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## Calendar of Chapter Events

August 4th Board Mtg  
August 6th Picnic  
September 8th Board Mtg  
Sept 9th Hangar Party @ PAE

**Saturday, Aug 6th  
Picnic @ Frontier**

**RSVP required  
see pg 4  
for instructions**

## President's Message *by Rich Jones*

### Skykomish Work Party

It was very gratifying to see 15 people show up at the Skykomish Airport work party on June 18. The weather was as nasty as we could expect in the middle of June but much was accomplished anyway. Many thanks to all of you who participated. I personally spent my time on fire pit maintenance and cutting down alders and other trees that are trying to encroach into the runway environment. Mother Nature is relentless in trying to take back the airport.

### Summer Party at Frontier

The RSVP was sent out recently for the WPA Summer Picnic at Frontier Airpark which is graciously being hosted by Gregg Orgega and Alix Frazier. I am personally looking forward to this event as it will be a great opportunity to socialize with our flying friends and catch up on what they have all been doing this summer. Make sure to get your RSVP in early in order to help Gregg and Alix with their planning for this event. (I just sent mine in today.)

### Formation Clinic in Bremerton

We had a great turnout at the B2OSH Formation Flying Clinic in Bremerton Washington. This is one of the formation flying clinics that qualifies Bonanza/Barron pilots to fly in the Bonanzas to Oshkosh mass arrival each year. Some pilots come just to refresh and/or advance their skills in the art. My primary reason participating is to give back to this community that has given me so much. I can vividly remember the advanced clinic that Jim Posner set up for a couple of us when he thought we were ready for more advanced training. Jim invited his friends from northern California to come and help. Three of them came up for a weekend and worked us really hard for two days. I finally learned the rejoin maneuver which is one of the most difficult things we have to learn in formation flying. When it was over, what did I owe? I had to pay for my own gas! Our formation flying community exists only because of the generous contributions of those already skilled in the art teaching those who are learning.

### Off to Oshkosh and AirVenture

Stephanie and I are flying both of our airplanes back to Oshkosh for AirVenture this year. This is a fairly rare event as we have only had both airplanes at AirVenture in 2007, 2008 and 2012. This might be the last time we show both airplanes in the EAA Vintage Aircraft "Returning Grand Champions" area. Preparations started months ago with cosmetic improvements on the Bonanza which is now 20 years past receiving the Grand Champion Contemporary Lindy trophy at AirVenture. As the Bonanza is aging it needs more attention to keep it looking good. We finally replaced the 14 year old tent we had been using since we were married at Oshkosh in 2002. So I got to spend some time outfitting the new tent with cloths lines and storm rigging in case of heavy weather. The Beech Boys will be fielding a flight of 8 ships to do a show at Rockford, Illinois this year the afternoon before we depart for Oshkosh. Needless to say it will be a privilege to fly with them. We have also been blessed with being assigned to fly in element #2 right behind the Szarek family on the flight to Oshkosh. I had the opportunity to take Carson Szarek on his first formation flight with his dad Chris coaching. Carson showed an incredible amount of natural talent and he earned his Formation Flying airshow card last fall. While I love being with the Bonanzas to Oshkosh group (and our brethren Cessna and Mooney groups) in the North 40 Stephanie and I will be also spending a fair bit of time in the Vintage Aircraft area with our airplanes. You never know when old acquaintances and/or new interesting people might stop by to talk about flying and airplanes. Once again I find myself looking forward to greeting old friends, making new friends and immersing myself fully in all things AirVenture.



**Summer Nights on the Strato Deck every Friday through  
September 2nd  
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$10 or \$5 for members  
Open to the public, all ages.



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**Return to Jackpot;  
6 aircraft and 14 members**

Photo of airport was taken from our room. We had a wonderful dinner at 36 Steak and Seafood Restaurant. The Meet and Greet was at the Horseshu Pool with abundant sunshine, after Thunderstorms passed.

*by Stephanie*



## B2Osh Clinic at Bremerton

136 aircraft are signed up for the B2Osh mass arrival into AirVenture  
If all make it, the current record for the largest formation of aircraft will be broken.

