

## President's Message

by John Dobson

Are we on our last legs or like the phoenix “rising in youthful freshness”?

The other day I received an email from a member chastising the WPA for its failure to change the way it does business. We are an organization of cliques. We do not make new members feel welcome. And our general meetings are impossible to attend because of Friday night commuter traffic. This member praised the wonderful conventions sponsored by AOPA and EAA, and then inferred that we are a dying organization. Although I find fault with the member’s logic I equate his rational to a fundamental misunderstanding of the mission of the WPA.

I recall two years ago a number of Board Members chastising me for wanting to change the direction of our Chapter. I wanted to be more politically active. How many times did I hear, “We are a social organization”? We alienate too many members when we take on political issues.

After serving and observing for the past two years I have come to the conclusion that as members we belong to two organizations with unique responsibilities. On the first order is the State WPA. That organization is tasked with insuring the health and well being of General Aviation within the state of Washington. That includes the political. They have a secondary responsibility to support the autonomous Chapters with communications and information resources.

The Chapters are tasked with “bonding” like minded aviation enthusiast together. In most cases the bonding agent is social interaction. It may have political overtones. There is no other chapter in the state that offers more social opportunities to bond its members than the Paine Field Chapter! For 2005 we will offer 12 first Friday of the month dinner meetings with entertainment / programs including a wonderful Christmas Party. We have five major fly-outs: Jackpot, Portland, Republic, Eastsound and Blakely. We have a six month long owner maintenance program. We have WINGS. We have the Aviation Academy, the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival and GA Days. We have the garden variety every Saturday 10am fly-outs. And we have a communications system second to none with our own highly functional website and email system.

Two years ago attendance at our Friday night “pot-luck” meetings was limited. We counted maybe 35 to 40 members at the church in Everett. The Sno-Is! \$10.00 full meal deal has on average 55 to 60 paid attendees along with 10 or so drop-ins. The numbers suggest growth . . . not decline.

At our last General Meeting we elected new officers and selected committee chairs for 2005. This was nothing like the National elections with two people vying for each position. But as members respectful and understanding the role this chapter plays in our passion (aviation) old and new stepped up to the plate. The make up of the new Board assures our Chapter of a high energy level to get things done. We will again deliver everything our members expect and more!

In the end I am saddened by the alienation felt by the member above. But bonding like minded people requires two things. First there must be the “opportunities”. And the Paine Chapter leads that score hands down. The second part of bonding requires effort on the part of the membership. Members need to volunteer to help with projects and programs and members need to reach out and say hello.

As my term comes to an end I want to thank all of the volunteers that helped move this chapter forward and to the volunteers for 2005. I know that I have gained a whole bunch of new friends and I am secure in the knowledge that this chapter is in good hands.



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DEADLINE  
December 12th**

# Flyouts and "Hangar Flying"

by Rebecca Lohman



Can it really be December? What happened to all that wonderful summer flying? You know things like the flying that I missed because of things like working on Saturdays, and oh yes, the fact that I don't have an airplane to fly. The restoration of "797" is still in progress. I'm hoping that "Santa" will bring the "Paintman". I have convinced myself that when the plane is painted, etc., and the restoration is complete, the next project will be to build a glass case for "her"—I can't fly a plane that this much work has gone into!!

Now for Saturday flying. Y'all have proven that we really don't need an "organized" Saturday morning fly-out. We just need to show up and decide where the majority would like to fly off to. Several months ago in this article I asked you all for suggestions of where you would like to go, then I mentioned that no-one responded, not one telephone call, nor e-mail did I receive regarding this plea. So we will now take on impromptu Saturday morning fly-outs, unless we have scheduled events. When my work settles down, and I can find a plane to fly (anybody need one exercised?), I really hope to be back on the Saturday morning circuit. I'm suffering from the lack of flying, I'm having withdrawals!

If you have never joined us for our "almost every Saturday morning" fly-outs, remember everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member of WPA, nor a pilot, just someone who would like to fly. We do our best to find a seat for everyone who wants to join us. We meet Saturday mornings *around* 10:00 am at Regal Air, Paine Field. All that I ask is that you help your pilot with the costs of fuel. You know what has happened to automobile gasoline, well, for those of you who don't fly you can imagine the costs of aviation fuel. However it's a small amount in exchange for the flying experience. We really have a fun time. If the weather is not flyable, we head for a local restaurant for breakfast or lunch and do some "hangar fly'n".

Keep in mind that on the Saturday mornings of our education seminars, that are usually the first Saturday of the month, we go to lunch after the classes around noon. These classes are free, (a donation for the coffee would be appreciated), and that are held right here at Paine Field, at the Everett Community College, Aviation Department, just north of the terminal. If you have missed these classes, put the dates on your calendar. You can check our web page for more info. The instructors are great, and you can always learn something you didn't know no matter how long you have been flying.

