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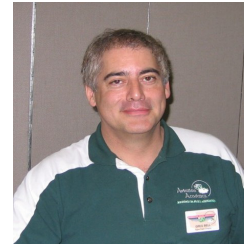
**Dinner Reservations
due date Feb 29th
RSVP @
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**Have you paid your
Membership Dues?
Grace period ends on Feb
29th
Make payment at
www.wpafllys.org
Benefits, including fuel
discounts, end Feb 29th
unless 2008 dues are
current**

**Next Newsletter deadline:
March 17th
newsletter@wpa-paine.org
submission specs available on
our web site**

President's Message Chapter Goals and Plans

by Greg Bell



During our most recent chapter board meeting we discussed a lot of new ideas pertaining to recruitment. Even though we are the largest chapter in the state, I think we all agree that we need to attract and recruit new members, especially the latest generation of pilots and aviation enthusiasts.

Something I suggested and that I want to help create is a multimedia presentation that we could use in a number of different ways. It would have to be eye-catching and promotional. I want it to explain what General Aviation is, how the WPA relates to it, how much fun it is to be a pilot, how to become one, the benefits of membership, why they should get involved, etc. I want it to simultaneously bring out a person's latent interest in aviation and get them to understand if it becomes their passion that they need to join us to help protect and preserve the causes of GA. This presentation could be included on our website. It could also be put on CD's and passed out to prospective members. We could play it continuously at our WPA booth during major events like GA Day and such. We could leave stacks of CD's at FBO's along with our membership materials. If you have any good stills or video clips that we could include in it, or any other good ideas, please let me know.

Once we get new members we need to keep them. We need to make them feel welcome and involved. I am proposing a list of mentors and points of contact for people just starting out in aviation or who are getting back into it after a period of inactivity. It would name people within our chapter that own specific models of planes or that are experts at certain types of flying that would be open to interacting with our new members and giving them advice and guidance.

I am going to work with our new webmaster, Mitch, to put some surveys on our website. We would like to see how you all feel about potential changes in the way we do things. Things like the possibility of automatic renewal of your membership now that we can renew on-line via the state website. We spoke of perhaps adding a 2nd informal monthly meeting in addition to the general meeting, such as a lunch gathering at a local restaurant. It would be a purely social event with no program or structure. A big part of our existence is the social aspect of being around others with a common bond. So look for that in the future and cast your vote with the click of a mouse. After all this is an election year so why not be democratic?

March 7th Program Washington State Patrol Aviation Division

Presenter: Sergeant Jim Nobach

Photo by: Airport Journals Photographer Terry Stephens

The Aviation Section provides aerial traffic enforcement, traffic congestion management, and other aerial law enforcement services in support of the Patrol's public safety mission. They utilize five Cessna fixed wing aircraft to perform public safety missions, including two C206 equipped with gyro-stabilized Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) cameras. The C206 FLIR aircraft, with zoom cameras, thermal imagers, digital recorders, and microwave downlink capabilities proved an effective tool to locate and apprehend aggressive drivers, reduce collisions, reduce traffic congestion, enhance response to hazardous material incidents on state highways, reduce vulnerability to terrorism, and enhance emergency response and recovery from attacks that do occur. Pilots in the Aviation Section assist troopers in detecting traffic violations from the air as well as providing assistance to agency staff and local jurisdictions with drug enforcement, aerial surveillance, and transporting donor organs and blood supplies in medical emergencies.



Have you paid your 2008 Dues?

If the answer is No, this is the last chapter newsletter your will receive. Your fuel discounts will end. No more WINGS newsletter from the State WPA.

Is it too late to renew. NO! Go online to our state website [www. WPAFlys.org](http://www.WPAFlys.org) and renew.

Membership *by Dick Kinnier*

We've talked about this frequently over a period time reviewing both tangibles and intangibles. As a brief reminder, you get a chance to participate in outreach through the Aviation Academy, GA Day – a wonderful opportunity to educate neighboring communities about the benefits of the airport. You're also a part of great social programs, monthly dinner meetings, annual hangar party, Christmas party, and movie night. Perhaps, the most tangible benefit is the fuel discount offered to Paine members by Everett Jet Center.

