



Skykomish Airport Proposal Would Percolate Grey Water Around Edge of Runway

By Anna Poole
WPA-Paine Field Chapter
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John Sibold, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Director and Jim Scott, Airport Maintenance Supervisor, visited the WPA-Paine Field Chapter February Board of Directors meeting to update the Chapter on WSDOT plans for Skykomish Airport.

Skykomish Airport, which was adopted by WPA-Paine Field Chapter, is one of 16 back-country airports owned by the state. The airport was originally built by the U.S. Army for WWII training and emergencies, and was later designated as an emergency landing strip for commercial airliners in the early days of passenger flights.

Today, it serves as an airfield for general aviation, medical evacuation, search and rescue efforts, and fire-fighting.

According to Sibold, all back-country airports are experiencing pressure from land developers and local communities because airports are seen as “unused land just sitting there empty.” Skykomish Airport is no different. In addition, he said, the Town of Skykomish has community issues that add extra pressure to use the airport’s land differently.

The Town of Skykomish started as a railroad town and it’s trapped between Highway 2 and the river, leaving the community few alternatives for growth. Over the years, Burlington Northern Railroad contaminated the ground with oil. Recently, the Washington State Department of Ecology and the railroad began a major clean up of the polluted soil. During this cleanup, the state agreed to address the town’s sewage disposal needs, which is keeping the town from growing.

The town’s mayor and the State Department of Ecology began looking at the Skykomish Airport as part of the sewage disposal solution.

According to Sibold, the sewage disposal proposal received a “cool” reception from the State Department of Transportation, “because it’s our job to protect airports and plan for the future.” However, he said, WSDOT agreed to assist in figuring out how to address the town’s sewage issue.

“We appreciate the fact that the city has real problems and we understand. But we also need to protect the integrity of the air field. So, we asked them to do serious groundwork in preparation for a discussion,” Sibold said. “It’s my job to look out for and protect our airports.”

The proposal plans four bunkers built on gravel and covered with dirt. Water would be pumped into the bunker and then seep through the gravel into the current ground water table. It is

anticipated there would be 10,000 to 20,000 gallons of water a day. This estimate comes from the current 178 hook ups to the sewer. In 20 years, it is estimated the town would need 400

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One question arising from the proposal is the land’s ability to absorb the water and the location for drainage is limited. The south side of the airport has hills and the south side of the runway has power lines. There is some sloping in that area and that might be a possible location, but it would require tree removal, which might return value to the airport. Sibold said another issue is compensation for use of the land. Also, under state law, communities must have a plan to protect airports and cannot use them in ways that are

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Renew Now! Grace Period Ending

By Dick Kinnier
Membership Chair

I have a secret that I'm going to share with all of you. I call it a secret because no one ever reads the chapter by-laws that I send out with each new member packet.

If you never received them or lost them and are just dying to read them, let me know and I'll be more than happy to send you a copy.

Chamber of Commerce Extends Welcome

WPA-PAE received a welcome letter on Jan. 5, 2007 from the Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce.

Stephanie Allen will represent the Chapter and attend the monthly general membership meeting. She also attended the Jan. 11 *After Hours Social* and the Jan. 18 breakfast.

The *After Hours Social* is held the second Thursday of the month and the breakfast is held the third Thursday of the month. WPA members are welcome to join Stephanie. If you're interested, please contact her for details at 425-349-9802 or Red.Skyhawk@gte.net.

Renewal Form on Page 4

Within that structure is a provision for members who fail to renew by January 1 each year. By grace of the by-laws, you are carried as an active member for an additional 90 days after which your name is dropped from the role of active members and you lose any privileges that may be available to current members.

In other words, we cull the mailing list for the newsletter or any other mass mailing, the current e-mail list, and the current member list for purposes of the fuel discount, etc.

I don't need to tell you that the volunteers who are responsible for the administration of the chapter really have their work multiplied when renewals are not complete by December 31 of each year.

Shortly after the end of the grace period, we plan to issue a 2007 Membership Roster, which will reflect all current paid up members.

