

**Washington
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Association**



Paine Field Chapter

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May 2007



WPA Annual Meeting Schedule of Events Future of Flight, Paine Field May 12, 2007

Registration - 10:30am

Pilot Awareness Seminar Jim McDevitt - 11 a.m to Noon

Jim McDevitt is the United States Attorney for eastern Washington. Jim is a WPA member, owns a Cessna 185, and likes to fly fish. Over the past few years there has been substantial drug activity in the area where Jim has jurisdiction. Jim put together the presentation as a tool to make the pilot community aware of things that they need to be alert to as pilots and members of an airport community. The presentation is done along the lines of the AOPA "GA Aware" campaign..

Guest Speaker Mike Melvill - 1 to 2 p.m.

Mountain Flying and Flying to Alaska Medallion Foundation - 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.

The Safety and Education Seminar will be coordinated by new Director Jeff Renfrow. The mission of the Medallion Foundation is to reduce aviation accidents in Alaska by fostering a new safety culture and by promoting higher safety standards through research, education, auditing and advocacy

Annual Meeting and Elections - 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m. to ~

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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

Volunteers Needed For Annual Meeting

WPA needs you!

Volunteers are needed in many areas to help produce this event. If you would like to help out, and become a little more involved with WPA, contact JimSmithCFI@msn.com

Spring Brings Opportunities to Promote GA

By Dick Kinnier
Membership Chair

This note is not about renewal.

It's officially spring and there have even been a few good flying days, usually mid-week. I've also seen folks at the wash rack getting rid of winter grime. All of this is a way to say you're seeing more of your neighbors around the airport giving **YOU** the opportunity to be a sales rep for seeking **NEW** members or bringing lapsed members back into the fold.

Instead of extolling all the benefits of membership, which I've done a number of times, now might be a good time to think in reverse. To paraphrase a former president, "Ask not what WPA can do for you but what you can do for WPA."

GA is under the gun and the more friends we have the better.

If you become a member, you can participate in events like **GA Day** at Paine. Here's an opportunity to promote GA to a lot of non-flying neighbors.

You could contribute time and talent to the **Aviation Academy**. I guarantee parents whose youngsters have attended are now supporters of GA.

So, when you spot a neighbor, friend or acquaintance coming out of their hangar or approaching their tie-down and blinking at the newly discovered sunshine, talk to them about WPA and all its benefits and pleasures. Most importantly, talk about how being a member will provide them with an opportunity join the battle to save GA as we know it from the incursions of the administration with its outrageous tax proposals, deadly user fees and inappropriate land development on or around airports.

See you all at the field.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CASCADE FLYERS

Paine Field based Cascade Flying Club has a membership opportunity available.

Well-maintained hangered C172 and GNS430 equipped C182 with good availability.

www.cascadeflyers.com or 425-939-8505 for info

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1959 K3 Bonanza
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Seria Number D5831
Contact: Dick Wilkinson
Phone: 360-678-8841 (Home)

FOR SALE

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150 HP, 2500 TT 1500 SMOH,
Ferguson Tips with extended Wings, Vortex Generator,
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King KT76A Transponder
Contact: Jim Smith
Phone: 425-218-2150
E-Mail: JimSmithCFI@msn.com

PARTNERS WANTED

1964 Beech Baron BE-55A (twin)
1964 Comanche (single)
1964 C-172 (single)
Contact: Jim Smith
Phone: 425-218-2150
E-Mail: JimSmithCFI@msn.com

Paine Field Needs Photos

Paine Field airport staff are looking for high resolution digital photos of GA aircraft in the air and on the ground. Pictures with the airport in the background are especially desired. The pictures will be used in airport publications, presentations and programs. Please send photos to Dave Waggoner
dave.waggoner@co.snohomish.wa.us
or Nona Anderson
nona.anderson@co.snohomish.wa.us

Classified Ads are due on the same date as newsletter articles. See Calendar on Back Cover for dates.

Ads run for three months, unless renewed.

To renew an ad, send an e-mail to

newsletter@wpa-paine.org

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Committees & Activities

<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
<i>Legislation and AOPA Airport Watch</i>	Chip Davidson
<i>Skykomish Work Party</i>	Stephanie Allen
<i>Mukilteo Lighthouse Parade</i>	Russ Keyes
<i>PAE Community Council</i>	Dave Wheeler
<i>Promotions & Wings</i>	Rich & Margarite Hargrave
<i>Republic Camp-out</i>	Jim Faustina
<i>Safety and Education</i>	Susan Kennedy
<i>Saturday Fly-Outs</i>	
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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.

