

## President's Message

by Robert Hamilton

IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES...

...it was the best of times.

Sitting down to write my first article as President, I began by reviewing all that our WPA Chapter does. A lot! Activities include the monthly dinner programs, fly-outs, Aviation Academy, maintenance seminars, Jackpot, the swap meet, Wings, and much more. This is an active organization, with something for everyone who likes to fly.

I hear a lot about the negatives we deal with. TFR's, high fuel prices, TSA warnings, and too many regulations. Flying is certainly different from when I learned thirty years ago. But was it better? I'm not so sure. Take fuel prices, for example. Doing a little research I found that fuel prices, adjusted for inflation, are about the same now as they were in 1956 and even much cheaper than in 1980! Surprised? New aircraft materials and avionics are making airplanes faster, more comfortable, and safer. Consider Search & Rescue; it used to be a really "big thing" in the GA community. But the number of lost aircraft is now an order of magnitude lower than it was just ten years ago.

I'm especially positive about aviation here at Paine Field. There are exciting developments afoot. The steel girders are going up at the "Future of Flight" (the new name for what was formerly called the NFIC). New hangars, a taxi-way, and lights have been built the past year. New aircraft are appearing on the field. And this Chapter of the WPA is quite healthy, with a wide variety of programs, loyal membership, and new faces and events all the time. Speaking as a relative newcomer, I have been impressed with how well run this Chapter is, with many volunteers to help make it operate smoothly. Most volunteer organizations can't hold a candle to the talent, participation, and enthusiasm I see here.

At the recent Board Meeting we talked about increasing membership and asked "what is the WPA"? What are we "selling" to potential new members? We have no real assets to speak of, and we produce no product. But the light came on, and we realized that the "product" is ourselves! (That's a scary thought!) It is the socializing, the network of friends, the sharing of information, and love of airplanes and flying that we have to offer. So how can we pass that on and attract more people to our group? This brings me to a request. Speaking on behalf of your entire Board of Directors, we would like everyone to take an active hand in finding and welcoming new members.

What does this mean? First; at every monthly meeting or fly-out, introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Don't neglect your old friends, but make some new ones as well. Second, if you find yourself talking to a newcomer, help them figure out what's going on. We have a lot of "inside information" that is hard for newcomers to understand. So perhaps explain what Jackpot is, or that they really are invited to the maintenance seminars. If you are involved in an activity, ask others to join in and help. People don't volunteer....we all want to be invited. And third, write a short article about a fellow pilot. We are starting a new column in The Paine Flyer which will highlight a different pilot each month. We plan for it to be "ghost-written" by you about a fellow member. There are a thousand interesting stories here at the airport, and we want to reveal a few of them to each other. See the article in this issue of the Flyer, think about who you would like to see highlighted, and send in your story to the editor. We have a great "product" within the WPA that we want people to discover.

So, is this the worst of times or the best of times in aviation? The answer is: it is what we make of it.



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DEADLINE  
January 16th**

# Flyouts and "Hangar Flying"

by Rebecca Lohman



I don't believe we are at the beginning of another year! Where did 2004 go? I remember not so long ago, when I thought "time went by slowly", well on second thought, maybe it was a long time ago. In 2004 we saw a lot of things happening, some good some bad. I know for me it wasn't a great flying year, but not because of any flying incidents. I am looking forward to 2005 and some great times with fly-outs!

So, mark your calendar for the major "week-end fly-outs" for 2005, which you will hear more about later. One such event is the trip down to Portland, via Hillsboro to leave the planes, and board the Max transit system to take us into Portland. We had such a good time last year that we quickly decided that we needed to add an extra day. With that in mind, the end of May is set for this fun excursion. We have places in mind for lodging, and a variety of activities sure to please everyone.

The Portland trip is the first "big" fly-out event, however, I'm hoping that before that, we will get a trip to the Naval Undersea Museum, at Kingston, as well as a beautiful winter flight to Yakima, and then there is Tillamook, that we did not get to this past year.

I also have info, on good authority, that the Homestead up in Lynden now has brunch on Saturday mornings. At Thun Field, you can get a chocolate sundae with chocolate ice cream, and then walk across the parking lot and buy airplane parts. When was the last time we went up to Darrington? What about Concrete where you can get a little exercise by walking down the hill in search of food? (Don't forget the Eagle Festival in February)

We are so fortunate to live in an area where the variety of places to fly are so numerous. If you go to Friday Harbor there is a good place to eat, at least breakfast is all I've tried, called the Fat Cat, it's just a block off the main drag, just ask for directions. We have also had some "mean pizza" in Friday Harbor too, as well as good seafood down at the dock-side restaurant. Then there is one of my favorite places, East Sound, and Vern's Bayside Restaurant. I highly recommend it, but then I really haven't tried any other places except for the "Orcas Island Bar-B-Que, at the Hamilton's". The only problem with this last place is it's only open once a year—ha. Thanks Robert, Carrie, and family for hosting this entire bunch of pilots!

