



Upbeat...!

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Annual Meeting Focuses on Sky Park Improvements

Members Set a Course for Upgrading Roads

The Sunrise Sky Park Homeowners Association held it's Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, April 21st. Once again, we had an enthusiastic turn out of members, many of whom traveled from as far away as Washington and California to participate. Chuck and Rae Dowrick hosted the event this year, opening their hangar and patio area to members for the meeting and potluck luncheon. Despite the somewhat chilly start to the day, our members enjoyed getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting new neighbors, while sampling an array of potluck dishes and desserts brought by members which have become a trademark part of the event each year. The Association provided rolls, meat & cheese trays for sandwiches, along with sodas.

Steve Talbot, acting as Chairman, called the meeting to order promptly at 2:00 p.m. Steve opened the meeting by introducing several new members who have joined the Sky Park since last year's meeting. After the formalities of approving last year's Minutes, Ed Bundy presented the Insurance Report and explained the three different types of insurance coverage carried by the Association: Aircraft Liability, General Liability and Directors and

Officers Insurance. Steve Talbot presented the Finance Report which included a comprehensive presentation of a proposed Five-year Plan. Steve's budget presentation was a natural segue for a lengthy and informative discussion of Maintenance and Improvements. Directors John Lealos and John Larsen presented a variety of scenarios to address the current problems with potholes in some areas of the roads due to poor drainage, as well as ongoing repair and maintenance of the runway. John and John presented several possible remedies and their estimated costs, including the need for a good road base, high-quality gravel and possibly chip sealing or paving the roads. The members present were polled by a show of hands and unanimously agreed that rather than do nothing at all, it is in our best interests to set a course for road improvements and develop a plan to upgrade the roads. A subsequent motion was made and carried by a show of hands, that would allow John Lealos and John Larsen to go ahead with the drainage needs on both ends and start with gravel in needed areas, while further researching the rest of the road improvements.

Safety Reminders:

- If you have a radio, use it. The radio frequency for Sunrise Sky Park is 122.9*
- Except for take-offs and landings, pilots are required to maintain a minimum safe altitude of not less than 500 feet above ground level.**
- The suggested traffic pattern is left traffic for runway 30 and right traffic for runway 12.*

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Scot Shetler and Don Morgan were elected to the Board of directors and Barbara Blaker was elected to the Architectural Control Committee. Congratulations to Scot, Don and Barbara. Our thanks and appreciation to each of you for volunteering your time and leadership to the Association and to Steve Talbot for a great job of chairing the meeting.

Board of Directors



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(208) 495-2406

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Les Moncrief (208) 495-1101

Barbara Blaker (208) 495-2980

Mike Harmel (208) 322-0652

New Members:

Please extend a warm Sky Park welcome to:



Welcome

Doug and Thora Norman

HC 79 Box 1200

Melba, Idaho 83641

(208) 495-2403

Block 4, Lot 2

Doug and Thora are getting settled in their new home, formerly owned by Doren and Jacqueline Keith who have relocated to Vancouver, WA.

Board Member Profiles

Introducing Scot Shetler and Don Morgan

Scot Shetler, an Idaho native, was raised near Bruneau and has lived in Boise for the past 31 years. Scot purchased his lot at the Sky Park in 1994. In 1995 he added his hangar, and it's now home to an Avid Flyer project. Scot, his wife Shari and their two children, Kelsey (11) and Taylor (9) are anxiously anticipating their move to the Sky Park this summer when their beautiful new log home is completed. Once they are settled in, Scot hopes to get back to building his Avid. In addition to his interest in aviation, Scot works out regularly in

martial arts and has earned his black belt in Doshinkan Karatedo. Scot served on the Sky Park Board of Directors in 1995 and 1996, and is looking forward to helping to build an environment of open communication and a strong sense of community.