But there is another side to this coin. We all appreciate the joys and benefits of the freedom of flight, but what are you doing to maintain and defend the system that we have. President Bush's 2009 budget AGAIN calls for user fees. How can your voice be added to support GA advocacy??

When an airport is threatened by development, **who will help defend it if not you?**

When actions that threaten GA are proposed by state, county or town officials, **who will help defend it if not you???**

I urge everyone to read John Dobson's President's Message in WINGS this month. If you don't have a copy, you can find it by going to the state web site www.wpaflys.org. Rather than paraphrase John's message I ask you to read it and think about the four areas of focus for all of us in WPA – ADVOCACY, OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. If you and I as members of WPA don't pursue these activities, **who will??**

Since the heading says membership, I guess I'd better say something about it. By the time you read this, our grace period for 2007 members will have ended. If you didn't get around to renewing for 2008, I promise I'll make this the last time I'll ask you, but aren't you going to miss your newsletters, monthly meetings, great programs, and your fuel discount?? I guess you'll just make your flying a spectator sport instead of a participating one.

1) Advocacy 2) Outreach 3) Education and 4) Social Activities . . . that is how we advance the interests of General Aviation in Washington State. And we, the Washington Pilots Association (WPA) are you . . . volunteer neighbors, GA pilots, airline pilots, business owners, mechanics . . . anyone and everyone who benefits personally or financially from our aviation transportation system.

Excerpt taken from the State WPA President's Message

April 4th Program: The DeHavilland Comet with Jim Goodall

Jim is the Restoration Manager for the de Havilland Comet Mk 4C.



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News Briefs

White House ‘doesn’t get it’ on FAA budget

“What part of ‘NO!’ doesn’t the White House understand?” asked AOPA President Phil Boyer after reviewing the administration’s proposed FAA budget for fiscal year 2009. “They just changed the dates and submitted essentially the same proposal as last year—a proposal soundly rejected by the general aviation community, the House, and the Senate.

“Once again, the Bush administration wants huge new taxes and user fees imposed on general aviation, and it wants to slash and burn the Airport Improvement Program (AIP),” said Boyer. “To think that GA or Congress is going to treat this proposal any differently than the last one is, frankly, crazy, and a waste of government resources in ideological posturing.”

Excerpt from WWW. AOPA.org, read more on their website

Long-Term Air Transportation Study (LATS). by John Dobson WPA State President

I was in attendance during the LATS Working session on February 7th at Boeing Field. In brief; this is about the integration of a system to strategically invest the public resources necessary to preserve future aviation capacity . . . WSDOT (was tasked with) assessing existing capacity and implementing a state aviation plan to determine long-term air transportation needs”.

During this five hour session I listened to a number of guest speakers and members of the public address the council. One such speaker, Mr. Dennis Roberts, FAA NW Regional Director talked about NEXT-GEN. He also said that GA uses 16% of the system while contributing only 2% of the funding. (On the side I gave him my business card and asked that he send me the data to support that statement . . . he said he would.) Another individual asked that the council stop talking about those small airports and address the need for more commercial passenger service. This is all part of the process that the council will go through. I suspect that our time will come to address the council to present our (GA) picture. There will also be numerous other opportunities for the council to reach out to the public for comments.

So here is your assignment. Every one of you who plans to be at the retreat (or not) needs to get a copy of LATS Phase I (Facility and Capacity Assessment) and Phase II (Forecasts and Capacity Assessment) and read them. You can get them on-line or call WSDOT. WHY? We are going to discuss the future of General Aviation in Washington State. This will be outside the box brainstorming. In the late 70’s the Snohomish County Council responding to public protests over the possible use of Commercial Passenger service at Paine Field created the Mediated Role Determination. That single document changed forever the future of that airport. It is why PAE is the largest GA Airport on the West Coast . . . and getting larger.

