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PROP WASH

Alan Walker

Ah, a new year and a chance for a fresh start. They say if you share your resolutions with someone you might be successful.

Self— I'll eat better, exercise more, lose weight and be a better person. Been at the top of my resolutions for 10 years.

Safety— I will be a safe pilot. Remembering to do a thorough pre-flight, see and avoid, use checklists, stay ahead of the plane and plan for the unexpected. (Never know when the gear won't retract.)

Flying— I will fly...fly...fly. I'll practice, travel and introduce at least two people to the joys of flying.

Project— I will work on my project at least one hour a day. (If not building, I will research, read, reflect or swear at my mistakes.)

EAA— I will work with the other members to expand our membership, plan a fabulous fly-in and have fun.

Learn— I will read at least two aviation books and take one aviation class or seminar. (Or pay close attention to our outstanding chapter programs.)

Travel— This year I will make it to at least three nearby fly-ins and at least one large fly-in or conference. (Oshkosh this year?)

AW—Presidential Wingnut



The South Central Washington Chapter of the EAA meets the third Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. in the main airport hangar/office building, 111 Nunn Rd. Anyone interested in aviation is welcome to attend and new members are always welcome. Our goal is to foster flying, building, education and social activities for all our members. We're Wing-Nuts!

Chapter Member Gets New Title

Cormac Thompson is shown in repose with the Port of Benton snowplow truck.

As this was written he had plowed the airport twice, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1.

Along with his other duties for the Port, he is now known as the Grounds-keeper and will be mowing weeds and doing other maintenance items.



Happy New Year— Wingnuts Off to a Great 2010 Start

As we start our third year, Chapter 1466 has just taken a lease on the old Chapter 391 EAA building from the Port of Benton.



The lease runs for 10 years with two 5 year extension options. Our chapter will be providing maintenance and improvements to the building as part of the compensation for use of the building.

Several chapter members have come up with ideas for improvements. Among the first to be done is re-painting the exterior of the building which is well over due.

Bob Potter is providing an electric garage door opener for the big door and a number of interior upgrades have been discussed.

If you have some ideas on things we can and should do to the building, bring them to the next meetings. Many hands will make for an easy job.

Deadline Approaches for Plastic Pilot Certificate

Paper pilot certificates will no longer be valid after March 31, 2010, so make sure you've upgraded to a plastic certificate. The FAA mandated the change because it says the plastic certificates are more counterfeit resistant. Pilots can request the plastic certificate through the FAA web site or by mail. The cost is \$2, but if you change your pilot certificate number from your Social Security number, the switch is free. Temporary, student and flight instructor certificates are not impacted by the rule.

Chapter Dues for 2010 are Now Due

Chapter 1466 Holds 2009 Christmas Party

There was no regular chapter meeting in December. Nearly 30 members, spouses and visitors attended the party and a great time was had by all.

The food was outstanding. The ladies did a marvelous job of decorating the hangar. If you missed the event, here's hoping you can make it next time. A great way to wrap up the year! Here are a few pictures from the event.

