

## President's Message

by Robert Hamilton



### Northwest Aviation Tradeshow at PAE?

What a treat the Alaska Airmen's Tradeshow and Conference is. The Alaskan aviation culture permeates the show; airplanes aren't a nuisance, they are a way of life. Held at the Anchorage airport, vendors bring in their latest (from tail-drag'n Cubcrafters, Maules and Glassairs up to new turbine Kodiaks, Pilatus and many more), plus static displays of classic bush planes. What's amazing about the antiques on display (DC-3s, C-46s, an Albatross, etc.) is that they are all working aircraft! Not museum relics (although some are in museum quality condition), these are real working aircraft that you can climb aboard and sit in the cockpit. And on Monday after the show, they go back to work.

At the show itself, all of the vendor booths and aircraft are all together in a large hangar donated for the weekend by Federal Express. The show also serves as the annual gathering spot for the Alaska Airmen's Association, drawing together members from all over that huge state. And what's most important, they can all **fly in!**



Why do you go to aviation tradeshows? To look at airplanes, of course. Attending the Alaskan show, it is easy to visualize what an aviation tradeshow in the Northwest could be if it were held on an airport. A group of us within the WPA have been talking about the benefits of having a Northwest show here at Paine Field, where vendors can show off their new (and old!) aircraft and pilots can fly in. We have even been discussing options with the Washington Aviation Association to see if we could partner with them and move the Puyallup show up here to Paine.

So what do you think? Would you like to see a major Northwest aviation tradeshow here at Paine Field? Would you like to see the state-wide Washington Pilots Association have a venue to gather once a year? If you have an opinion, talk to one of us who have been working on it (Kirk Kleinholz, John Dobson, Jim Smith, or myself) and give us your 2 cents. And if you are willing to put some major effort into being on an organizing committee to start up such an event, let us know.

-Robert



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June 12th**

For dinner reservations, either reserve on-line at our Website ([www.wpa-paineairport.org](http://www.wpa-paineairport.org)) –OR- call and leave a message on our Voice mail at: (425) 353-2110 ext 5700.

# Flyouts and "Hangar Flying"

by Rebecca Lohman



By the time you read this we will have had one of our four major fly-outs for the year, the trip to Portland over Memorial Day weekend. If you didn't get to participate in this event I hope you will ask someone who went to tell you some of the things you could have done.

Memorial Day, by tradition, is the start of summer. So having said that, let's get flying!! There is a fly-out opportunity nearly every weekend, so do you have some places you like to go? Over the past months I have mentioned several places that we haven't been in a long time. One is Tillamook, and the other is a mystery place in eastern Washington.

Don't forget our fly-out to Jackpot NV is coming up June 17-19th. Several of us are going a day earlier, Thursday, June 16th. It's always a fun time of relaxing, enjoying the pool, golf, etc. It's not too late to register at Cactus Pete's. There are other fly-outs in June too.

For future planning, July seems to be packed with things for us do, but if you don't show up on Saturday mornings around 10:00 am, Regal Air, Paine Field, you may miss some of them. Check the calendar on our website.

Many years ago several Chapters had events called "poker runs". They were fun. You fly to predetermined airports draw a card from a deck and fly to the next airport. After you had gathered the right number of cards you then either return to the home airport, or the final destination and see who wins. (this is a modified version) I know nothing about cards, but with this you don't have to know anything—but it's something different to do, and it's fun. We have some members that know the details of this much better than I do, and I'm hoping you will share the things I've missed. It's also a good way to get different chapters involved and we get to meet some new folks.

So give me some feed back about this.  
Fly safely,

## Saturday Morning Fly-outs

We meet around 10:00 AM at Regal Air, Paine Field, nearly every Saturday morning (consult our calendar on the web for special events). All are welcome (Non-pilots as well as non-members of WPA). No "charge" - Just please help your pilot with fuel!

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## Jackpot Schedule Change

Jackpot Nevada Fly-in to Cactus Petes, June 17th and 18th, \$69 rooms, Saturday Reception

## Wings Wrap-Up

by Dave Wheeler

What a week end! Pilots and Instructors descended on Paine Field like a swarm of locusts from Portland Or to Stehekin to Camino Island and all points in between. We had a total of 80 pilots and 40 Instructors registered. And when the dust settled Sunday night we had flown 75 flights with 33 CFIs, and issued 60 sets of wings. The difference in flights and certificates is that some pilots did not get to attend a seminar yet, and as soon as that requirement is met they will get their wings too.