Photo by Brodie Winkler



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### An Open Letter to Cessnas2Oshkosh Pacific Northwest Formation Clinic Participants

Greetings,

It took three attempts, but we finally got it done. Between a use conflict driven location change, bad weather, and then a POTUS TFR, we eventually convened to all participate in one of the smoothest Cessnas2Oshkosh formation flying clinics that I have been involved in. Our first sortie started strong and it got better from there!

My thanks to my mentor Steve Wolf for showing me the ropes. And to all of you participants for being such a pleasure to work and fly with!

Of course I enjoy flying, but flying with others just makes it that much more enjoyable. And in a setting where more demanding attention, discipline, and skill is required, all of you made it a pleasure to part of the Washington C2O clinic.

Thank you. And for those that are going, see you in Oshkosh.

*Best regards,  
Frank Hummel*



**WPA  
SUMMER PICNIC  
Saturday August 6, 2016  
DOORS OPEN AT  
11:00 am**

**Location: Gregg Ortega's Hanger  
FRONTIERAIRPARK  
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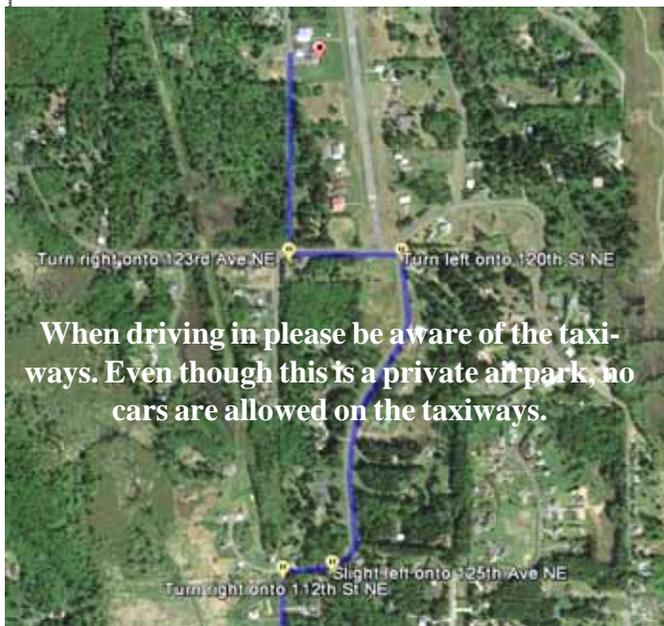
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**If you are flying in provide  
your N number and type of  
aircraft.**

**Let us know if you plan to  
camp.**

**Frontier Airpark is only a 1/2  
hour drive from PAE**

**Volunteers needed. Please indicate  
through the RSVP if you are willing  
to help**



**When driving in please be aware of the taxi-  
ways. Even though this is a private airpark, no  
cars are allowed on the taxiways.**



**Cash only  
for Drinks and Food  
No Host Pizza Dinner  
for campers**



**Over 30 cars are participating in  
the car show**



If you are looking for an opportunity to get involved with the chapter and make a significant contribution to the chapter, consider taking the position of legislative affairs chairman.



The job can be whatever you want to make it. At a minimum, we would want you to contact the WPA state legislative chair on a monthly basis to get the latest status of pending government actions that would affect general aviation and report back to the membership either in our general meetings or our newsletter. In the past, issues such as various taxes, potential airport closures, drones, towers and legislation around pilot medical requirements have been in the spot light. These issues are still going on and new issues will certainly come up and all pilots will need to stay informed to protect our privilege to fly. You can be the one in our chapter to keep us informed.

