

President's Message

by Robert Hamilton

At Your Service



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Happy New Year!

Looking back, I would have to say that 2005 was a good year. We have had our share of aviation problems... high fuel prices, restricted airspaces, etc. But locally we also had more than our share of successes; GA Days, Young Eagles, Wings, Skykomish work party, and the Mukilteo parade to name just a few. As I think about what works well in our WPA Chapter, I notice a common thread running through all of our great events; they all involve service to others. No doubt we had our share of fun, but we also entertained and helped the community and our fellow pilots. So that is my New Year's epiphany: *service is at the heart of the WPA, Paine Field Chapter.*

So what's my point? My point is that if you did have enough fun this year in the WPA; if it wasn't worth your forty bucks, if you didn't fly enough, if the monthly events were not exciting enough, if others weren't friendly enough, then during 2006 you need to start helping! Not because others need it, but because you do! Volunteer to help at GA Day. Call a non-flyer and invite them flying on Saturday morning. Offer to be a greeter at our monthly meetings. Whatever! All I can tell you, the best cure for the aviation blahs is to step in, step up, and be of service.

Speaking of Service, I knew I forgot someone important in my September list of "thank you's". Thank You to **Jerry Blanchard**, who is at every meeting helping to arrange the facility, manning the check-in desk, and running the sound equipment. He is also at every other event and board meeting, always lending a hand.

And I repeat my Thank You to **Sherry Smith** and her Christmas Gala committee. What a great event. If you were not at the Christmas Gala, you missed quite an evening, and you missed hearing the 2005 Award Recipients announced:

PILOT OF THE YEAR goes to **Dave Wheeler**, for stepping up and not only saving *Wings*, but making it one of our most successful programs. And for his constant help and support of our WPA Chapter throughout the year. All pilots at Paine Field have benefited from his efforts.

SPONSOR OF THE YEAR goes to **SkyCorp**, for not only loaning us their hangar, but for other contributions to make GA Days an incredible event.

THE WRIGHT STUFF goes to **Kurt Mason**, for his calm, professional flying to allow him to walk away from his helicopter after a forced landing due to mechanical failure. Kurt is an inspiration, and a reminder, to all pilots at Paine to prepare for problems and turn them into less than tragic events.

SPARKPLUG(S) OF THE YEAR go to **Stephanie Allen** and **John Dobson**. As the award criteria say, these two, over the last several years have used their "enthusiasm, talent, leadership ability, and hard work to inspire others to get involved and actively participate in the projects of the Chapter". If you don't know what they have been doing, then *you* haven't been involved enough!

Thank you to you all for making 2005 a success!

-Robert

January 6th, 2006 program

Dave Waggoner, PAE Airport Director

Airport Overview and Mediated Role Determination Review project update.

Dave will provide a short summary on the Airport's current plans and programs. There will also be a brief on the County Executive's Mediated Role Determination Review Panel. (The yea's fight the nay's on Regional Service and end up on the same review panel)

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January 15th**

Flyouts and "Hangar Flying"

by Rebecca Lohman



Can 2006 really be here? We've heard it said that, "time 'flies' as you get older", of course we wouldn't know about that. It does seem like 2005 has gone by fast, maybe it's

because we've had such a busy year. There have been a lot of activities through the Paine Field WPA Chapter alone to have kept us busy, and this coming year's calendar looks packed too.

We have had some good flying days in December to close out 2005. On the 10th there were four planes and nine people on a short flight up to Skagit for a very tasty lunch. The sun was out, no wind, and with a little fog in places it was otherwise a very nice day for a flight. If everyone wasn't so busy, it would have been great for a longer flight. I am looking forward to some more of our beautiful winter flying days. Yes, I know it can be very cold, but here in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, the flying can be so outstanding to see the snow covered mountains and the area from the air. For those of you who have experienced it the way only we can in a GA aircraft, you know what I'm talking about.

For those who haven't I would like to invite you to join us *nearly* every Saturday morning around 10:00 am, Paine Field, Regal Air. We decide, weather permitting, where to fly out to for breakfast/lunch". All are welcome, you don't have to be a member of WPA, nor own a plane, nor be a pilot. We always try to find a seat for everyone who would like to go. *All I ask is that you please help your pilot with the cost of fuel.*

If we can't fly-out then we still get together at a local restaurant to eat and "hangar fly". It's a good way to meet new friends, share stories about flying, and find out what Paine Field Chapter WPA has to offer. Happy New Year! Fly Safely

Web Site has Moved

We have moved our web site to a new hosting service, and at the same time, we changed our domain name to www.wpa-paine.org.

Safety & Education

Owner/Operator Maintenance Seminar

January 07, 2006

There will be two seminars, one from 0830-0950 and the second from 1010-1130. All seminars to be held at the Everett Community College Aviation Technologies Department (Paine Field, building C80) All seminars are free and open to everybody.

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!

Reporters Wanted!

Intrigue!
Romance!
Adventure!



For a new monthly column! **The Paine Flyer** is looking for reporters (that's you) to write short article(s) about fellow WPA pilot(s) here at Paine Field.



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

Pilot of the Year

To the Paine Field Chapter of the WPA. I am really embarrassed about this. I was so surprised about the award last night that I totally forgot to give even the slightest mention to the group that made the whole WINGS Weekend possible. To make up for my gross mistake, please add this to the next newsletter.

Let's start chronologically: When I said I would help with WINGS Weekend, Mitch was there right away to say "I can put together an electronic form so people can register for WINGS online as a Pilot or CFI, and select the time slot they want." Thank you!

I went then to Regal Air to visit Ron Morcom and Bob Roetcisoender to see if they could again host the weekend. "Of Course!" was the instant reply, and they suggested I check with Chuck Smith to put together the Seminars. He was already working on them!

Now it's time to have a meeting to see what I missed, and Mitch, The Van Horns, Stephanie and Rich, Dick Kinnier, and Rebecca Lohman all showed up and wanted to know what they could do. We assigned tasks to all and off they went to do them.

I talked to the Jet Deck Restaurant to see if they could offer the \$5.00 burger basket in lieu of cooking burgers ourselves. - "No problem."

Naturally I can't leave out Scott Gardiner of the FSDO. As always he was right there with certificates, pins, a seminar, and his infinite wisdom to help us out.

So, if we could rewrite the plaque to read "Pilot of the year, the WINGS Weekend Team" I'll proudly hang it in my office. Until then I'll just display the one I have.

Thank you team, oh we are already starting to work on this year's weekend. It will be by April 8 and 9, 2006 - again hosted by Regal Air.

Dave Wheeler

Christmas Gala

Wow, What A Party!

If you missed the Christmas Gala, you really missed out! The night started out with everyone receiving a free pass to come back to the Future of flight, a no host bar, and lots of visiting and people in awe looking at such a great place. While enjoying a delicious meal, door prizes were given out. They included gift certificates for dinners, basket of coffee, a pasta dinner basket, an av-gas credit, oil for your airplane, leather and wool jacket, books, T-shirts, wine basket and a lot more. At about 8:00 our president Robert Hamilton got up and presented awards. The dancing began and went on till 11:00 while Berry Smith gave a guided tour of the Future of Flight. What an evening!

I would like to thank my committee again for all of the work that they put into this event. Stephanie Allen and Rich Jones, Kelly and Dave Van Horn, Debra and Ken Spangler, Helga Byhre, Jim Smith, and Robert Hamilton. Without you all this would not have been such a success. I look forward to next year!

Thank you for allowing me to be your Christmas Gala Chairperson
Sherry Smith

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.

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