So, if you have been vacationing in Nepal, been in a coma or just plain procrastinated for the last few months and have not already renewed,

**Please, please
DO IT NOW!**

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Phone: 425-218-2150
E-Mail: JimSmithCFI@msn.com

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same date as
newsletter articles.
See Chapter Calendar
for dates.

Ads run for three months,
unless renewed.

To renew an ad, send an
e-mail to

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<i>Ashland Fly-Out</i>	Ken Stangland & Bill McKinley
<i>Aviation Academy</i>	Kevin Kelly
<i>Christmas Party</i>	Sherry Smith
<i>General Aviation (GA) Day</i>	Jim & Marilyn Fries
<i>General Meeting Programs</i>	Robert Hamilton
<i>Hangar Party</i>	Sandy Allen
<i>HIO/Portland Fly-Out</i>	Dave & Kelly Van Horn
<i>Jackpot, NV Fly-In</i>	Larry Williams & Yvonne Albert
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<i>Skykomish Work Party</i>	Chip Davidson
<i>Mukilteo Lighthouse Parade</i>	Stephanie Allen
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WPA Voice Mail Extension Change

Use the same number (425) 353-2110,
but now use extension "6" to leave a
dinner reservation or other message.

President's Message

Volunteer Sign-Up Board Needs You to Help Spread the Joy!

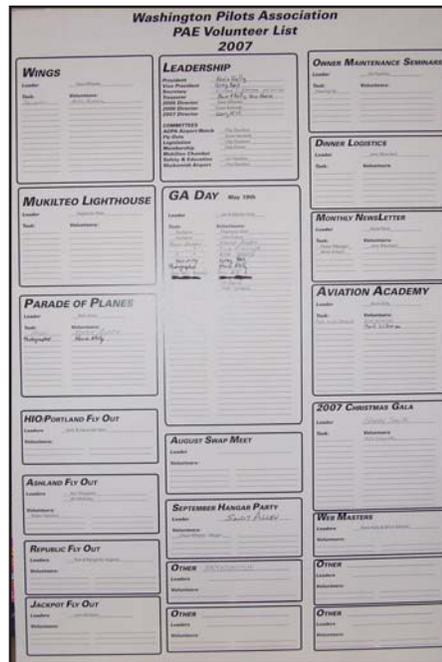
By Kevin T. Kelly

WPA-PAE Chapter President

In our pursuit of fulfilling the goals of our organization, our chapter is working towards furthering General Aviation in our area through programs and events that educate the public and create opportunities for our members to socialize as a group.

As I stated in my previous articles, organizations such as ours thrive on the time and efforts put in by volunteer members to enhance the program. We have committees formed to organize such events as General Aviation Day, the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival Fly-over, Wings, and more. While the committee members are enthusiastic and organized, they can't put on these large-scale events without help from many of our members.

In November, Robert Hamilton incorporated a great tool for providing a visual aid for tracking the many events and the number of volunteers needed for each of those events — the Volunteer Sign-Up



Sign-Up Board Lacks Your Name?

Jackpot Reservations Needed by May 1

By Larry Williams

Jackpot Fly-Out Chair

Cactus Pete's Resort Casino made a few changes for this year's Jackpot, Nev. Fly Out, June 22-24.

Cactus Pete's no longer offers discounted weekend rates for the flyout and the casino will not sponsor the WPA's Saturday night gathering.

Chapter member Jim O'Connor will be making golf tee times. If you are inter-ested in a round or two of golf, contact Jim at 360-387-1376 or 425-776-8002

To reserve a room, call 1-800-821-1103 and ask for Washington Pilots or WASH607.

A minimum of 10 rooms need to be reserved by May 1 for the rates below.

ROOM RATES

Early arrivals, Thursday, June 21, 2007

\$49 per room plus taxes

Friday, June 22, 2007

\$104 per room per night plus taxes

Saturday June 23, 2007

\$104 per room per night plus taxes

Flying may not be all plain sailing, but the fun of it is worth the price.