This retreat will be a look into the future from 30,000 feet. Think about the public’s misperception of GA and aviation in general. Why not a state sponsored training package for all public officials? What about adding teeth to the laws governing Essential Public Facilities? Why not require from the State to airport controlled municipalities a land use “noise and Safety” overlay? (Currently it is only recommended). How do we insulate airports from the local political forces? What about tax incentives for flight training schools? What about tax incentives for GA operators/owners to upgrade to WAAS or ADSB equipment . . . and purchase those upgrades locally? Truly, what would be necessary to strengthen GA into our future?

Update on Boeing Field Landing Fees

by John Dobson WPA State President

Boeing Field (BFI) is still working on the “adjustment” of Landing Fees. I say adjustment because they have been a part of their landscape for many years. At the roundtable last Monday we read through the first cut / proposed changes. The center piece is the waiver of all aircraft under 12,500 pounds. We stalled out when the subject of commercial operations began to focus on “flight schools”. Since they are a commercial operation (revenue flights) they too should pay a landing fee. OK, don’t panic, we all thought the same thing. So the legal folk are on a mission to try again on a rewrite. I may get a fresh copy sometime next week.

You should know that the target for completion of this change to King County Code is mid June. All parties are in basic agreement . . . it is just going to take some time. If you plan to fly to BFI in the meantime squawk 1200 and you won’t be charged.

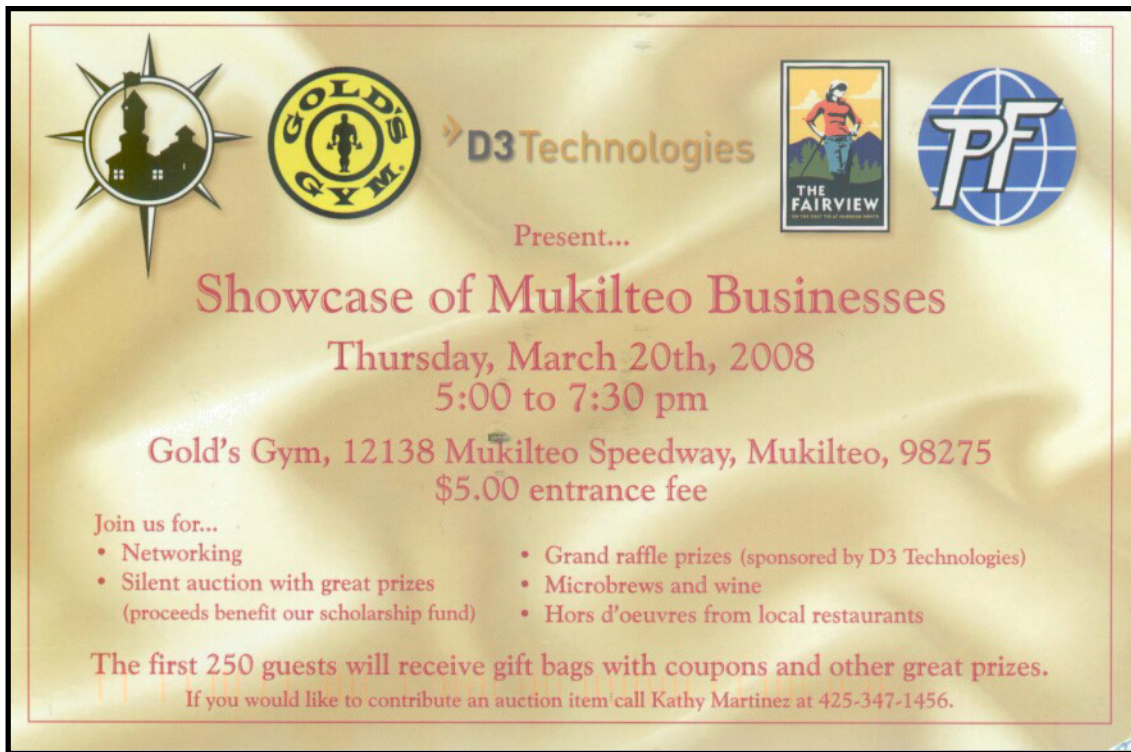
Your ASN Volunteer at Paine Field



Chip Davidson: PAE WPA Member and Past Chapter President What is an ASN (Airport Support Network) Volunteer?