Just thinking about all of these places and new ones too, makes me anxious to get in the air! However, it really is more fun with a whole "gaggle" of aircraft. So please join us nearly every Saturday morning around 10:00 am at Regal Air, Paine Field. We try to find a seat for everyone, and as always you don't have to be a pilot, nor a member of WPA, to join us. I do ask that if you do fly with someone that you help pay for some aviation fuel.

Don't forget, the first Saturday mornings of the month(usually), we have the Aviation Education Seminars, right on Paine Field, and when the classes end, then we get together around noon to possible fly-out for lunch. If the weather is bad we still do some "hangar fly'n". I hope to see you.!

Fly Safely!

## Safety & Education

by Jim Faustina

January 8, 2005

0830-0950 Engine Overhauls

1010-1130 Shop Time- Safety glasses will be required around the torn-down engines

Sponsored by Everett Community College, Goodrich and the WPA, these seminars give owners (and perspective owners) valuable information on aircraft care and maintenance.

## Reporters Wanted!

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**Adventure!**



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## Would you like to submit an article?

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



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.

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## 2004 Christmas Party

by Carolyn Luck

This past year was an event filled year representing many many hours of volunteer work carrying on work of past officers and volunteers of our Paine Field Chapter! Ninety-one of us celebrated and recognized this past year of work and fellowship in our chapter at the Christmas Party.

Please put next year's Christmas Party date on your calendar—Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, and continue the tradition of celebrating our aviation enthusiasm, work and busy year of aviation events.

Dale Hemman was our guest speaker and presented a fantastic program (comments from many of our members) on FLYING ALASKA.

Dave and P.J. Waggoner and the airport staff again supported us in attendance and with door prizes. This year, it was great having many of the staff attending to visit with us—Bill and Shelda Dolan, John and Betty Scrapper, Jeff and Judy Bohnet, Michael Zelinski and Susan Kern.

I would like to thank the Mill Creek Country Club, and Tracy (the banquet coordinator) and her staff for their outstanding service this year and past years.

Jim Davidson was our Toys for Tots volunteer—many thanks! And I especially thank Jim for his help as Treasurer of our chapter and handling the finances of our Christmas Party for the past ten years.

We had members to recognize who had been officers and or committee chairperson in 1979—Art and Anne Loring, Virgil and Irene Morgan, and Glenn and June Humann. We continue to build on the aviation enthusiasm and activities that they started.

Committee members who have consistently helped make this party possible for the past 14 years working with me are especially appreciated and thanked—Nancy Rota, Larry Steele, Jim and Mary O'Conner, Jim Davidson, and George (Luck). THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I have made reservations for Dec. 2, 2005, for our next year's party and have menu and lots of notes and any requested ideas and help to provide the next chairperson for our yearly Christmas Party. After 14 years as chairperson and a board member, I am asking another volunteer to assume this role.

Carolyn Luck, Christmas Party Chairperson

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# YOUR FRIENDS AT WPA-PAE

By Freddy Flyboy

As many of you know, one of the challenges of being a part of a social group (like WPA) is meeting and getting to know other members. You like aviation. You like hanging out with airplanes and airplane people. All that is easy. What's hard is getting over the first hurdle of socialization, and finding others that have interests similar to yours. Because we're YOUR social organization, and because our success depends on YOU, WPA wants to help you get to know other members and make it easier for you to find a kindred spirit. Or at least someone to enjoy old and corny jokes with.

This is the first (of hopefully many) interviews with Paine Field Chapter members that you may have seen or briefly met at one of our many chapter activities. The victim of this interview was duly informed of his Miranda and Constitutional rights but decided to participate anyway. The interviewer, having no semblance of journalistic skill, stumbled and mumbled his way through this in a blatant attempt to get you to come to meetings and enjoy yourself!

Dave Wheeler is a lean and lanky, personable kind of guy. Because he is a CFI, he has to be. And the lean and lanky part helps when he has to share a trainer's cockpit with someone of "above-average" stature.