Amelia Earhart (1897 - 1937)

Board. This board is available at every monthly meeting, giving members an opportunity to see what events are coming up, and allows our members to sign up to help at those events.

As seen in the photo, our board is rather sparse of signatures at the time of this article. Knowing how many volunteers are available to help early in the planning stages of the events is extremely helpful. Help on the ground and in the air during our events is always appreciated! If you would like to participate in any of the events, please do all you can to plan ahead and sign up.

If you cannot attend the monthly meetings to sign up on the volunteer board, but would like to help at a particular event, please don't hesitate to contact me; I'll be happy to add your name on the board for you!

Spreading the joy of aviation is one of the most rewarding things that we can do as pilots. Share your love of flight by signing on to help during one of our events this year. ~Happy Flying!

Chapter Events

**Aviation Academy
April 23-May 19**

**WINGS
April 28-29**

**GA Day
May 19, 2007**

**Skykomish Airport Clean Up
June 2**

**Jackpot Fly Out
June 22-24**

**Ashland Fly Out
Aug. 17-19**

**Hillsboro-Portland Fly Out
June 8-10**

**Hangar Party
Sept. 7**

**Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival
Parade of Planes
Sept. 8**

WINGS Registration Online Only

By Dave Wheeler
WINGS Chair

This year, registration will be 100 percent on-line, and will be open from February to April 15 for the 2007 WINGS weekend of FAA Pilot Proficiency Award Program.

WINGS will be the last weekend in April — April 28 and 29 — at Regal Air. The registration form will include a space for general comments, so if you always fly with your favorite CFI, put that information in the comment block.

GA Day Planning

By Jim and Marilyn Fries
GA Day Chairs

Planning is underway with an enthusiastic set of volunteers for GA Day, May 19, and as usual we have jobs for even more volunteers, especially as the date gets closer — so don't be shy — step up and help out.

GA Day introduces the public to the variety and excitement of General Aviation airplanes and provides a positive view of our pastime, so we need Chapter members to show off their airplanes for the public to admire.

If you can bring your airplane, contact Jim Faustina, fauzjsa@yahoo.com or Jim Fries, jrfries@comcast.net

2007 RENEWAL APPLICATION
WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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***WPA Paine Field Chapter Attn: Treasurer
C/O Paine Field Airport – Suite A
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NOTE: You may receive an acknowledgement of your RENEWAL by either e-mail or surface mail.
RENEWALS ARE DUE IMMEDIATELY.

Remember SOONER IS BETTER!

Skykomish

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incompatible to aviation or will jeopardize future aviation use.

Sibold emphasized more than once that use of Skykomish Airport land for grey water is in the discussion phase and nothing has been decided at this point in time. He said the aviation division of WSDOT will want documentation from engineers and scientists that the water treatment plan is functional.

“We want to benefit the airport and protect the airport,” he said.

And, he’s optimistic that the airport can give the Town of Skykomish the outcome it needs.

One possibility, he said, is to pull in revenue so that additional land can be purchased, appropriate land fill be put in place and the surface of the runway improved. Another possibility would be for the City of Skykomish to maintain the airport at no cost to the state.

Multi-use opportunities may also be part of the Skykomish Airport’s future. In the past, Sibold said, the WSDOT’s highway division expressed interest in the airport and there might be the opportunity to make improvements such as paving so the area can be used for putting chains on trucks.

The highway division mowed the runway the last two times the grass was cut, Sibold said, and acknowledged that a couple of runway markers were destroyed in the process.

Yet, by being more creative with airport land use and making new partnerships, Sibold said the airport will be seen as “being of significant value.” The most important step, he said, is to get the airport established in the minds of surrounding communities and with other agencies that it is a permanent facility.

Sibold asked that Chapter members e-mail their concerns and questions about the Skykomish Airport to Jim Scott at scottj@wsdot.wa.gov or John Sibold at siboldj@wsdot.wa.gov.