Don Morgan, and his wife Marie, grew up in the same area of Colorado, but it wasn't until they were attending college in another state, that they actually met each other. Don and Marie have four children, Kyle, Melissa, Shalaura and Don, Jr. The Morgans, who live in Meridian, ID, own two lots in Sunrise

Sky Park Heights. Don is a fixed wing operator, but is currently learning rotorcraft. Don is an engineer for Micron Technology in Boise and when he's not out flying, he's working on building their home, complete with a ballroom. Don and his family are active members of the Sky Park, participating in both homeowners' associations and other community events such as Spring Clean-Up Day, and Don will be an asset to our Board of Directors.

Do you have something to add to Upbeat...! that may be of interest to other members? Upbeat...! is not sponsored by the Association. It is published purely for fun and to keep members updated on what's happening at the Sky Park and contributions from members are always welcome! If you have a story or funny joke that might interest other members, please send it to Fay Acker (Box 1206 or upbeat@rmci.net).

The Givens Man

by Pat Larsen



The morning shadows swayed with grief-stricken tribal members. All approached the grave of Ma-ta-vish, the fallen. The women bowed and mourned in the sun's first rays, each laying a gift of great price on the burial – their mortars, which ground food and brought life.

The first time I heard of the discovery of an Indian skeleton up Hardtrigger Creek was when Lauri Moncrief brought me an article from a Home-dale paper. I expressed mild interest and assumed some Indian had been shot in the foothills near Givens and figured that finding a skeleton was not an unusual event.

After reading the scientific publication, Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology, I realized that this was a burial and an exceptional archeological find. I named him Givens Man because I hoped he once lived at the Sky Park, but I have no proof of that. I am sure that he lived close to his burial site though because these Indians did not have horses. For those that have not heard the story, I will explain the find.

In the fall of 1996 a scoutmaster from Marsing, Mark Basel, took his troop to a spot on Hardtrigger Creek for an overnigher. As they were setting up camp, Mark noticed two bones sticking out of the tall bank on the north side of the creek. Thinking they might be buffalo bones, he extracted them but then found two arrowheads at the base of the embankment. Basel is well versed and a collector of Indian artifacts so he contacted authorities with his suspicion that these were human bones. After going through the bureaucratic red tape and contacting the resource coordinator at the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the dig began the next day. The following is the result of their find and the pursuant examination of the skeleton.

The remains were buried 40 inches

below the present ground surface in a rock cairn. The flexed body had been positioned in a land depression, several inches of dirt put on and then the remains were covered with 30 boulders weighing up to 30 pounds each. Four to six inches of dirt was then put over these. Of great interest was that 11 of the boulders were hopper mortar bases used by these hunter/gatherer Indians to grind seeds, bone and meat. Stuck in small holes in one of the mortars were bone fragments from bear.

Bone preservation of the Givens Man was generally good except for rodent damage to facial bones and missing lumbar vertebrae. Examination determined it was a male, 30 to 45 years old who stood 5'6" to 5'8" tall. There was no evidence of nutritional stress during his formative years. Interestingly, there were five symmetrical healed lesions on the top of his skull that did not appear to be random blows. There was an unusual absence of osteoarthritis except for one small spur on his collarbone. There was no vertebral spurring which is very uncommon for someone of this age. All teeth had the enamel worn off of the occlusal surface but there was no evidence of cavities, abscesses or tooth loss before death.

With him in the grave were four Eastgate projection points (arrowheads) that were clustered over his left hip. It is thought that they were hung from his waist in a bag that deteriorated during the years. The points were checked for protein and one had human residue and one had deer.

There was a burned willow stick (perhaps a wand) lying along the inside

of his left arm. Carbon dating put it at 1310, plus or minus 70 years ago, which fits with the style of arrowheads found with him.

The only other thing found in the grave was an unaltered half of a mussel shell common to the piles of shells found at an archeology dig on the Sky Park land.

