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## President's Message *by Rich Jones*

### The Bonanzas to Oshkosh mass arrival at EAA AirVenture

This year marked my 29th AirVenture at Oshkosh. I had been considering "returning to my roots" in Classic Camping but for a variety of reasons we decided to participate in the Bonanzas to Oshkosh mass arrival again this year. We had a record number 149 aircraft participating and as usual Larry Gaines organization and planning was outstanding. Larry even sent out a survey aircraft to check the weather along the route just before the scheduled departure time. Unforeseen circumstances caused Rockford Tower to delay our departure after we had 149 aircraft lined up on the runway in rows of three. Now 30 minutes late we took off in elements of three with 15 second intervals. The normally smooth flight suddenly became a fiasco when Oshkosh Tower announced IFR conditions when Bonanza Lead was just 10 miles short of landing. So now our 149 airplane flight suddenly had to land somewhere else..... Bonanza Lead advised our intentions and Oshkosh Tower informed ATC at Fond de Lac 13 miles southeast of Oshkosh to expect a flight of 149 aircraft.



Every 12 airplanes in our flight is led by a very experienced "Row Leader". Our Row Leader decided that the Fond de Lac traffic was getting too congested ahead of us so he pulled us all out of the flight and led us south to Dodge County Airport where the Cessna's to Oshkosh had gathered for their mass arrival. Altogether 25 of the 149 aircraft joined us at Dodge County. Thanks to our leadership's organization we had a group text message system set up so that within a few minutes Larry Gains knew that all 149 aircraft were safely on the ground and where they were. The silver lining in this black cloud is that we ended up visiting our friends in the Cessna's to Oshkosh group. A new batch of pizzas were ordered to replace those that were to be waiting for us at Oshkosh. Our row leader developed a new plan with Oshkosh Tower to follow the Cessna's to Oshkosh when they launched. (Stephanie's comment was: Well I finally got to do Cessna's to Oshkosh, we just did it in the wrong airplane!) All but a few of the 149 aircraft in the flight made it safely to Oshkosh. Several aircraft landed at a private airport and rented a car and drove the last 30 miles to Oshkosh.

I suspect that next year there will be yet another contingency added to the Bonanzas to Oshkosh mass arrival planning. We had a practiced contingency plan for landing on runway 27 rather than our preferred runway 36 but we did not have a good plan for not being able to land at Oshkosh at all. Due to careful examination of the weather prior to departure, in 29 years the flight has never launched and then not been able to land at Oshkosh. Even with a detailed look at the weather between Rockford and Oshkosh we still got surprised by Mother Nature. Our safe arrival on the ground after the fiasco started says a lot about the Bonanzas to Oshkosh leadership and discipline of all the pilots involved.

**September 7th  
Hangar Party  
RSVP for \$20  
dinner by Sept 2nd  
E-mail  
[wpa.painedinner@gmail.com](mailto:wpa.painedinner@gmail.com)**

See page 5 for location  
Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

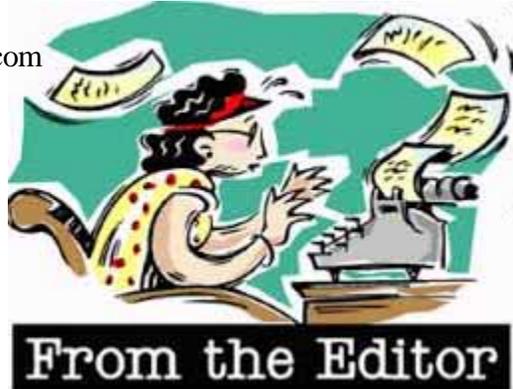


**Please step up and take on this editorial position! It is time to retire as your newsletter editor.**

I have only received one e-mail from an individual considering taking on this task, but has not yet committed. If anyone has publishing experience, this is a good venture for you.

**My last publication will be the December 2018 newsletter.** So the new editor starts in December for the January 2019 edition.