I look forward to seeing you Saturday mornings. Just because the holidays are coming that is no reason not to come out on Saturdays, even in December! Don't leave me there by myself.

Fly Safely

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## Safety & Education

by Jim Faustina

December 4, 2004  
**0830-0950** Landing Gear Maintenance  
**1010-1130** Shop time

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Please email to:

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You will receive a positive response that your article has been received  
 - if not - call Mitch at 206-890-6367

## October Program

by Stephanie Allen

October Program on Alaska was one of the best we have had.

Most likely due to our schedule changes only a small group had the pleasure of Helga Byhre's presentation on Alaska. Helga presented us with a slide show and narrative worthy of a novel. She spent a year in the wild building a cabin. She lived on fish, moose and caribou. During winters a runway was created by spending a day trampling the snow. The engine oil had to be heated on the stove. The snowshoes were tied to the strut of the Super Cub for transport. Did you know that a Super Cub can take off at an elevation of 14,500 msl. Glacier landings are a story in themselves, which you can hear about when Helga gives us another program in 2005.

## January Program: SpaceShipOne the Ansari X-Prize winner

by Stephanie Allen



SpaceShipOne, a collaboration between Paul Allen and Burt Rutan's Scaled Composites, recently won the X PRIZE, flying twice into space within the span of 5 days. This innovative craft, using only private money, not only marks a great technical achievement but also the start of a new era in spaceflight. Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group has licensed the technology with the intent of creating a fully operational space tourism business by the end of 2007.

Jeff Johnson, Senior Research Program Manager, Aviation Projects, at Vulcan, Inc., Paul Allen's investment company, will share his experience managing this project, making use of the extensive archive of video recordings, still photography, and personal experience to give the behind the scenes view of this historic achievement.

Mr. Johnson is the primary representative of Vulcan on space projects, and worked very closely with Burt Rutan and the other members of the team at Scaled during this endeavor. Mr. Johnson received a B.A. in Engineering Science from Dartmouth College in 1985, and an MBA from the Columbia Business School in 1987.

Web page:<http://www.scaled.com/projects/tierone/>

For April please schedule the Airport Issues. Also, in the newsletter and web, can we make sure the RSVP date for dinner is published. No RSVP required to just attend the program.

## WPA Communications

by Mitch

The FAA recently sent out one of their last little blue mailers. They are putting the information they once put in those fliers on the web and via e-mail. We have been moving in that direction ourselves for the past two years. I am happy to report that we have e-mail address for 204 of the 244 people on our membership list. As good as that is, we would like to increase that percentage. We use that information to send out reminders such as making dinner reservations for the meeting, or important information such as changes to the TFRs. During the election, we sent out notices reminding our members of Presidential TFRs. We got some good feedback from people who would have missed it had we not sent the notice.

We also sent out the first round of renewal notices by e-mail. Being able to do that saves the club a lot of money in paper, envelopes, and postage. If you haven't been getting messages from us, please e-mail [newsletter@wpa-painfield.org](mailto:newsletter@wpa-painfield.org), or include the information on your membership renewal.

**NEXT MEETING**

FRIDAY December 3, 2004  
Mill Creek Country Club  
15500 Country Club Dr  
Mill Creek, WA

The Paine Flyer  
PO Box 14001  
Mill Creek, WA 98082-2001  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Dec 3rd Christmas Party  
Jan 7th Space Ship One  
Feb 4th Aircraft Fueling  
Mar 4th Sport Pilot  
Apr 1st Airport Issues  
May 6th Jackpot NV, Travel Log

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**WPA STORE**

*Have our WPA logo put on anything – blankets, jackets, shirts, etc. Computer controlled machine stitching of the WPA logo is made available to the Paine Field Chapter by Don's Group Attire.. The approximate cost for a garment is \$42.00 for front and back logo and your name.*

**Don's Group Attire**  
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See our web page for a selection of logo shirts  
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Call Gary 206-932-2306

**FOR SALE** 1991 Challenger 1 Ultralight, Single Seater, 42 horsepower Rotax 447 Engine, 90 mph. Top Speed, 344.7 Total Tach. Time. Hangared in Port Townsend, WA. \$6,000. Call 425-745-3412.

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**Hangar Co-Tenant Wanted** to share long-time a Paine hangar, W43-12. New 45', mid-size, West facing, West Ramp hangar. Our ideal partner would be a Grumman, RV or other low wing to complement our Cessna 172. Your share of rent \$267.50 Call Rich or Margarite @ 206-526-2452 or email: [hargrave@halcyon.com](mailto:hargrave@halcyon.com)