Chapter VP Combines Family and Flying

By Kenneth Stangland

WPA-PAE Chapter Member

Greg Bell, Paine Field Chapter Vice President, loves to share his passion for flight. Whether it's a short hop to the San Juan Islands with non-pilot friends, or an anniversary trip with his wife, Lori, he likes using an airplane.

Add a tent, some sun, and the Bell family, have a perfect vacation. Greg and Lori have two children, Matthew, and 15-year-old Julianne.

Greg especially enjoyed a trip last Father's Day to the Northwest Gathering of Warbirds in Olympia. He brought along his 86-year-old father, Robert, and 13-year-old son, Matthew.

Greg said he was extra cautious that flight because he didn't want the newspaper headlines to read, "Three Generations Lost in Cessna Crash!"

Greg got his Private Pilot's license in June, 2001. An instrument rating followed a year later. He has time in Northway Aviation's glass panel Cessna 182, but has more recently been flying a very pretty Diamond DA40.



Chapter VP & Family

Above, Greg Bell and his father, Robert, after a flight on Father's Day 2006. Below, Greg with his children, Matthew and Julianne. Greg flies a Diamond DA40.



When not flying, talking about flying, or bicycling (he recently rode the 33-mile Chilly Hilly and has done the one day, 204-mile Seattle to Portland Ride), Greg works as a System Performance Engineer at Verizon Wireless. It is his job to improve wireless connections and minimize dropped calls.

It is probably not surprising that he is also interested in amateur radio (callsign NA7P), and has made contact with ham radio operators in nearly every country in the world.

Greg also enjoys photography, and BK (before kids), scuba dived. A couple of years ago he did a tandem jump from 12,000 feet. What was he thinking?

Greg sees the Paine Field Chapter as a fun, active group, and wants to get even more pilots involved. Introducing non-pilots to aviation is also very important. The magic of general aviation must be passed to the next generation.

He practices what he preaches. Just two years ago Greg was profiled on these pages as a "newbie." Now he is Chapter Vice President.

President's Message

May Days! Not a Call for Help But Many Activities

By Kevin T. Kelly

WPA-PAE Chapter President

No, the title of this article is not a call for help (though help is always appreciated), but rather to call attention to the great aviation activities that our chapter will be involved in during the month of May.

Aviation Academy

Aviation Academy, which begins April 23 and runs through May 1, is a course that is designed to introduce young adults to the world of aviation.

We have 32 students signed up this year to learn topics such as aviation history, theory of flight, weather, charts and navigation, air traffic control, engine construction, and career opportunities. The course also includes a tour of the Paine Field facilities, a tour of the Future of Flight Aviation Center, and a graduation flight. The future pilots, mechanics, and friends of General Aviation start right here at Paine Field.

WPA Annual Meeting

New this year is our state organization's first annual meeting away from the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show in several years.

The Future of Flight Aviation Center will be the venue for seminars and gatherings, annual state organization officer elections, and a special visit from SpaceShipOne pilot and civilian astronaut Mike Melvill. The latest information and event schedule is posted at www.wpaflys.org

General Aviation Day

It just wouldn't be May without our official launch into the summer flying season: General Aviation Day & The Taste of Mukilteo.

Jim & Marilyn Fries have taken on the daunting task of organizing this year's event. They, along with the other volunteers, are doing an excellent job of assembling great attractions and activities for our visitors.

This annual event gets larger each year, and is an important means of educating and involving the public in what the airport and General Aviation are all about. Please be sure to come out on May 19th to enjoy the activities and lend a hand.

Monthly Meeting

With all of this going on, we can't forget our monthly meeting on May 4.

We will have the unique opportunity to view a World War II era U.S. Navy training video on the preflight procedures of a Stearman biplane.

Saturday Fly Outs

As the weather improves in the coming weeks, enjoy the time aloft and remember to share the joy of flight whenever you can.

Happy Flying!

GA Day

Volunteers are needed to help with every aspect of GA Day from staffing the Chapter's booth to setting up chairs to being part of our static plane exhibit

**Contact
Jim and Marilyn Fries
GA Day Chairs**

Popular Fly-Out Returns

By Dave and Kelly Van Horn
Fly-Out Chairs

What: HIO/Portland Fly-Out

When: Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 17,

The last time we did this fly-out was two years ago in 2005 so we're hoping that there will be some newcomers who would like to join us this time around. Of course, all of those who came two years ago are welcome as well. We had a lot of fun!