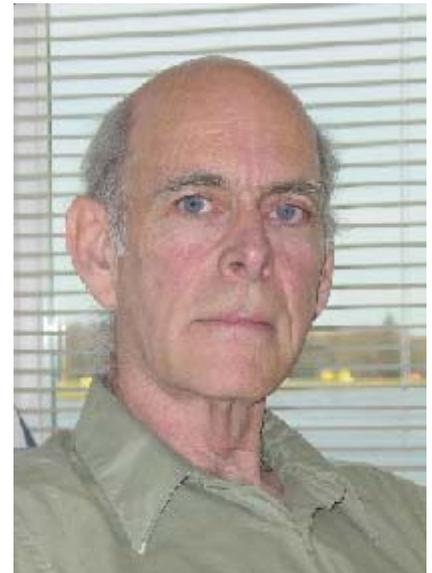
Dave has been involved in aviation since Moses was a kid. He's one of those flyers that got interested by watching airplanes fly over his house and. rode his bike to the airport (when HE was a kid) to do odd jobs in exchange for flying hours in Cessna 120s and 140s. He mostly got to fly the 120s and just polish the 140s at the Prosser (WA) airport because the brand new 140s were saved for customers that needed to be impressed with the new planes.

He says it was COLD in those unheated cockpits!

He worked on F-100s in the Air Force and became what was known as a Voodoo Medicine Man, a.k.a. Crew Chief. He thoroughly enjoyed his time with the airplanes, but not so much the military. Like many of us, once that aviation gas gets in your blood, it's there forever.

He went on to A&P school in Riverside, CA but soon discovered that there was no money to be made in that trade, so he switched to automotive maintenance. Soon after, he migrated back to Washington to work as a CFI for the Grumman dealer at Paine Field. Dave moved on when Grumman decided to leave the general-aviation arena.

Today, Dave is busy running his own flight school, and says business is going strong even though insurance and fuel expenses are going up like a scared F-100. With the economy going up, there seems to be more people with spare money to spend on aviation. He's been in WPA for 5 or 6 years and can often be seen hanging around the buffet at monthly meetings. Feel free to collar him and make him talk aviation. It's his mostest favorite subject!



## Fly Friendly

by Stephanie Allen

### Fly Quiet Campaign

Noise Abatement Procedures Part 1 of a 3 part series

Noise abatement procedures are designed to minimize exposure of residential areas to aircraft noise, while ensuring safety of flight operations. There are communities surrounding the airport which are noise sensitive. We want to minimize the noise impacts on these communities. The procedures described herein are intended for noise abatement procedures and are subject to air traffic control and pilot discretion for reasons of safety.

#### SMALL PROPELLER AIRCRAFT

(single and twin engine under 12,500 pounds)

- Avoid overflights of school sites shown on map available at FBOs and the airport office or from Paine Field's web site.
- Aircraft with engines rated over 250 total horsepower are requested to use Runway 16R/34L except itinerant operations. Coming next: approach and departure procedures

## General Aviation Day

by Stephanie Allen

General Aviation Day May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005: First Meeting Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.

This year the event will focus on our community with special attention to kids events. Young Eagles flight leader will be Rich Jones. Information on pilot qualification for flying kids will be available by February. Other opportunities for aircraft owners and even those who are not pilots are available. We would like to see a variety of aircraft for our static display. There will be a variety of kid's activities to entertain those waiting for flights. Our first organization meeting will be at 6:30 on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Airport office boardroom. If you have interest in these opportunities to chair a subcommittee, just have good ideas to share or just want to participate at any level, you are invited to attend. We will be looking for chairs to assist in kid's events, aircraft recruitment, aircraft parking, car parking and organizing vendors. If you can not attend the meeting and have the desire to assist please e-mail [Red.Skyhawk@gte.net](mailto:Red.Skyhawk@gte.net) or call 425-349-9802. We promise a good time at the event and free food.

Thank you all,  
Stephanie R. Allen



## Pilot of the Year Kevin Kelly

Kevin joined the Paine Field Chapter after his son attended the Aviation Academy classes in the Spring of 2003. Soon afterward, he volunteered to take the position of Aviation Academy director. With the help of numerous Chapter members, Paine Field staff and other aviation professionals, Kevin put together a highly successful Aviation Academy session in 2004.

Kevin also took on the role of Website Administrator, responsible for publishing and maintaining our website's content.



## Spark Plug of the Year Robert "Mitch" Mitchell

Mitch was awarded "Spark Plug of the Year" for his incredible contributions to the creation of our Chapter's information network- web presence, email and monthly newsletter. His untiring work has allowed us to reach more Chapter members in a timely manner, and has created a more dynamic means of promoting our Chapter and its activities.



## Sponsor of the Year Goodrich

Goodrich Aviation Technical Services was awarded "Sponsor of the Year" for their outstanding support of our Aircraft Owner Maintenance Seminars, headed by Jim Faustina, as well as the invitation to our Chapter members to participate in Goodrich's employee open house, where various General Aviation aircraft were put on display. Darryl Plata and Goodrich later hosted a Chapter meeting, dinner and a facility tour for our members.

### NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY January 7, 2005  
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Jan 7th	Space Ship One
Feb 4th	Aircraft Fueling
Mar 4th	Sport Pilot
Apr 1st	Airport Issues
May 6th	Jackpot NV, Travel Log

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