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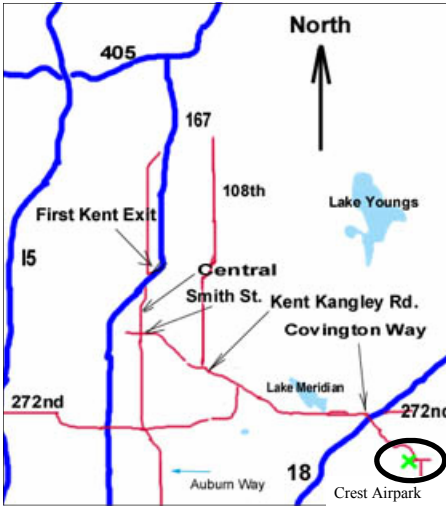
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**Ross Mahon comes back to tell us about his recent Gweduck test flight on May 2 with Buzz Nelson. Get the inside story as our Monday night program unfolds...**

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**Meets 4th Mondays 7:30pm  
17605 SE 288th PL, Kent  
The Mellema Hanger  
Crest Airpark**



**May 25—7:30 p**

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# President's Column



It's no longer disorienting to see the fireball in the sky. I don't feel the need to crawl into a dark space and throw my native dirt upon myself when I see the sunrise. In these strange and tough times, I am grateful to have a chance to continue working. Gratitude seems to be a growing virtue in my life, as I mature. It is nice to be on a day shift and working a few less hours. We do what we need to.

As pilots and students, builders and buyers, we need to be grateful for our freedom to fly. As politicians look for ways to plug the holes in the budget, it seems all sources of potential revenue are being explored. Whether making cutbacks, or finding new ways to add more taxes to the same things, we can be certain that increasing efficiency is unlikely and politician salaries will remain intact. I am way behind on the e News from EAA and AOPA, but while we should be grateful for their advocacy, on our behalf, we need to take part in learning what's going on and taking action on our own to make sure we can keep flying. I plan to do some catch up before the meeting, to highlight anything particularly poignant.

Please be sure to bring up anything you feel we all should know as well. We all are busy but with many eyes looking a little, we can be sure to keep our elected officials in line and be certain they don't think we are an easy target for a quick political and economic fix. I recall some weird maritime rules against small boats and sink water not being discharged. Politically expedient and some yahoo can say they were taking environmental action. This was easier than going after the big ships dumping ballast water with alien and invasive marine species. After all they have a lobby and a lot of money. So, we need to be sure that we don't subsidize the airlines by paying inappropriate user fees, no matter how they are disguised. We pay for that when we fly commercial. [Cont'd]

Yes, BTW, we have decided to see if our project might sell or we can find a partner, to help finish it. We are not giving up flying, just trying to find a way to get to it sooner, since my current work schedule will leave little time for building this current version of our dream. Hopefully something will work out right. I'm sure it will. My lady deserves to fly. Marty has been a very patient woman. Of course any woman in a long marriage has to be.

Have some fun, stay safe.

Take a friend flying and educate them.

-Neil

# Jake's Pietenpol Project



As you've heard in the last couple of meetings, Jake has acquired a Pietenpol project.

Jake asked for a Tech Counselor visit, so I coerced Dave Nason (King of aircraft woodworking) to join Jonathan and I and we went to take a peek at what Jake had acquired.

See for yourself in the photos.

