

Message from the Prez 3.0

March, 2009

Spring is approaching rapidly and according to the tables, the vernal equinox will be upon us at 03:43am on March 20th. However, with the way things have been going it appears that the weather will not embrace spring until sometime in late June. To put those of you that are new to PSSA at ease, my data shows this is the worst start we have ever had. March is traditionally a wet month, but we usually get a couple of weekends of flying in. This year's start has truly been unprecedented.

As you are all aware by now, we have not been able to get our operations started due to wind, rain, snow or a combination thereof. Unfortunately the weather forecast for this week is not promising either with liquid sunshine predicted for most of the week. With the constant onslaught of rain and snow the field has become saturated and is in need of a few dry days to become useable, otherwise we end up spewing water and mud into the wheel wells and putting ruts in the runways. If the predictions are for some drier weather next week and by chance we have a dry day over the upcoming weekend, we should get the gliders assembled and ready to go for the following weekend (28th – 29th). Meanwhile, we can retreat for the week and perform any necessary rituals to bring out the sun.

This coming weekend does present other opportunities though, as we can make our way to the Museum of Flight for the annual Soaring Expo. The expo offers us the opportunity to mingle with the public and promote soaring and PSSA. You also have the chance to meet members of the other area clubs or to put it correctly, 'club' since Boeing and Evergreen are now one conglomerate under the Evergreen Soaring banner. Not only can you view the glider displays, you will have access to one of the best aircraft collections anywhere and if you want to get in for free, Dave Kremers is still looking for a few volunteers to work the PSSA display so if you have a few hours to spare for us please let Dave know.

With no flying taking place yet there is not much else to report. From our last board meeting I share the following:

- The winner of the introductory glider ride from the Aviation Conference was Aaron Baer of Enumclaw. Let's do our best to make sure he has a great experience when he shows up.
- PSSA is renting a hanger at the Enumclaw airport to park our tow plane.
- All PSSA aircraft are ready to fly with fresh annuals and a newly repacked parachute for 77FZ
- Dan Creech is working on qualifying two new tow pilots.
- A new lease for the use of Bergseth Field has been signed.

- A motion to revise Article III of the bylaws that will remove the restriction against Family members holding office was approved. A separate email ballot will follow asking for member ratification of the change.

Hopefully my next message will have encouraging words about PSSA actually engaging in flight operations.

Regards,

Stefan Perrin
President PSSA