Thank you to all who have contributed, Sincerely,  
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**Subject: Self Serve Fuel**

Importance: High

Good Afternoon Paine Field Tenants,

Unfortunately our pumps have been down for some time now and I'm sure a lot of you have been wondering when the central ramp self-serve fuel pumps will be operational again. I know this has been frustrating for a lot of folks and I sympathize. The nature of the problem is not an easy fix, however there is good news. An above ground tank is to be installed and open for business if all goes well, in the next month or two.

Also many of you may or may not be aware that Paine Field offers a self-fueler course (editor's note: this is for pilots bringing fuel onto the field) that all tenants are able to do in order to self-fuel. Anyone intending to self-fuel will need to fill out the application and go through the Paine Field training in order to be an approved self-fueler. You are expected to be fully in compliance with the self-fueling policy and to exercise good judgement at all times. Individuals failing to comply with these rules and regulations will be subject to fines and/or restrictions. Intentional disregard or multiple offenses involving non-compliance will result in loss of self-fueling privileges and may result in the loss of access to Paine Field Airport. If you'd like more information or to fill out the application please contact Debbie Fillerup at ([debbie.fillerup@snoco.org](mailto:debbie.fillerup@snoco.org)).

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Thanks to the efforts of the Paine Chapter of the WPA... we have once again had a successful year of the Aviation Academy!

This year, the Academy leadership was handed over from Kevin Kelly... which we Thank for many years of service in support of introducing literally hundreds of kids to the world of aviation and what it has to offer. The new Director as of this year is Jeff Phillips, who has very large shoes to fill.

For those who don't know details about the Aviation Academy, it runs once per year for a 4 week session that ends in conjunction with Paine Field's Aviation Day. The classes meet twice per week for evening classroom sessions to learn about aviation related careers and just some fun times with airplanes. The kids (ages 13-18) get to learn about the forces of flight, aeronautical engineering, how airports and aviation enhance the community, aviation weather information, airplane props and engines, aeronautical charts, how to plan cross country flights, and they even get presentations on careers in aviation. There are also tours of the museums (Museum of Flight restoration center, Flying Heritage Foundation, Boeing factory tour/Future of Flight) and a full tour of the Paine Field facility. The final day that coincides with the PFAD, the kids all get to fly 'front seat' with the EAA Young Eagles flights.

The whole class went well and all the kids and their parents were all very thankful for the class and many of the students are fully engage with aviation and will continue with aviation careers. The class is successful due to the gracious volunteers that give their time with presentations.. and we would like to send a huge Thanks to the following people for their participation: Austin Wood, John Marzulli, Bernardo Malfitano (Boeing), Jeanette Elkins (KPAE ATC), Allen Kam (NOAA, retired), Kevin Miller (US Navy, retired), Christi Otness (Harvey Airfield), and Greg Bell. The also thank the whole staff of the Paine Field office, including Director Arif Ghouse for their support and coordination. A special thank you to all of the museums previously listed, and also to Simulation Flight, Chinook Flight, and Snohomish Flying Service for donations of simulator time and discovery flights for the students.

We plan to host another Aviation Academy session next year in April/May of 2019, so if you know any young aviators or those that you would like to extend the oppportunity to... please visit the WPA website with the Academy information at <https://wpaflys.org/aviation-academy/>

Please help share our love of aviation and the passion for airplanes with the youth of today and get them involved with the Aviation Academy!!

*Happy Flying!!*

*Jeff Phillips*



## The Diessner's Summer Vacation

The highlight of the Diessner's summer vacation, and 2nd annual Oshkosh cross country flying adventure wasn't merely arriving in Juneau in time to participate in the C2O mass arrival, although that was really exciting, as was making many new friends while enjoying the comradery of 87 other Cessna pilots and their travel companions who participated this year. They also enjoyed visits with friends in Clayton GA on the way to Oshkosh, and seeing family in Colorado and Montana on the return trip. But the highlight of all highlights was LeAnn having the first winning Raffle ticket at C2O's fantastic Bbq dinner at Oshkosh. Thanks to a most generous sponsor, Aspen Avionics donating their top of the line Evolution 1000 Pro Max PFD as raffle prize, the Diessner's 1976 Cardinal will soon be getting a panel upgrade.