The link to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Division’s website:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation>

3 Recent Saturday Fly-Outs Despite Winter Weather

By Susan Kennedy
2006 Director and

Saturday Fly-Out Chair

Come Saturday Morning, we’ll travel for miles in our Saturday smiles. And it’s a lot of smiles and miles we’ve had in the past couple of months.

In addition to the “regulars,” we’ve had the pleasure of seeing quite a few new faces on our brunch flights this winter.

Some of these new faces are familiar ones belonging to long-time members of WPA but relatively infrequent participants in the Saturday Fly-Outs, such as: Les Smith, Ted and Christiana Smith, Gene Vance; and our Chapter’s Immediate Past President Robert Hamilton.

A couple of those faces belong to new pilots as well as new WPA members: Tim Clancy, and Laith and Jeanne Barnhill.

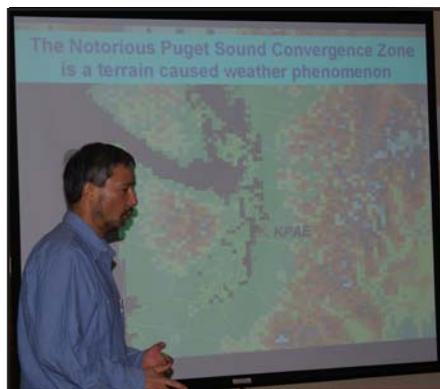
With the blessing of the winter weather gods we were able to visit BVS on Jan.20, HQM on Jan. 26, and ORS on Feb. 10. Not too shabby for this time of year, eh?

Saturday Morning Fly-Outs

We meet around 10 a.m. at Regal Air, Paine Field, nearly every Saturday morning. All are welcome - non-pilots and non-members of WPA or Paine Field Chapter. The fly-out is free, but please help your pilot with fuel costs. Consult our calendar or our Web site for special events: www.wpa-paine.org

Everyone Talks About the Weather But ...

All Photos by Robert Hamilton



Allen Kam explains the Convergence Zone.

By Robert Hamilton
WPA-PAE Past President

Weather was the topic of the day at the Feb. 2 Chapter dinner meeting.

Allen Kam, forecaster with the National Weather Service, first showed an incredible video about “wather gone wild in the Pacific Northwest.” The video featured tornadoes, floods and golf-ball sized hail, and proved that northwest weather is not just about rain.



Final Approach

Above, a view of Zeke’s Bayside Restaurant in Eastsound as seen from final approach to Runway 34. Below, Saturday Morning Fly-Out pilots make their final approach to the restaurant.



He also explained the Convergence Zone and why Paine Field has the busiest snow plow in the northwest.



Dinner with Friends
From left, Richard Newman, Greg and Lori Bell enjoy the delicious dinner at Sno-Isle Technical School.

Allen has been a meteorologist with the National Weather Service for 21 years, the last 15 in Seattle. He’s been a private pilot since 1983. His wife Liz also attended the dinner. She’s also a pilot but hasn’t flown since 1990.

Thank you Allen and Liz for joining us!

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General Meeting Dinner Reservations

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- Call the airport - 425-353-2110, ext 5
- Reply to the e-mailed meeting notice, or
- Call or send an e-mail to any of the Chapter officers.

If you want to attend just the meeting without dinner, the coffee is always hot.

For a complete list of upcoming events and the latest information go to www.wpa-paine.org

March

2nd - General Membership Meeting, Sno-Isle Tech The Flying Alaskan Dentist

3rd - Owner Maintenance Seminar

8th - Board Meeting

12th - Newsletter Ads & Articles Due

22nd - April Dinner Reservations Due

April

6th - Owner Maintenance Seminar

12th - Chapter Board & Planning Meeting

13th - General Membership Meeting, Speaker and Topic to be announced

13th Newsletter Ads & Articles Due

26th - May Dinner Reservations Due

May

4th - General Membership Meeting, Speaker and Topic to be announced

5th - Owner Maintenance Seminar

10th - Board Meeting

12th - Newsletter Ads & Articles Due

18th - June Dinner Reservations Due