Summary

The information pertaining to this skeleton and another found near Payette in 1992 have become the first documented scientific data base for burials of the northern extreme cultural Great Basin dating within the last 2,000 years. The Indians were Northern Paiute/Northern Shoshoni and were hunter-gatherers. They lived on various seeds and grains, rabbits, deer and probably fish. Without horses, they traveled lightly following the game and seasonal plants. They were master weavers, making baskets so tight they could hold water. These Indians, like us, seemed to enjoy the natural hot water, probably to open and cook the mussels. Archeologists believe that there has been almost continuous occupation of the Givens area for 6,000 years and emigrants on the Oregon Trail that ran through the Sky Park reported seeing Indians "living in lodges and fishing" here. Therefore I feel free to call the Hardtrigger Indian the Givens Man.

For an imaginative flash back of what it might have been, we gave him a Shoshoni chieftain's name Ma-ta-vish.



Upcoming Events



April 21st–May 12th

Idaho Archaeology Week–Celebration Park, Melba, www2.state.ud.us/ishs

Petroglyph Walk, daily, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Walking tour–takes about 1 hour

Demonstrations: “Primitive Technologies”, daily, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Tom Bicak, (208) 495-2745

Sunrise Sky Park Fly-in–Saturday, May 12th

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ID40, Runway 12 and 30, paved, 2,800’, field elevation 2,240’ MSL, radio 122.9 MHz. For more information, contact John Larsen, 208-495-2834.

Mother’s Day - Sunday, May 13th

The Sandbar River House Restaurant, 18–1st Avenue North, on the river in Marsing, (208) 896-4124

The Sandbar is nearing completion of their renovations and will be celebrating with a special Mother’s Day menu from noon to 8:00 p.m. The restaurant has been expanded and the exterior updated and beautifully landscaped. It now has a lovely lawn and park-like setting and a new banquet room which can be reserved for weddings, banquets and catering special events.

Mother’s Day Wine Festival, Sawtooth Winery, Nampa, ID, Noon-5:00 p.m. (208) 467-1200

The Idaho Vintners at Sawtooth Winery and local wineries pour samples of their latest vintages. Gourmet foods and live music. A good opportunity to taste exciting wines from small Idaho producers. Ste. Chapelle is also participating in this event at Sawtooth Winery.

Spring Clean-Up Day/Potluck–Saturday, May 19th

Please join us for this year’s annual Spring Clean-Up Day at the Sky Park. We will meet at the Sky Park at 9:00 a.m. Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, trash bags, etc. Remember to mark tools with your name. A light potluck lunch in the picnic area is planned and members are asked to bring light potluck fare, such as sandwiches, salads and sodas, along with paper plates, napkins, utensils, etc.

Owyhee Outpost Day–Sunday, June 3rd www.boise.org

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Murphy. The annual celebration includes an auction, horny toad race, food, lost arts and entertainment. For more information contact: Byron, at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 208-459-2319

Northwest EAA Fly-in (Arlington) - July 11th-15th www.nweaa.org

The gates open at 8:00 a.m. Admission is daily or weekly: Drive-in admission is \$10 per day/members; \$12 per day/non-members; \$30 per week/members; \$40 per week/non-members. Fly-in admission is \$5 per day/members; \$7 per day/non-members; \$10 per week/members; \$15 per week/non-members. (360) 435-5857

Sunrise Sky Park Fly-in

Airplanes, Ultralights, Food and Fun – Something for Everyone



This year’s Fly-in will be held Saturday, May 12th and will be based at George Metteer’s hangar. Lunch will be served from 11:30-1:30. Hangars will be open to inspect projects including a full-scale WWI Fokker D-VII. Members of The Top Fun Flyers Ultralight club will join us again this year, along with members of EAA Chapter 103 in Nampa. Our special guest this year will be Boise resident and member of the Ninety-Nines, Gene Nora Jessen. Gene is also one of the Mer-

cury 13, an elite group of top female pilots who qualified for astronaut duty in 1959. She has recently written a book on the first All-Women’s Transcontinental Air Derby from Santa Monica to Cleveland. The race, which took place in August 1929 became known as the “Powder Puff Derby”. It was flown by such greats as Amelia Earhart, Louise Thaden and Bobbi Trout. Please join us for this year’s Fly-in which promises something for everyone.

Safety First !

With increased operations at the Sky Park, please keep safety in mind at all times.

