

## Fly-In Breakfast at Colville Airport

This year's Fly-In will be held on August 11

The Colville Valley Chapter of the Washington Pilots' Association will host its annual Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday at the Colville Municipal Airport (63S).

On the airport tarmac will be vintage aircraft, home-built experimental planes, and radio controlled aerobic plane demonstrations. There will also be airplane sightseeing rides offered by the WPA at \$30 per rider.

The Fly-In annually turns Colville's Municipal Airport into one of the busiest in the region. It's an annual opportunity for local residents to see planes that normally don't fly in and out of Colville...but do every August. Viewing can also be done on Saturday from a little different perspective.

"There will be a limited number of rides available," noted Steve Pietroburo of the Colville Valley Chapter of the Washington Pilots' Association. "The first five ride tickets purchased will receive a free Fly-in Breakfast voucher. So show up for the Dawn Patrol at 7 a.m. to purchase your tickets and ride with the pilots as they fly and wake up the community to let them know the Fly-In has started."

The public is invited to come to the airport between 7 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to enjoy a pancake breakfast and take in the sights. Families are encouraged to attend, as children are sure to enjoy what promises to be a busy Colville Airport. Cost of breakfast is \$4 for children (12 and under) and \$6 for adults.

"General aviation and its airports are a vital link in our state and national transportation system," Pietroburo said. "The Washington Pilots' Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting general aviation as well as protecting and enhancing GA airports."

Funds raised by WPA locally have been reinvested in the Colville Airport, Pietroburo said.

"That leverages both the airport's budget and grant funding from the Washington State DOT," Pietroburo added. "Grant funds are underwritten by aviation fuel taxes, paid by owners and operators of aircraft statewide. Local WPA investments usually include both financing and volunteer labor. Projects have included airport fencing, lighting and improvements to the airport office."