, call them on (425) 237 2332, or send an e mail to: befa\_office@mindspring.com.

**Safety and Operations Briefing**

**By Wes McKechnie, BEFA Operations Manager**

**GRIEVANCES/INCIDENTS:**

- 1/5/07: 54088 not chocked.
- 1/16/07: 5344K not chocked
- 1/20/07: 54088 gust lock 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:

- Daryl Hickman, Howard Wolvington, Mike Sievers for rearranging planes
- Daryl Hickman & Yenew Kassaye for helping with

the invoices.

- Austin Watson for filling oil bottles.
- Scott Heston for working our phone problems.
- Karen Stemwell for covering for Diana while she was out sick.
- Daryl Hickman for replacing GPS databases and Washington Registrations
- Scott Heston, Jack Yager and Karen Stemwell for helping clean the planes of snow the day after the storm.
- Ernst Langhout for making four more rudder gust locks.
- Howard Wolvington and Daryl Hickman for moving planes.
- Jack Yager for filling in for Bob Guthrie (Safety Officer) and helping to move planes.
- Alan Reitan for donating tiedown straps.
- Harlan Zentner for building in bookcases in the pilot lounge.
- Tim Veryioglou for fixing the toilet.
- Jeff Clark for dropping off 41896 at KBFI.
- Keith Murphy for filling oil bottles.
- John Scearce and Steve & Susan Myers for presenting BEFA's Friday Night at the Aviation Movies.

**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**

Aloha! I have been on Maui for a couple of weeks and am slowly getting used to temperatures below 80. The weather back at home is much better than when we left, so it will not be long before we start cross country flying again. With that in mind, and as this month's AOPA Flight Training includes an article on "Losing your way," I thought an article on

getting lost might jog a few memories - it sure did mine. While flying around Puget Sound country, it is really hard to get lost - look south and there is a mountain. Look north and there is another mountain. Fly towards one of them and you will surely get back into familiar terrain.

Cross country flying outside our familiar area requires planning, followed by flying the plan. I am, of course, writing about VFR flight. When something occurs that makes you change your course while enroute, then your backup plan comes into play. Once on a trip to Calgary, Alberta, moderate turbulence over the Rockies caused me to deviate to the north more than once. It seemed like a good idea at the time but when we got to the smooth air that was comfortable to fly in we were north of the northern most chart I had. Turning south was the obvious solution but just exactly where were we? I had a vague idea, but no GPS to help. So, I looked at the chart, found a town with an AM radio station, tuned the ADF and found my way back. It is lonely on the prairie when there is no familiar mountain. I just looked at a Canadian chart and there were no radio station frequencies shown. What will you use for a backup when you are east of the mountains and looking for help? Make your plan, fly the plan and while you are on the ground, consider what you will do if the weather is not as forecast.

Fly Safely.  
Bob Guthrie

**For the Web Heads: Links**

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or  
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**BEFA Homepage:** <http://www.befa.org>  
**Webmaster:** John Searce [john.p.searce@boeing.com](mailto:john.p.searce@boeing.com)

**Classified Ads**

This space available for free classified ads by BEFA members. Contact the newsletter editor.

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		2) Ops Officer, or 3) Any Board Member
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## Crab Feed and Annual Membership Meeting, February 17, 2007

As mentioned in Newsletter last month, the Crab Feed and Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007. BEFA will again be providing crab as the principal entrée along with a variety of salads, rolls, deserts 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.

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

A registration form has been placed on the counter at the BEFA Renton office where you may sign up in person. 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.

If you find it more convenient to respond by mail or phone, please provide the information on the form below to:

In-Plant Mail Address:  
 Boeing Employees' Flying Association  
 Mail Code: 94-35

Postal Service Address:  
 Boeing Employees' Flying Association  
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 Renton, Washington 98057

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Phone:  
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\*\*\*\*\* Please Detach and Return \*\*\*\*\*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I am planning to attend the BEFA Crab Feed and Annual meeting and will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ guests.

If you have special dietary needs, or will be bringing a potluck item, please indicate in the space below if you require accommodations (serving table space, refrigeration, warming trays, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_

You can count on me to:

Help with coordination / shopping / pick-up / delivery: YES \_\_\_\_\_ SORRY \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive by 4:00pm and help with the setup: YES \_\_\_\_\_ SORRY \_\_\_\_\_