Be a liaison to local pilots and/or local pilot groups to help educate them on AOPA’s airport advocacy efforts and resources Monitor and report to AOPA on city and county (sponsor) meetings and notify AOPA of pending problems that may arise.

- Notify AOPA of any questionable operational restrictions (curfews, noise abatement procedures).
- Deliver AOPA correspondence from FDK as may be needed.
- Promote AOPA Pilot Town Meetings and AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminars.
- Establish communication channel for AOPA with airport management, advisory committees/commissions, and FBOs on the field.
- Assist in direct/indirect promotion of local airport activity to enhance favorable image of airport (i.e., open houses, Airport Support groups, and more).
- Help educate local officials and community neighbors about the value of their airport.
- Provide local newspaper clips and media alerts on GA issues to AOPA Airport Support Network staff.
- Be model aviation citizens in their contacts and flying.



Present...

Showcase of Mukilteo Businesses

Thursday, March 20th, 2008
5:00 to 7:30 pm

Gold's Gym, 12138 Mukilteo Speedway, Mukilteo, 98275
\$5.00 entrance fee

Join us for...

- Networking
- Silent auction with great prizes (proceeds benefit our scholarship fund)
- Grand raffle prizes (sponsored by D3 Technologies)
- Microbrews and wine
- Hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants

The first 250 guests will receive gift bags with coupons and other great prizes.
If you would like to contribute an auction item call Kathy Martinez at 425-347-1456.

Volunteer Opportunities : contact bod@wpa-paine.org

Aviation Academy Director - The annual Aviation Academy session gives us the chance to share our love of aviation with youth ages 13-18, and possibly introduce tomorrow's pilots and aviation enthusiasts to a new world of career opportunities today. The Aviation Academy director is responsible for assembling volunteer instructors, compiling materials, and scheduling sessions for the four week course. Existing curriculum, volunteer instructors, organizations for the donation of educational materials, and the tremendous support of the Paine Field staff are all in place to make the job of the director very easy. A new director also has the chance to add his or her unique touches to the program if they so wish. There is always room to improve and grow the program! For information about the program and director responsibilities and resources, please contact Kevin Kelly at aviator2000@verizon.net or 425-418-3568.

Christmas Party Chairman: Like to party, then this is for you. Training and assistance will be provided.

Secretary.(this is an elected office that was not filled during 2008 elections and therefore is now an appointment) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Chapter to keep the minutes of all the meetings. The Secretary shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the Chapter, handle all correspondence, and is custodian of all documents and records, and shall keep a current list of all members.



General Aviation Day Co-Chair: To work with Chairmen Jim and Marilyn Fries (pictured) to obtain hands on training for running the event. The goal is to obtain the experience necessary to Chair the 2009 event.

Membership Co-Chair: Co-chair to work with current Chairman, Dick Kinnier, to learn hands on the duties of Membership Chairman. Dick has put in his Membership Chair retirement effective the end of 2008. Mission: Seek new members among the pilot community and those with an interest in General Aviation and work to retain existing membership. Job description: Provide new members with a link to the chapter by creating and sending useful New Member Packets. Provide name badges for member and spouse or significant other. Make personal contact with new members to encourage general meeting attendance and participation in other chapter activities. Work with chapter treasurer to identify lapsed and delinquent members.

Legislative Chairman: To work with State WPA Legislative Chairman on land use planning issues and technical issues regarding airspace and other issues effecting members at Paine Field.

Les Smith, Vice President Paine Field Chapter and the "Voice" for General Aviation Day

by Freddy Flyboy

>> How and when did you get interested in or into aviation?