—Brian Lee



# Fly-Ins / Event Calendar

*Be sure and checkout the [EAA.org/CALENDAR](http://EAA.org/CALENDAR)!*

**May 20-26**—B-17 Tour Stop, Seattle, WA [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org)

**June 20-21**—Olympic Air Show, Olympia, WA

**Jun 22**—EAA 441 Chapter Picnic—Early @ 6:30p



**Jul 8-12**—Arlington, WA:  
Northwest EAA Fly-In [www.nweaa.org](http://www.nweaa.org)

**Jul 18** —Heritage Flight Museum—Noon-4p [www.heritageflight.org](http://www.heritageflight.org)

**Jul 18**—Sandpoint, ID: Flyin and Grand Opening of Silver Wing—  
[EAA1441.org](http://EAA1441.org)

**Jul 27-Aug 2**—Oshkosh, WI—EAA AirVenture,  
Wittman Regional Airport [airventure.org](http://airventure.org)



**Aug 1-2**—Seattle, WA: **Blue Angels**, [blueangels.navy.mil/](http://blueangels.navy.mil/)

**Aug 7-9**—2nd Annual Prosser Fly-in [wing-nuts.org](http://wing-nuts.org)

**Aug 7-9**—Abbotsford, BC—Airshow—[abbotsfordairshow.com](http://abbotsfordairshow.com)

**Aug 14-16**—50th Annual NW Antique Airplane Flyin, Vancouver,  
WA - [nwaac.com](http://nwaac.com)

**Aug 29-30**—Hillsboro, OR: AirForce Thunderbirds Airshow

**Sep 4-6**—McMinnville, OR: **McMinnville Aircraft Flyin** (where the  
Spruce Goose resides) [macflyin.com](http://macflyin.com) Roger Heller 503-857-2557

**Sep 13**—Olympia Flyin (10a-3p)—Pearson, Air, Olympia, WA

## Need a Tech Counselor?

Chapter 441 is fortunate to have two tech counselors. Feel free to call Jim (253) 630-1689 or Brian (253) 369-0489 any time. You don't need to wait for some significant milestone in your project. Remember, this is not an "inspection". The shop doesn't need to be cleaned for a visit. Both are quite used to looking at pieces, parts, and assorted bits, and will be happy to answer questions, offer advice, and generally talk about projects, building, flying, or whatever.

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# Members Classified Section

**Home-Crest Airpark, 3Br 1.5 Ba, metal roof, 49X45 heated hangar, MIL space, more. Must sell! james.huber@comcast.net**  
**Great price at \$450k obo 253-630-1689**

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**T-18 Project** at Tacoma Narrows; O-290D GPU conversion w/chrome cylinders. Pacesetter wood prop 68 X 68; Professional-built wing spar, ribs; all parts and materials to finish project on hand, no instruments. Terra:- COM, NAV, & OBS; NavAid AP (head and servo ). \$10k partially complete plane, \$8k for engine, **\$15k for both**. Tom Worth (253) 576-2730 [wocon@att.net](mailto:wocon@att.net) **Schedule a T-18 demo ride too!**

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**1958 Colonial Skimmer Lake Amphibian** - precursor to Lake LA-4 & Lake Buccaneer. Type certificated, but experimental. Engine has low time, minimal radio panel. Main gear wheel hubs, nose gear strut and all hydraulics overhauled. Plane has all AD's. Estimate 5k-15k to make airworthy. May be ferry-able to airports for <1K from Boeing Field. Plane is wonderful, economical, 3 place. Excellent performance, about 9 gal/hr at 65-70% cruise. Rather rare, only a handful still in flyable. [reputableman.com](http://reputableman.com) \$19.5k Craig 206-498-9447

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**Ancient TIG welder.** Wilson 200 amp MCM HeliWelder, model 200MCM-1H. 220v, single phase. DC machine w/hi-freq. generator option. Works well in DC on steel w/ HF for starting, and on aluminum using HF continuously. Can be used as stick welder. 3 amp ranges, continuous amp variation within each range. No torch, no ground lead, no stick lead, no argon bottle, no radiator. Brian Lee 253-639-0489

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**AEROCOMP 6**—taildragger composite construction-hershey-bar wings and 6-seat capability. All composite work done, wings complete, need firewall forward. Sellers interested in **\$70k cash, or plane swap, or shared ownership, or share interest with motivated builder that wants to invest time to earn ownership %**. This is a unique opportunity to own or share in a significant bushplane that could also be floatplane and/or skiplane. Ideal for Northwest and rugged terrain flying. Highly regarded construction—will share hangar and construction space for the right person. Contact Neil Bryant after 3:30p 206-369-6957 or email [raincrow@raincrow.com](mailto:raincrow@raincrow.com)

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**12-Ton Hydraulic Press with press plates: \$65.**  
Mel Kauzlarich 360-491-1233 (Olympia)

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