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CSPA Members and Friends,

You are so lucky that we have your email address. If we didn't you wouldn't be getting this exclusive edition of the eBull-a-Ton. Remember that after you delete it from your inbox, and when you remember that article you read a couple of issues ago, it can always be found on the CSPA website under the LIBRARY tab and [Bull-a-Ton's](#) .

So, please keep us informed of any e-mail address changes that you might make, by e-mailing info@C-SPA.org

Links to pertinent newsletters and other items:

- [Flier for 2010 CSPA Annual Business Meeting](#)
- [Dear Seabee friends of Jim Sorenson](#)
- [Washington SPA April Newsletter](#)
- [B.C. Floatplane's January 2010 issue of The Step.](#)

CSPA Annual Business Meeting

We will be holding the Annual Business meeting on May 16th at Warren Bean's house and hangar at Lenhardt Airport <http://www.airhaven.net/> in the Hubbard area. See the attachment here or go to the website for driving or flying and special considerations for flying into the airport. As usual it will be a potluck with CSPA providing the Hamburgers and soft drinks.

Waldo Lake Update:

The Columbia Seaplane Pilots Association, Successful Intervener in the Federal lawsuit to stop the closure of Waldo Lake to Seaplanes has filed documents with the Court to be reimbursed for our legal expenses. If our motion is granted it should be a funding 'shot in the arm' as we continue the fight, now with the State of Oregon.

Waldo Lake for EVERYONE www.waldolakeforeveryone.com Is now the main force behind the effort to reopen the lake to 4 cycle outboards and seaplanes. CSPA will be following their lead

and expect that there will be a concerted effort to get this unfair rule reversed in the near future.

"There are many reasonable approaches to allowing shared use, while letting the canoeists mostly maintain the quiet they desire. There is no need for the canoeists to be selfish in their use of the lake. We care about preserving the great beauty and environmental pristine nature of Waldo Lake, just as they do." Aron Faegre, President CSPA

New features on the CSPA Website:

If you haven't been to the CSPA website www.c-spa.org lately give it a look. Cliff Gerber our Treasurer/Webmaster has done a great job of keeping it updated and also added a lot of content to make it a great resource. You can always click "[What's New](#)" to see the latest additions to the C-SPA website.

Recent additions are videos from Mike Kinkaid at Mountain Lakes Seaplanes LLC training in Hayden Lake, Idaho www.flymls.com You can find YouTube links to these videos on our website page [Learn-to-fly-floats](#)

The Waldo Lake for EVERYONE www.waldolakeforeveryone.com website has the editorial letter by Paul Donheffner, as do we, explaining how the Governors office influenced the Marine Boards vote on the rule to close the lake to motorized conveyances but we have the actual meeting audio. Go to [Waldo Lake Access](#) and listen to what actually went on.

New information will also be showing up soon to include the latest in [eAPIS information](#) and Water body invasive species listings.

2010 OFF Annual Proficiency Training (APT)

Don't forget the Oregon Flying Farmers (OFF) APT (Annual Proficiency Training) Day activities on Saturday, April 17, 2010. It will be held *rain or shine* at the Independence State Airport (7S5). Place to meet is the EAA Chapter 292 Hangar, 4803 Airport Rd. Aircraft parking on the ramp.

The FAA Safety and FAR Up-Date seminar is planned for 2 to 3:30 pm and will fulfill the FAA requirements for pilot proficiency training. Jim Hultgrien, FAA Safety Team Program Manager from FSDO, Hillsboro, will be the speaker. The seminar will also count for the FAA Wings program.

Individual one hour flight training with a CFI in your aircraft will be scheduled during the day on request. If it rains, flights may be rescheduled with the CFI. Call Andy Andersen, 503.838.4231 or e-mail: andyconniel@minetfiber.com, for flight time reservations.

Coffee, milk, tea, fruit juice and 'goodies' will be available all day during flight training starting at 8 am in the EAA hangar. The Starduster Café will be open from 6 am to 3 pm or you can bring a sack lunch and eat in the EAA Hangar.

All pilots are welcome whether or not an OFF member. We are inviting pilots from EAA, OPA, 99s, CSPA and Oregon Antique & Classic Aircraft Club (OACAC), or any pilot who needs an FAA Flight Review. The Seminar is free but we encourage a donation of at least \$35 to the CFI.

HAPPY LANDINGS! Andy Andersen, OFF APT Day Coordinator

Invasive Species update:

Arizona has put out a bulletin on Quagga mussels and Boats. Look over the list of specific contaminated water bodies. If you are planning to visit any of these water bodies be aware that you should follow the same decontamination procedures as a boat. For Amphibs this should be relatively easy the next time you land at a wheel strip. For straight floats, well you might want to rethink going there in the first place.

<http://www.azgfd.net/artman/publish/NewsMedia/Don-t-move-a-mussel-now-it-s-the-law.shtml>

The State of Washington has also come out with a list of exotic species and the waters they inhabit. The list is mind boggling. Bruce has a link to it in the WSPA newsletter and it will also be posted on the website, as mentioned above, for future reference.

We have also created a new web-page to focus attention on the [Invasive Species](#) issue.