The committee consisted of Dick Kinnier, Dale Terwedo, Jim and Marilyn Fries, Dave and Kelly Van Horn, Rebecca Lohman, Mitch Mitchell and Dave Wheeler, Chair. I should also acknowledge last year's chair Eric Allais. He and John Dobson gave me a lot of lessons learned information from past events. We implemented a lot of their ideas and suggestions, and used most of the process that they already had in place. We only improved an already in place and working system.

One huge change we made was the registration process. It was 98% electronic through the WPA-PAE Website and email. We had two CFIs that helped us out that did not register on line, (one called the FAA to volunteer, and the other walked in on Sunday) but the other 38 CFIs and all 80 pilots did electronic registration. There were a couple of match up glitches, but those were I think due to the human side of the process. After the committee did the manual matching Mitch sent email to each Pilot and CFI giving them their day, time, and counter part person. Some were unable to fly due to whatever, and sent me email. I then

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## YOUR FRIENDS AT WPA-PAE

By Freddy Flyboy

Ever wonder if activities like GA Appreciation Day actually promote aviation? The answer is yes, and the living proof is this month's Freddy victim, **Kevin Kelly**. Just five years ago Kevin took advantage of a GA Day "scenic flight" from Northway, and ended up learning to fly from his Northway pilot Tom Kelso. Several months later he had his pilot's license.

Kevin is a mostly Puget Sound flyer, and likes to take his two boys (Nathan, 19, and Sean, 15) on trips to the San Juans. His wife Carol is a supporter but less frequent passenger. When visitors come to town, he is always sure to give them a tour of our beautiful northwest scenery. You may not recognize his Newark accent (where he grew up), but his relatives from New Jersey really appreciate the opportunity to see Puget Sound from the air.

Kevin's flying time isn't extensive, so what he gives back to aviation and this WPA Chapter is simply amazing. He is our self-taught Webmaster, and more importantly has been organizing the annual Aviation Academy for our local Junior and Senior High students. His enthusiasm for all things aviation shines through his hard work and leadership at the Academy; a significant statistic is that none of the 33 kids in this year's class dropped out. He is doing something right! Kevin is no stranger to teaching kids; he was a Cubmaster for eight years and still volunteers as an aviation merit badge counselor. A seventeen year Boeing veteran, working in the Electrical Engineering group for 767, 777 and 747 wiring, Kevin is hoping to get even more involved on the flight side by earning his B.S. in Professional Aeronautics from Emery-Riddle University.

By my calculations, Kevin gives about 5 hours of volunteer time to the WPA for every hour he spends flying. See if you can beat that!  
-Freddy




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## June Program

In preparation for the busy summer flying season, WSDOT and teams of devoted and diligent volunteers are cleaning up the state-operated airports. Located in remote locations, these beautiful backcountry strips are traditionally closed during winter months and opened as early as weather conditions allow in the spring or summer.

Jim Scott, WSDOT Aviation State Airports Maintenance Supervisor, joins us for our June program to give us an update on our state airports.

## Swing By for the Wings to Wishes Hangar Dance – and Welcome to the USO!



Spokane, WA —Put on your dancing shoes for the Wings to Wishes' *Welcome to the USO!* gala evening to give seriously ill children a much-needed lift. You can dine, dance and check out the vintage aircraft at our unique World War II theme Hangar Dance to help Wings to Wishes pilots fly missions that make dreams come true for children throughout the Inland Northwest.

This swinging event starts at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2005 as the culmination of a weekend of educational seminars, exhibits and industry demonstrations for the aviator and aviation enthusiast. The Gala will be held at the Western Avionics Hangar at Felts Field Airport in Spokane. The hangar is transformed into a World War II air base and 'O' Club, complete with vintage aircraft and vehicles. Be sure to wear your best World War II uniform, 1940's-era costume or party attire.

A tax deductible entry fee of \$75.00 per person (by reservation only) includes a buffet dinner, dancing and an appreciation celebration in honor of the pilots who donate their services and time to Wings to Wishes. Reservations will be accepted until June 1, 2005 by calling (509) 252-2954 or email at [teri@focusspokane.com](mailto:teri@focusspokane.com). You may also register online at [www.wings2wishes.com](http://www.wings2wishes.com).

Wings to Wishes is a program of Focus Spokane, a 501 (c) 3 charity, and works in association with the Wishing Star Foundation to fulfill the wishes of children who are battling a life threatening illness. Thanks to pilot volunteers and generous donors, Wings to Wishes is able to provide free transportation to and from some wish sites. . By supporting Wings to Wishes' *Hangar Dance*, you can help fly children throughout Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon.