My Dad had friends who flew and I got to ride along as a kid. When I was a teenager, an uncle got his certificate, and built from plans - an Osprey II. It wasn't until my late 30s that I had both the time AND the money to devote to getting my certificate.

>> What aircraft have you owned and if you own one now what model?

I bought into a partnership in late 2004. It's a Cardinal 177B - the fixed gear model. My original partner sold his share and my new partner recently joined our chapter.

>> What non-owned aircraft have you flown?

Just the typical assortment on the rental line. Mostly Skyhawks or the occasional Warrior or Archer.

>> Are you involved or have ever been involved as a volunteer in any other aviation related organization?

I'm on the Board of my Homeowner Association - and that can be a pretty flighty bunch. But no - WPA is the first. So Freddy - is this a good place to put in a plug for support for GA Day? I'm living proof that a total rookie can help make GA Day happen!

>> What inspires you about aviation?

I like the way Lindbergh put it when he said...

"Science, freedom, beauty, adventure: what more could you ask of life?"

>> Why are you a member of PAE WPA?

For the opportunity to associate with like-minded people. And for the opportunity to give a little back to aviation.

>> Anything else of interest would you would like to share?

Well, anytime the right seat is empty, I can come up with a spare headset. My plane or yours




What does your Vice President do?

In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the Office of the President. The Vice President shall act as parliamentarian at all Chapter Meetings.

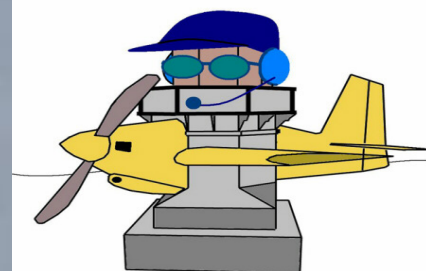
What does the "Voice" sound like?

Go to our web site www.wpa-paine.org. The click on Special Events. The click on "listen to our radio ad".



Next Safety Seminar @ EVCC
 March 8th 08:30 to 11:30 Propeller Maintenance
 Seminar schedule subject to change based on EVCC availability. Coffee and donuts always available

Mark your Calendars: May 17th General Aviation Day



Next Meeting
March 7th
Sno-Isle Vocational Skill Center
9001 Airport Road
Everett, WA 98201

Catered dinner (\$10 per person) at 7 P.M., Meeting at 7:45 P.M.,
Program at 8:00 P.M.

The Paine Flyer
Snohomish County Airport Paine Field
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- March 7th General Meeting
 Aircraft Operations & Special Equipment
 WSP Aviation Division
- March 8th Safety Seminar @ EVCC 8:30 am
- March 13th Board Meeting
- April 4th General Meeting
 The Comet Project, Jim Goodall
- May 17th General Aviation Day

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<p>Wanted: qualified people see page 4 for immediate openings</p>	<p>Last chance to buy a 1993 Nissan Maxima, we are going to trade it in soon. Contact Rich @ 425-750-8370 Sapphire Blue, cosmetic all good, charcoal fabric interior, power windows, sunroof, 5 speed, power locks, 145,000 miles, suggested retail price \$4300, trade in value \$2000. For \$1500 it is yours as is, needs 1 CV joint and a tune up.</p>
<p>WPA STORE</p> <p>Name Badges \$5.00 See our web page for a selection of logo shirts e-mail: store@wpa-paine.org</p>	<p>Wanted: IFR Pilot owner to buy in on 20% share in 1981 Mooney 231. New factory overhauled engine and turbo installed September 2007. Paint is 9/10. Interior 7/10. Avionics include full IFR panel with KNS81 and autopilot that will fly coupled approaches. Cruise 231 mph on 13 GPH! Range 1000 miles with IFR reserves. Plane is hangered at PAE in Everett, WA. Must have over 250 hours in complex singles and be IFR rated. Cost \$34,000 for 1/5 share. Contact Michael Moore : N97119@lsutigers.org or Angus Walker: angusw@rockisland.com</p>