

Message From The Prez 2.0

February, 2009

Soaring season has finally arrived and it is time to pitch in and get things ready to go on March 1st. This year we will start with breakfast and a general membership meeting at Krane's Corner at 8am Saturday February 28th. We will enjoy a leisurely breakfast so that I don't have to talk with my mouth full followed by a brief membership meeting to bring you up to speed on the plans for 2009 and beyond. Wrapping up we will draw the winner for the free introductory ride from the Trade Show entries this past weekend.

After we get done with all the boring stuff we will make a coordinated assault on Bergseth field to assemble the Blanik and Schweitzer along with a sweep of the field to pick up any remnants of the winter storms or damage to the runways from the snow and heavy melt off. While we are there the training center could use a touch of organization so that we know what equipment and parts we actually have and where they are.

Speaking of parts and equipment, I got a look at the new Blanik seat cushions that Curt and Marlene recently obtained for a paltry \$100 and let me tell you they are beautiful. If I did not know better I would say they are brand new and will definitely make for a more comfortable ride in either seat. For sake of comparison, new cushions from Blanik America would have cost over \$1500 and recovering the old ones would have cost several hundred dollars. We, and by we I mean our keisters, owe Curt and Marlene a big Thank You!

This past weekend a few of us attended the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show at the Puyallup fairgrounds. It appeared that there was a significant turnout and we received some needed exposure to the local pilot community. This year we had an entire area all to ourselves with enough room to park the PW-5 and trailer inside. As it happened we were right on the path to the seminars getting us maximum exposure allowing our volunteers to work their magic on the crowds to entice them to try soaring. Based on early reviews I believe we may have done well with the enticements so be on the lookout for these potential members when they visit.

To wrap up, all gliders have fresh annuals, 333TM is currently undergoing its annual and some minor repairs and we expect to be ready to fly this Sunday. As always, make sure to call the status number (206-660-0019) after 9:30am to get the most up-to-date information on the days activities. See you Saturday.

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President PSSA