*by LeAnn Diessner*



## September 7th @ 6:30 PM, Hangar Party and General Meeting at the North Corporate Hangars

(100th St and Airport Road entrance then turn right at the Lear Jet)



Fresh Fruit  
potato salad  
Corn bread  
sweet corn off the cob  
baked beans  
BBQ chicken breasts  
complimentary libations



### Safety and Education – *George Futas CFI*

Fall will soon be upon us, and this sunshine (and smoke) will diminish. It's time to think about weather, and our decisions about when to fly, when not to fly, and what skills we need to enhance.

Starting in October, at 7PM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month until May our WPA chapter will host a 60-90 minute safety and educational forum on both IFR and VFR subjects. This is not a dull lecture. A practical subject/scenario will be presented each time by experienced CFI's for discussion.

Forum participants are encouraged to share their questions, views, and experiences. This but an opportunity to learn from each other in a small group, with guidance from some very experienced pilots.

Reservations will be encouraged, as facility seating is limited to 24 persons.

FAA Wings credits will be given to registrants for some of the forums.

Mark the dates on your calendar. The forums are held at Simulation Flight's facility (across the street from the Future of Flight and Holiday Inn at Paine Field).

Check out the location address and map at [www.simulationflight.com](http://www.simulationflight.com).



### Photos of the Walla Walla Fly-out with Wine with Wings



### Photos of the Togs Party Fly-out



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As many followers of HFF know, I was the pilot of a beautifully restored DH 89 Dragon Rapide that crashed shortly after takeoff last Saturday at Abbotsford. The best news is the passengers are home and will be whole again. I was critically injured and required two surgeries, but less than four days later, the doctors at Royal Columbian (BC's trauma hospital) sent me home. From my present perch, I have resumed general ruckus-making via e-mail.

Regarding flying commitments and events for the remainder of the season, HFF will finish strong where it can and modify or substitute where necessary. The web site and Facebook will be the best sources of information. Looking longer term, we will spend the fall and winter presenting some of the best aviation programs available, constructing a second facility at Spokane's Felts Field, and preparing to pathfind in 2019, the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the 70th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift.

I will focus on healing and a love/hate relationship with a physical therapist. The rules allow me to fly again after I demonstrate pilot skills with a prosthetic lower left leg. Pistorius gave blade runners a bad name. I'm motivated to turn that around.

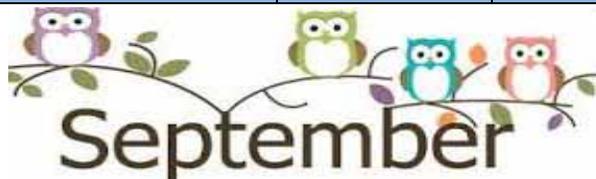
When you need a good read, pick up one of the biographies of WWII RAF ace Douglas Bader.

Thank you for many expressions of concern. HFF attracts a lovely group. I will see some of you this Saturday at Challenge A

## *John Sessions*



| Calendar 2018 | Program                           | Where                   | Who is doing it | Confirmed? |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Sept 6, 2018  | September Board Meeting           | Bob's Burgers and Brew  |                 | yes        |
| Sept 7, 2018  | Hanger Party                      | North Corporate Hangars |                 | yes        |
| Oct 4, 2018   | October Board Meeting             | Northway                |                 |            |
| Oct 5, 2018   | Flying Heritage and Combat Museum | Le Bistro               |                 |            |
| Nov 1, 2018   | November Board Meeting            | Northway                |                 |            |
| Nov 2, 2018   | Year in Review                    | Le Bistro               |                 |            |
| Dec 6, 2018   | Dec Board Meeting                 | Northway                |                 |            |
| Dec 7, 2018   | Christmas Party & Silent Auction  | Flying Heritage         |                 | yes        |
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