The plan goes like this:

- ✓ Attendees are welcome to fly down on either Friday or Saturday
- ✓ We fly into the Portland – Hillsboro Airport (HIO) in Hillsboro, Oregon

- ✓ From there, it's a short walk to the Max Station where we get aboard the light rail and head into downtown Portland
- ✓ After disembarking, we check into our reserved hotel rooms, refresh up and
- ✓ Head off together to see the sites and get a taste of Portland

The schedule is flexible. You may choose to fly down for a day trip on Saturday and join up with us or you may come down on Friday or Saturday and fly back whenever you prefer. Sunday is Father's Day so any of you who need to get back can plan accordingly.

Details are available by contacting either Dave or Kelly Van Horn at 425-820-7279.

If you'd rather, you may email us at
dave@vanhorn.com
kelly@vanhorn.com

Free Membership

Paine Field Chapter members willing to produce and present their stories will receive free organization membership for the following year!

General Meeting Dinner Reservations

Dinner reservations are due the Friday before the meeting.

To make reservations:

- 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.

Free Dinner Winner

Marcia Smith was the April winner of a future Chapter meeting dinner. Her ticket was drawn from those who made dinner reservations on or before the Friday before the dinner meeting.

WPA May Dinner

2 Presentations for the Price of One!

1) Direct from the City of Skykomish, we will hear a short update on the city's plans for the sewer treatment facility adjacent to the airport.

2) Visualize Radar O'Reilly making this announcement about our second presentation: **Pre-fighting the Stearman Cadet!**

We'll watch an official US Government training film on **Primary Flight Training, Before you Fly.**

Published by the US Navy so you know it's reliable, this 30-minute film will show you the importance of never skipping these important safety procedures.

You will never approach a pre-flight the same after seeing this film.

Remember, when you need your parachute, you need it bad!



Challenge Air to Hold 'Fly Day' in June

Challenge Air for Kids & Friends, a Texas-based children's non-profit organization, is recruiting sponsors, volunteers, pilots, and physically-challenged children for its first ever "Fly Day" event to be held Saturday, June 30, at Paine Field, hosted by Skycorp.

Highlights of the day include: an educational ground school, a 30-minute flight over Seattle, face painting, clowns, cool static aircraft, lunch, service animals, and much more!

To register as a day-of volunteer, volunteer pilot, or as a participant (free for all children with disabilities), log on to

www.challengeair.org

For sponsorship information, contact Lonna Gibson at (818) 897-0898 or e-mail lonna@challengeair.org

Challenge Air for Kids & Friends offers motivational, inspirational, and life-changing experiences to physically-challenged children and youth through aviation.

[Reprinted from promotional flier]

Chapter Events

GA Day

May 19, 2007

**Skykomish Airport Clean Up
June 2**

**Jackpot Fly Out
June 22-24**

**Hillsboro-Portland Fly Out
June 15-17**

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

**Hangar Party
Sept. 7**

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

Like to Party?

A Party Planner for the Chapter's Christmas Party is needed

For more info, contact
Kevin Kelly, Chapter President
425-353-7810
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Chapter Members Enjoy Restoration Center Tour



At left, chapter members began the evening by enjoying each other and the hot chicken salad dinner. Center left, Sheree Van Berg describes the Comet's restoration progress. Center right, chapter members wait for their turn to board the Comet. Bottom left, the cockpit of the deHavilland Comet being restored. Bottom right, the Restoration Center's resident mouser inspected chapter members as they toured the center.



Photos by Kevin Kelly



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

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May

- 4th - General Meeting
City of Skykomish:
Airport Update &
U.S.N. Training Film*
- 10th - Board Meeting*
- 12th - Newsletter Ads &
Articles Due*
- 19th - GA Day*
- 25th - June Dinner
Reservations Due*

June

- 1st - General Meeting
Speaker and Topic
to be Announced*
- 2nd Skykomish Airport Clean
Up*
- 7th - Board Meeting*
- 11th - Newsletter Ads &
Articles Due*
- 29th - July Dinner
Reservations Due*

July

- 6th - General Meeting
Speaker and Topic
to be Announced*
- 12th Chapter Board &
Planning Meeting*
- 15th Newsletter Ads &
Articles Due*
- 27th - August Dinner
Reservations Due*