

President's Message

by Robert Hamilton

Buck Rogers, anyone?

This is just too cool to not mention! If the Saturday lunch fly-outs are getting too boring for you, there is a new way to fly. Racing "X-Rockets"! I kid you not; there is a new rocket plane racing league being formed. It is sponsored by Peter Diamandis, the same enthusiast who put up the \$10,000,000 for the X-Prize last year. They hope to eventually sign up at least ten racers, and expect four entrants at the first race to be held in October, 2006, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The planes are powered by two 400-pound thrust liquid oxygen and alcohol burning rocket engines, and will race around an oval course defined by pylons. One major advantage of this fuel is that the rockets shoot out 20-foot flames for spectators to enjoy. And if you think they are just dreaming, they already have two teams signed up, included a couple of F16 drivers who apparently don't think their day job is exciting enough.



Presidents' Letter Feedback

Did the article about the rocket planes capture your attention? If you have read this far, I have a question for you. What would you like to read in the monthly president's letter? I ask, because after a year's worth of articles about politics, aviation events, or news, I have had only one comment by anyone pertaining to any article. Maybe that's good, maybe bad,.....I don't know. For this month's article, I would like to increase my yearly total of comments by a factor of 20 or more, and hear what you would like the President's Letter column to contain. You can let me know by email at roberth@seattleavionics.com, or just talk to me before or after the next general meeting. Here are your choices:

I would like the President's Letter to contain:

- General news about the PAE Chapter
- Commentaries on airport and state politics
- What's new in the world of aviation
- News about people in the Paine Field chapter
- News about the state organization
- Other. Reading about _____ would be great!

Pick one, some or all, but let me know what you want to read!

-Robert

March 3rd Program

Peter Davenport from the National UFO Reporting Center

Did you see this one of 108 sightings in December?

While walking north on 18th Ave NE in Seattle's University District between 8:35 and 8:40 pm on December 12, 2005, I noticed a very bright orange light traveling slowly southward in the sky to the east of me.

I thought it was an airplane until I noticed that it was just a singular bright orange light with no other lights attached to it blinking or otherwise. It was traveling under a vast grey cloud cover.

When I stopped and stood in the middle of a crosswalk to really observe it, it appeared to slow down even more until it ceased moving, then slowly began moving again. It slowed to a standstill and started again 3 or 4 more times.



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DEADLINE
March 12th**

Flyouts and "Hangar Flying"

by Rebecca Lohman



Well with all the rain in January it turned out to be more of a "hangar fly'n" month, and February seems to be a mixed bag, rain, sunny almost "spring-like",

snow? Yes a little of that here and there Not as much "up in the air stuff" as we would all like, but good monthly meeting as well as excellent Saturday educational seminars, so plenty of opportunities to learn.

With March already upon us can spring be far behind? This is going to be a great year for flying—I can just feel it! We are seeing new faces at the field and joining our group. I know you will make them feel welcome, everyone has something to contribute, and this is good to expand with more folks who can share our love of flying and being around airplanes.

Could this be the year that we actually get to do some of the things we didn't get to do last year? I still would like to see a flight "over the mountains" and a picnic lunch. What about some airport hopping? not a race, nor a "poker run"...I have some other ideas, now if anyone has a special contact with the weatherman so I can just schedule a special event and get a sure thing on the weather.

It's not too early to start filling your calendar with events we already know about, like the February the NW Aviation Conference at Puyallup, hope you don't/didn't miss this one. Coming up in April the WINGS program here at PAE, put that on your list of "must do's". (Our fly-out will take a back seat to the WINGS event).

Be sure to look at our calendar and plan ahead, we have a busy year ahead. Remember, we meet *nearly* every Saturday morning around 10:00 am, Paine Fld, Regal Air, decide if it's a fly-out day, or hangar fly'n at a local restaurant for breakfast/lunch. If we fly-out, you do not have to be a member of WPA, nor own a plane, nor be a pilot, all are welcome. *I ask only that you help pay the cost of fuel, as a thank you for the flight.* We all know how high automobile gasoline has been, well aviation fuel is much more expensive.

Fly Safely

Safety & Education Owner/Operator Maintenance Seminar

March 4, 2006

There will be two seminars. From 0830-0950 will be Engine Overhaul and Inspection, and from 1010-1130 will be Ignition Systems Operation and Troubleshooting.

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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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

Jackpot 2006

Mark your calendars for June 23rd 2006. The Paine Chapter of WPA will be migrating south to Cactus Petes Resort Casino for a weekend of fun and relaxation. For those of you that have joined us in the past, you know reserving your room is a simple phone call. If you have not joined us for an enjoyable cross country flight, this is what you need to do.

Call 1-800-821-1103 and ask for Washington Pilots or WAS0606.

Early arrivals:

Thursday June 22 2006 49.00 plus tax

Friday June 23 2006 69.00 plus tax

Saturday June 24 2006 79.00 plus tax

Note: This year Cactus Petes is back tracking the play of our group. Please make sure you sign up and use your PPC cards while on the property. This will help determine their sponsorship for future years.

Jim O'Connor will be making golf tee times. If you are interested in golfing, please contact Jim. (360)387-1376 or (425)776-8002

Watch the newsletter for updates. Jackpot is the Grand Daddy of Flyouts: you won't want to miss it!!
Larry Williams (425)776-4688
Yvonne Albert

April Program

Paine Tower Procedures, Your Questions Answered by Jeff Osborne
Jeff Osborne is our Paine Tower Air Traffic Control Operations Supervisor. Born and raised in western Montana, he was hired by the FAA in 1980, fired during the PATCO strike in 1981 and was re-hired by the FAA in 2000. Jeff has an ATP rating and worked as a corporate pilot for 8 years. His interest expand beyond his aviation career as he owns a couple of nightclubs and a sportsbar/cafe and has coached college basketball for 4 years

Sno-Isle will not be available for hte April meeting, so it will be held in the Everett Community College building on Paine Field. Dinner will be pizza for \$5.00.

What is this, sitting on the West Ramp?



It is the Queen's airplane, the Heron by de Havilland. It is painted in Military colors purposely to hide the fact it was transporting the Queen of England. The Heron has four 250hp de Havilland Gipsy Queen 30 Mk 2 six cylinder inline piston engines driving two blade de Havilland constant speed propellers. Only a few years later in development than the Dove (slightly smaller aircraft with 2 engines) on which it was based, design work on the Heron began in the late 1940s, resulting in the prototype's first flight on May 10 1950 (the Dove first flew in 1945). In designing the Heron, de Havilland made as much use of Dove componentry as possible, and so both types feature the distinctive slightly raised cockpit and separate main cabin and metal construction. It now sits on the West Ramp at PAE to be converted for Atmospheric Research. It will hold 10 researchers plus crew, which is larger than their current C337, and has the comfort of a water closet.

Wings

Wings weekend is just around the corner. This year it will be held April 8th & 9th at Regal Air as usual. There will be safety seminars for those who need them to fulfill that requirement.

We need you to pre-register on line at www.wpa-paine.org/safety_education.htm. We need you to register before March 26th so we can set the schedule and match up the pilots and instructors.

There will be four sessions, Saturday and Sunday, morning (8:00-12:00) and afternoon (1:00-5:00) each day.

If you are a renter, please reserve your aircraft and specify what time period you have chosen on your registration.

Don't miss this great opportunity to update your BFR.

NEXT MEETING
Sno-Isle Vo Tech
9001 Airport Rd
Everett, WA
March 3, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

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