Since there is never a charge for this service to the community, private donations and public support of various fundraising events are essential to provide the funding for Wings to Wishes.

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## Wings

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made changes to what I thought was the master database. After all the changes were I asked Mitch to resend the changes via email. He did. But, I did not realize that I had made the changes to the wrong database, and Mitch sent email based on the master database, so the changes were not incorporated in the second email. I now know which database is which. I learned the lesson. Bottom line, every pilot that showed up got to fly due to Rebecca's skill in schedule manipulation.

Without the untiring work of Rebecca, Mitch, Kelly and Dave, Dick, Dale, and Jim and Marilyn this event would not have been the success that it was. Thank you all.

Now for the sad news. It is with heavy heart that I say a sad farewell to my friend, Scott Gardiner. This was his last WINGS Weekend with the PAE chapter of the WPA. He has decided to retire in January 2006. We will miss you in the FSDO, locally at your safety seminars at the Everett PUD, and at our WINGS weekends in the upcoming years.

On a personal note, Scott joined the Seattle FSDO as an inspector the same year (1976) that I began teaching on Paine field as a brand new CFI. He taught me the "Magic Spot" method of flying and I have passed it on to every one of my students. Thank you for all you have done not only to enhance my teaching skills, but for what you have given to General Aviation. Scott, and may you "find VFR and Tailwinds" forever.

Dave Wheeler

WINGS Chair 2005

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## The Instructor's Corner

by *Richard Newman*

I recently had the unique experience of training an individual to fly a tail dragger. It was unique because the individual had owned the Cessna 185 for several years and put 340 hours on it. In this case, he had flown the plane exclusively on floats since he received his Private Pilot Certificate.

He had several motivations for taking the aircraft off floats and putting wheels on it. He owns a property up on Crane Island and had been flying between there and Kenmore Air Harbor. His thinking was

1. Carrying more useful load
2. Concerned with the negative effects of salt water on his craft
3. Found he could only get fuel at three places & maintenance at two places

We progressed through several hours of training but found he could not develop the consistency of landing the craft. After several years his height perception with that plane was totally ingrained and continued to flare too high. As the entire Sound was his runway, he could not get approach angles and spot landings down (a necessary item as Crane Island's airstrip is only 1,300 feet long by 45' wide.) His decision was to return the plane to floats declaring "I am a float pilot!"

While I was unsuccessful in his transition, we have become good friends, which I was tremendously successful. Flight instructors should realize that not every customer who walks through the door will achieve a goal, but the relationships we develop with them is the indicator of our success. We also set the tone for that individual's relationship with others in the aviation community, and how they will present aviation to others.

A sad point of my essay is that we do not train flight instructors to be "Good Will Ambassadors" of aviation. The young people arrive full of vim and vigor with an appetite for become superior pilots, maybe even effective instructors. But we need to instill that sense of customer service and personal relationship that is necessary for the student to become a life long aviator. That is why I encourage every pilot to be a mentor to a new pilot, and to a young flight instructor, to help him or her smooth over the rough spots and to expand their horizons.

Richard Newman

Richard is Chief Instructor for Northway Aviation

## Jackpot 2005

by *David Strand*

The Paine Chapter of WPA will be flying south to Cactus Pete's Resort Casino for a weekend of fun and relaxation on June 17, 2005. (You will notice it is one week earlier this year due to scheduling conflicts at Cactus Pete's.) We encourage all of you to join in as it is a great cross country flight to Jackpot, NV, and a wonderful way to spend time with all of our flying friends in the normally sunny weather by the pool.

Just start by picking up the phone and make room reservations. Rooms are booked beginning on Thursday however most people will be arriving Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Thursday- \$49.00 plus hotel tax.
- Friday – Saturday June 17-18, 2005 room rates of \$69.00 plus hotel tax.
- To make reservations call 1-800-821-1103 and ask for Washington Pilots or WASH605.

Larry Williams will be coordinating the Saturday golf outing so please contact him if you would like to play. He may be reached at 425-776-4688 or at 425-672-4688. Larry, thank you for your help.

Cactus Pete's will again provide us a social gathering room and hors d'oeuvres on Saturday evening at 6PM and will also set up a no-host bar for our enjoyment. Be sure to thank those that you meet at Cactus Pete's for providing their support to our flying organization.

We look forward to seeing you all.

David and Linda Strand 509-932-5642

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