**The suggested traffic pattern is:
Left traffic for runway 30, and
Right traffic for runway 12**

The Sky Park frequency is 122.9

If you have a radio, please use it and announce your intentions.

Let’s make it a fun, safe event!

“From the Ground Up”

Discovery “Wings” Channel Looks at Building an RV-8



The *Discovery Wings* channel is airing “*From the Ground Up*”, a 13-episode series produced by EAA that takes a look at the process involved in building a kit plane. The show, which airs on Saturday and Sunday, is available to Time Warner digital cable and satellite TV subscribers. The series addresses everything a potential builder would want to know about build-

ing an RV-8. The premiere episode which aired on Sunday, April 8th focused on the typical questions a first-time builder might have, such as building space and time requirements and cost considerations. Other episodes will look at the assembly of the different components. Most of the filming is done at EAA’s Pioneer Field in Oshkosh, but the film

crews hit the road for a few episodes to help aviation enthusiasts get an idea of what is available to them. According to an EAA spokesperson, “*From the Ground Up*” should provide a wealth of information to the would-be builder, and the show should appeal to anyone who enjoys aviation.

Trivial Tidbits...

The name “Owyhee” is applied to the whole area surrounding the Sky Park and is actually an outdated or corrupted spelling of the word “Hawaii”. Early fur-traders brought Hawaiian natives, or “Owhyees” to the Pacific Northwest. In 1818, explorer Donald Mackenzie brought the first big brigade of fur trappers to the Snake River Valley. He sent several Owyhees on an expedition to trap beaver in the region, but they never came returned, presumably killed by Indians. In 1826, the Owyhee River was named after the homeland of the lost expedition.

Bogus Basin got it’s name from the hideout of the “Bogus Band”, a gang of gold counterfeiters in the 1860’s and 1870’s when it was customary to weigh gold dust or nuggets and give credit for the weight. Men of the Bogus Band allegedly added counterfeit ore to enhance the weight of their gold.

“Melba” is the 493rd most popular female first name in the United States.

More Trivia...

- 1) There were steam-powered locomotives and steam-powered automobiles. Was there ever a steam-powered airplane?
- 2) What is the name of the oldest aviation association in the US?
- 3) Chuck Yeager was the first man to break the sound barrier. Who was the first woman?
- 4) Who was the first female to fly an airplane in the US?
- 5) How many states in the US are home to orbital launch sites?

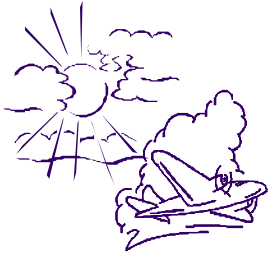
Answers below...

Trivia Sources:

Idaho Statesman, Museum of Aviation,
Idaho Dept. of Transportation

- 1) Although conceived in the early 1900’s but too heavy and bulky to be mass produced, a steam engine powered a TravelAir 2000 biplane on April 12, 1933.
- 2) The Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots was founded in November 1929 at Curtis Field, Long Island, New York. Their first President was Amelia Earhart.
- 3) Jackie Cochran, on May 18, 1953 After landing the F86 Sabre, she found out that the tower had missed recording the event. An hour later, she was back in the air to break the sound barrier for the second time. At the time of her death in 1980, Jackie Cochran held more speed, altitude and distance records than any other pilot, male or female.
- 4) Leontine Wright, niece of the Wright Brothers, was the first girl in the US to fly a plane, circa 1906.
- 5) Four. Florida, California, Alaska and Virginia.

Answers:



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Special thanks to each of the members who made a personal contribution to this issue of Upbeat! Please let me know if you have something fun, interesting and "upbeat" to share.! Member participation is always welcome!

Brownies

from the kitchen of Shari Shetler

- 2 1-oz squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup nuts
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/8 tsp. salt



In a saucepan melt margarine and chocolate. Remove from heat. Stir in sugar. Blend in eggs one at a time. Add vanilla. Quickly stir in flour, salt and nuts. Spread in greased 8x8x2 inch pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.

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