Tid-bits gleaned from the AOPA eBrief and WSPA

Proposed tax hike would hurt Washington state's bottom line

A proposed hike in the excise tax for aircraft in Washington state would hurt pilots, the aviation industry, and ultimately the state economy, AOPA is telling lawmakers. House Bill 3176 would impose a 0.5 percent annual excise tax "for the privilege of using any aircraft in the state" -- increasing some aircraft owners' fees tenfold and creating the highest registration rates in the nation for many types of aircraft. [AOPA Online](#).

Washington state pilots protest proposed airplane tax

Washington state lawmakers may add an excise tax of 0.5% of an airplane's value for planes built after 1970, which could generate up to \$11 million in annual revenue. The bill's sponsor said the excise tax is modeled after a similar tax on boats, but pilots protest the comparison. "Boat owners are not burdened with all these extra costs on the federal level," said pilot Pat Heseltine. [Kitsap Sun \(Kitsap Peninsula, Wash.](#)

The below note was received April 8th, 2010

The leadership of the House and Senate and the Governor's Office have announced a "go home proposal" tax package. We are very pleased to report that at this time the aircraft excise tax is NOT in that package. While that is certainly good news, please realize that unpleasant things can happen at the last minute under the Capitol Dome. Vote counts are currently going on and there is no guarantee that this proposal is the final one. We are, however, cautiously optimistic that the non-stop hard work by members of the Washington Aviation Coalition has paid off for this Session. Stay tuned for further details.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE MUST ASK THAT YOU AND YOUR MEMBERS NOT CONTACT LEGISLATORS AT THIS TIME. This is still a very delicate issue and we could inadvertently turn the tables on it if we react in any way. Acting with humility is extremely important as we proceed forward. We'll greatly appreciate your listening to this advice from our Olympia team.

Thank you, as always, for all of your efforts and support. "One Voice, One Message" appears likely to have succeeded.

Ryan Zulauf
Chair
Washington Aviation Coalition

Is your certificate at risk?

Spring is here, and for many pilots that means less time on the ground and more time in the air. Unfortunately in today's climate for general aviation, any flight you take could put you at risk of violating any one of at least 700 relevant federal aviation regulations with which pilots are required to comply. The thousands of AOPA members enrolled in the Legal Services Plan enjoy peace of mind every time they fly. [AOPA Online](#).

Stillwater Landing Summer 2010 Splash In - A great event to set on your Summer Calendar

Summer 2010 Splash In at Stillwater Landing

Aug. 6-8

Combined with our Lake Music Gathering

It is sure to be a great destination for our flying friends

Only 15 miles from Whitefish Montana, and 40 miles from the West entrance to Glacier National Park, nearby GPI (old FCA) provides three major carriers, room to park you jet or single engine land plane, with full service Kalispell city airport (S27) and the grass strip at Whitefish (58S, no services) close by.

Of course we have lots of space for float planes and amphibians on our lakeshore plus ample RV space

There is camping (close to your seaplane) and lots of music and activities. There will be several food vendors , breakfast and pot lucks at our hangar.

Check out more details at www.stillwaterlanding.com and our new Facebook, Stillwater Landing fan page.

We also are working with the Flying Musicians Org. which is encouraging fly in music events around the country.

www.flyingmusicians.org

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Interesting links

A little flight instruction video, sent in by Bruce and stolen from AVWEB.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6q2VKsvQEQ&fmt=18>

WW II Photos, sent in by Chris Christianson and Mike Reese, stolen from the Denver Post.

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/captured/2010/03/18/captured-blog-the-pacific-and-adjacent-theaters/#more-1547>

CSPA Classifieds

1948 Super Stinson 108-3 on EDO 2425 floats. See our ad on www-C-SPA.org classified.

EDO 3500 floats for sale: I am asking \$22,500 for CSPA members. They are very straight with only one small patch and have Cessna 206 rigging but will also fit on 185's. Tom Young, (360) 901-5155.

Some of the items previously shown have sold. Submit anything that you want listed in the next email or snail mail version of the Bull-a-Ton.

Old Timers Bar

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in The Villages, Florida. They turned a corner and see a sign that says, 'Old Timers Bar - all drinks 10 cents. They look at each other, and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, 'Come on in and let me pour one for you!

What'll it be, Gentlemen?'

There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ask for a martini.. In short order, the bartender Serves up four iced martinis....Shaken, not stirred, and says, 'That'll be 10 cents each, please.'

The four men stare at the bartender for a moment.

Then look at each other...they can't believe their good luck.

They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round. Again, four excellent martinis are produced with the bartender again saying, 'That's 40 cents, please.' They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is more than they can stand.

They have each had two martinis and so far they've spent less than a dollar.

Finally one of the men says, 'How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime a piece?'

'I'm a retired tailor from Boston,' the bartender said, 'and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery for \$25 million and decided to open this place.

Every drink costs a dime - wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same.'

Wow!!!! That's quite a story,' says one of the men.

The four of them sipped at their martinis and couldn't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them, and hadn't ordered anything the whole time they were there.

One man gestures at the seven at the end of the bar without drinks and asks the bartender, 'What's with them?'

The bartender says, 'Oh, they're all old retired pilots waiting for happy hour when drinks are half price.'