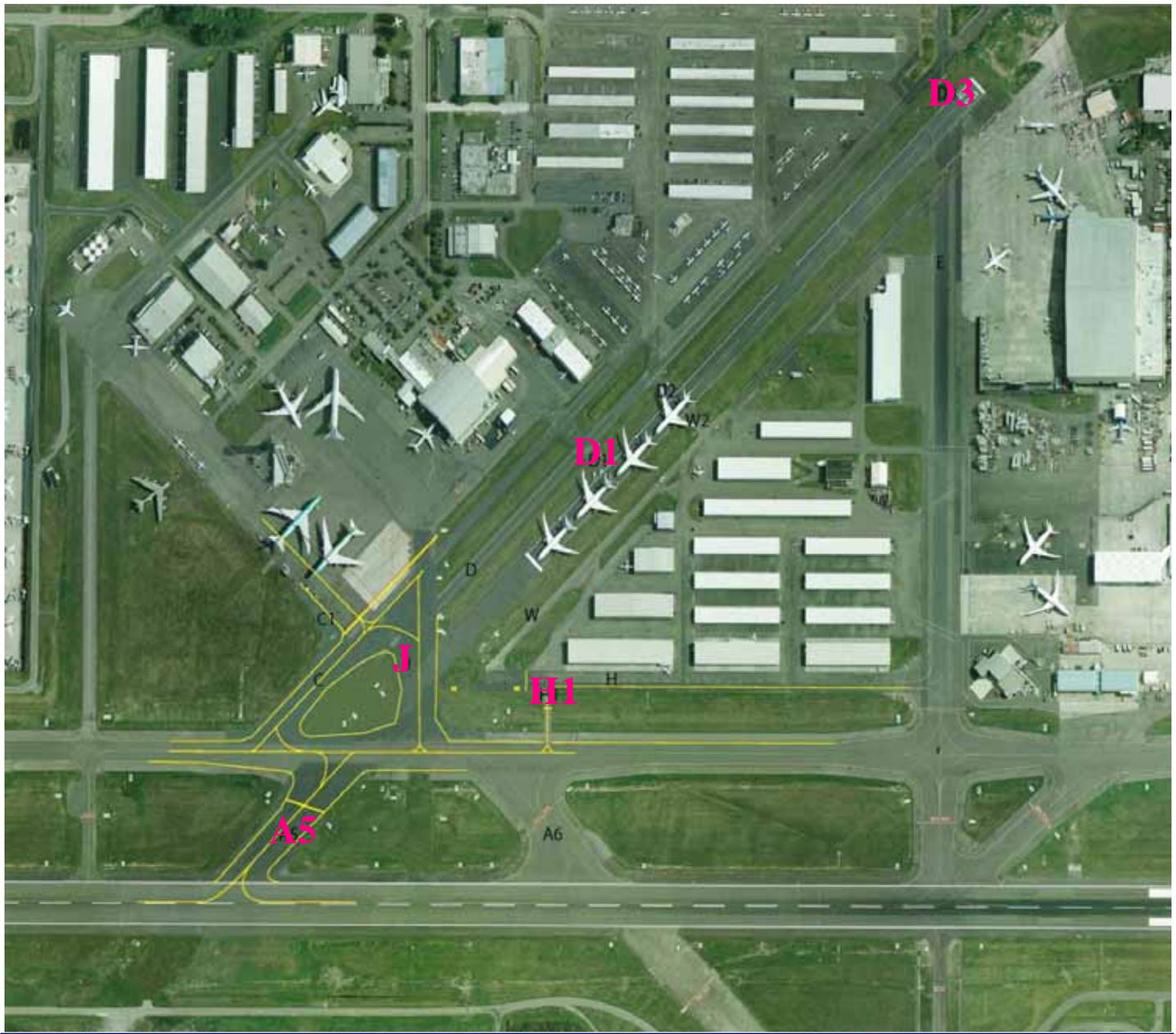
If you are interested, please contact me by email: [n174sw@gmail.com](mailto:n174sw@gmail.com)  
Steve Waterman.

**Airport Construction: update on the sea of asphalt**

Estimated completion date is the middle of August

New taxiway Juliet and new intersection Hotel 1

Location changes for intersections on Delta and intersection Alpha 5



## Paine Field Aviation Day Wrap Up

Paine Field Aviation Day, despite the weather, was a success. There is no better testament to that than this young man. Duncan is 11 years old and took a Young Eagle flight. But only after he was certain his Paine Field Aviation Day volunteering duties were taken care of!

