

Christmas Party – Hosted by Eileen & Dale Hemman

The 3rd annual NWBS Christmas party was the main event in December. It was held at the Hemman's hangar in Olympia, WA and from what I'm told everyone had a great time. The four-piece combo, "Quattro", started the evening off with music and played throughout dinner. I was told that there was at least some dancing going on.

The dinner was a catered event with prime rib and all the trimmings. In fact more than one person told me that it was the best prime rib they had ever had. Of course the fully staffed and stocked bar was a nice convenience (are you sure these guys have a hangar for flying or for holding NWBS parties?).



Jeff & Kathy Powell enjoying the band



Mark Teller, his granddaughter & Lara at the bar



Bill & Jan Stoneman tripping the light fantastic

Santa came in a very different way this year; riding on his Harley. Nobody is too sure what happened to Rudolph and the other reindeer but there was an appearance by a very special elf by the name of Emmett. Actually it seems he was the one who got the special present because he was just adopted from the shelter by the Hemmans. You'll meet him on the next page.

After the sumptuous dinner President John Foose called the gaggle to order to introduce the new officers and directors for 2009. After John and Betty Foose as president, we have Jim & Sherry Smith as VP, Fred & Dianne Bassett as Treasurer, with Dale & Eileen Hemman as Secretary. Directors are Earl & Linda Weener representing Oregon, Jim Dunn & Susan Whittier representing Idaho, and Bill Stoelt & Susan Henderson representing Washington and BC.



Presidents John & Betty Foose



Vice Presidents Jim & Sherry Smith



Directors Bill Stoelt & Susan Henderson

One of the highlights of the party was the well-endowed raffle. We sold enough tickets to give away two Warbird rides and it's a good thing because the 2008 Warbird ride winner, Kim Gauntt, won again! The second winner was Jim Smith.

The next items given away was a Redline "Stiffy" towbar and ground handling system that was won by Bill Stoelt. Carmine Pecoraro won the Bonanza control lock after host Dale Hemman graciously declined for the sake of fair play. Jim Smith then repeated as the winner of the McCauley propeller blade while Kathy Powell & Bill Stoneman each took home original artwork. The winner of the vintage wine was John Foose.



Eileen Hemman & Emmett



JoLynda & Earl Miller posing in front of the fireplace and original art pieces in the Hemman's hangar. Word has it that Earl had a very large hand in making the hangar so nice.



Carolyn & George Luck



Jim & Jean Freeburg



Dorothy & Bill Robinson

There were several more winners of smaller prizes, in fact a total of 20 cookie tins were given away so darn near nobody left without something to take home. At the very least all reported great memories and an anticipation of next year when the party will be held at Bill & Dorothy Robinson's grand new hangar at Paine Field in Everett WA.

Looking Back— 2008

Members who participated in events had a great in 2008 and 2009 promises to be even better. Members who were able to attend enjoyed several fly-ins and fly-outs all with more than their share of food, beverage, fun, and most important camaraderie. After all, that what our founders had in mind when they started this organization; a common core of people all interested in flying and all with an affection for all things Beechcraft.

Here are some of the highlights of 2008:

Siletz Bay Oregon Fly-in
Scappoose Oregon Fly-in
East Sound Orcas Island & pizza party
Lynden Washington Fly-in breakfast and tulip flight
Day before Mother's Day Olympia fly-in and barbecue
Beechday at Vista Airport with the Gauntts
Gold beach, Oregon fly-in and Rogue River tour
Friday Harbor Fly-in & lunch
Wings & Wheels Fly-in & barbecue, Wenatchee WA
Orcas Island weekend trip
NWBS Christmas party



If you didn't attend any events, first off, shame on you, and second be sure to participate this coming year. Not only will sharing time with your fellow members enrich you, each one of them will enjoy your company as well. Besides, your officers, directors, and hosts put so much time and effort to make these events happen it's really a shame to not go enjoy them. Besides, they're all nearly or completely free.

We live and fly in the most beautiful place on the face of God's green earth. Come on out in 2009 and enjoy the benefits of your membership in 2009! Gas prices are coming down so lets get out there and burn some!

President's message

Well, Happy New Year, yes, here it is the New Year, and after a record snow-fall, it seems like it is being followed by a record rain-fall, with lots of folks going homeless due to the flooding. I hope Mother Nature gets this out of her system, and will give us lots of great flying weather earlier than usual this year; I see 75 deg. coming in February!!

I want to mention the Christmas party that was again hosted by Dale and Eileen Hemman at their hangar in Olympia. There were over 40 of our members in attendance, and we had a great time, with a great quartet jazz combo playing our kind of music, made for listening and dancing, and a wonderful prime rib buffet dinner.

If you would like to see a slideshow of the Christmas party click here: <http://foose.org/nwbs>.

We again had some neat prizes: The main auction prizes went to Chip Gaunt (who also won last year) and our VP Jim Smith won the two Warbird rides, Bill Stoelt won the Stiffy tow bar from Redline Aviation, and Carmine Pecoraro won the control wheel lock donated by Bill and Dorothy Robinson. We also took the opportunity to have a little business meeting and introduced our new Vice President, Jim and Sherry Smith, and our new directors: Jim Dunn representing Eastern Washington and Idaho, Earl Weiner representing Oregon, and Bill Stoelt representing Western Washington and British Columbia. We wish them the best of luck in their new positions in the coming year.

Speaking of the coming year, we are in the planning stages for some very nice fly-ins this coming flying season. Jim Dunn is planning a fly-in that would be an overnigher in Coeur d'Alene, and Dale Hemman is working on a trip to Oregon on the Columbia. More info on these trips will follow as details are solidified. We need the members input on trips, and, based on feedback at the Christmas party, that we will need to do more overnighers. It is often just too hard to go to Idaho, BC, or So. Oregon and then come home the same day. Our Boise members would have a really long day of it coming from there to Astoria, OR and then home again, and vice-versa. It has been my experience that you get a larger turnout if the trip isn't too tiring, ie, one that lasts from dawn to dusk. Spending the night somewhere also gives us a chance to socialize, and talk flying which is why we do this in the first place.

We are open to suggestions, and by no means do we want to discourage day trips. We also thoroughly enjoy flying out somewhere for a late breakfast or lunch with our club friends, gabbing a bit, and then returning home the same day. Again, spontaneity is often the key to having a great time: if you want to go flying somewhere for breakfast or lunch, put out a message to the NWBS via email and be surprised at who shows up. Well, that is it for this newsletter; again I want to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

John and Betty Foose

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