Greetings Volunteers,

A wash out. That is exactly what I thought Saturday would be after checking the weather forecast yet one more time Friday night on the eve of Paine Field Aviation Day. A foreboding prediction of mist, showers, and rain with clouds down to ground level. The kind of conditions even ducks hide from.

The show will go on. Arriving in the morning before 7am and getting the volunteer check-in center operating was my first order of business. The next thing I knew it was after 7pm in the evening and I was driving home. Wow, what a good day. It seems PFAD has a drive and spirit all its own, regardless of the weather.

It was not long into the morning when three lines of volunteers formed leading out the door waiting to check in. About an hour prior to public opening at 10am I was over at FHC where main admissions is located. Needing to get into the FHC building to collect materials required excusing myself through an impressive crowd waiting for the gates to open. OK, things are looking up.

Sure it rained some. Planes sat idle for much longer than planned. Visitors were smaller in number, and volunteer no-shows kept us scrambling filing critical vacancies for most of the day. But in typical North West fashion, despite the weather, people seemed to be in a good mood. Visitors and volunteers alike. All day long.

More than just a little bit later than planned, flying machines took to the air. After the aerial demonstration flights Young Eagle flights began. Flights that were planned to begin four hours earlier. Despite this, in the short time span of only two hours and 15 minutes, 111 youth took flight, most for the first time. 14 Volunteer pilots made 41 Young Eagle flights.

Many PFAD volunteers have done so before, some for many years. Others volunteered for the first time. Although I have not yet run the numbers, we had more walk-up volunteers this year than in any other year I have been participating. And some of these new first time and walk-up volunteers went above and beyond with helping. Goodwill Youth Aviation Program volunteers came out in force, and did a remarkable job even considering this was their first year participating.

As a volunteer coordinator one of the greatest challenges is providing staffing assignments that are suitable and interesting to all volunteers. A challenge that reached new heights yesterday with all the pop up needs to fill vacant positions. Reassigning volunteers, changing shift times, extending shift times, moving a volunteer into a position they did not bargain for, working a second, third, and in one case, a fourth position, was all a matter of due course for the day. Yet, and this still amazes me, not one complained. Not one said no. Instead all I heard was, "yes", "how can I help", "sure, whatever you need", etc. I am tempted to cite specific examples and name volunteers as illustrations of the numerous acts of kindness and generosity, but should I do so this would become a very long letter.



Once again, it is my since pleasure to work with all of you wonderful Paine Field Aviation Day Volunteers. Thank you for all you accomplished yesterday!

*Frank Hummel*  
2016 Paine Field Aviation Day Volunteer Coordinator

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Your website, <http://www.painefieldwpa.org/>

I have noticed that hardly anyone is looking at the website any more. It is somewhat expensive to keep it, so I pose the question, what would you like to do with it? I am still willing to continue on as the webmaster, but it should be more alive. Give me content and I'll make a page for it. Send updates and I'll include them.

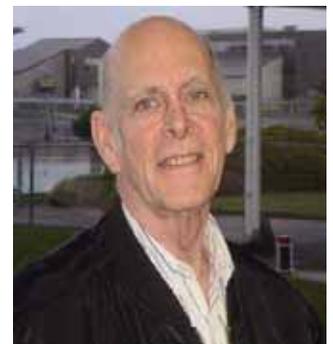
We have the page for a picture of you and your plane, so send me your pix and I'll publish them. Sent a write up about the plane.

<http://www.painefieldwpa.org/our-members-and-their-planes/>

Got a fun place to fly? Send it to me, we'll make a page for it.

Anything else? Send it. Let's liven up the place a bit.

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E-mail your reservation to [wpa.painedinner@hotmail.com](mailto:wpa.painedinner@hotmail.com)

Dinner/Lunch: August 6th Picnic at Frontier Airpark  
 September 9th Hangar Party at PAE  
 October 7th back at Le Bistro

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