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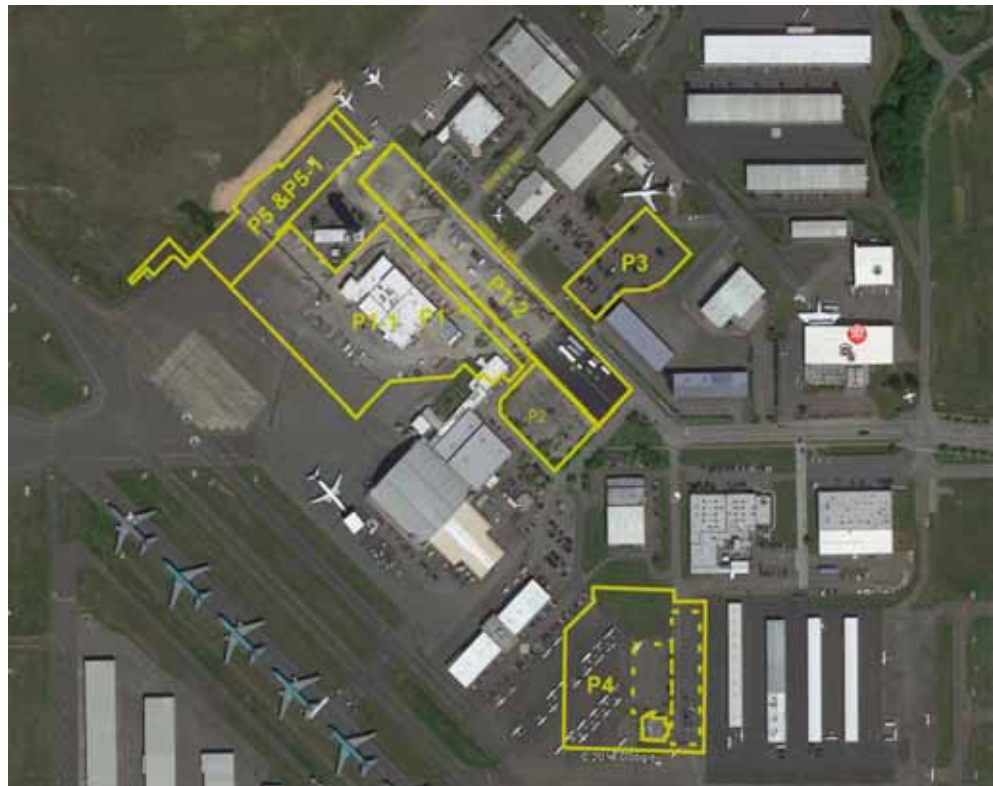
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President's Message *by Rich Jones*

Your assistance is urgently requested... Details below
One of our members alerted me regarding Snohomish County Council MOTION NO. 18-313 that would approve a 30 year lease of land to Propeller Airports on Paine Field for the purpose of motor vehicle parking. This is actually a revision to Propeller Airports current land lease with Paine Field. The need for this motor vehicle parking space is driven by the arrival of Commercial Air Service at Paine Field. Additional parking space is being requested due to a revision in the estimated number of flights per day from 12 to 24. The FAA revised impact study indicated that Propeller Airports will need more parking space in order to support these additional flights. (See Snohomish County document for details: http://snohomish.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=3999&meta_id=420341)



The total area of the proposed revised land lease to Propeller Airports is depicted in the diagram below (See outlined areas in yellow.)



The area of concern to our general aviation community is the loss of ramp space the area designated as P4. This action would eliminate approximately 25 general aviation aircraft tie downs and convert the space to motor vehicle parking for the next 30 years. It also means demolition of the old Jet Deck building which has become more of a liability than an asset to the airport. Many of us who used to meet at the Jet Deck after a day of flying or working on our airplanes miss the Jet Deck but sadly it's time has passed but we would still like to see a restaurant somewhere on Paine Field again.

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Nov 2nd Dinner
RSVP for \$15
dinner by Oct 29th
E-mail
wpa.painedinner@gmail.com

Sno Isle Le Bistro
9001 Airport Road
Everett, WA 98208
Doors open at 6:30 P.M.



**November 2nd Program:
A Year in Review.
and Elections of 2019
Officers**



Officers: Paine-BOD@WPAfllys.org

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**September 29th Fly-out to
Tacoma Narrows
*photos by John Peck***

The Hub in Gig Harbor features a warm and friendly atmosphere for families and visitors alike! Located on the tarmac/runway of the Tacoma Narrows airport, we offer unparalleled views of a working airport

George Futas, CFII

When you look at airport METAR's and on-line graphic media, remember that information is valid only from the Airport weather reporting station. Once away from that airport it is your responsibility to avoid the terrain if flying VFR, and to follow the flight plan and ATC instructions if flying IFR.

MVFR means high risk for VFR flight if the pilot isn't absolutely sure of the terrain enroute and has a plan to minimize risk if the weather becomes worse while in flight. There are too many NTSB incident reports of crashes while pilots were flying in MVFR conditions in our area.

METAR weather reports are valid only for the immediate proximity of the airport.

- METAR reports are normally updated 5 minutes before the hour.
- **METAR cloud reports:** The vertical (directly overhead) distance visibility to clouds from the AWOS location. To compensate for rapidly changing sky cover, the data is averaged and weighted during a 30-minute period.

Flight Category Reported at the Airport:

The color of the circle at airports pictured on websites and tablets (e.g. NWS, SkyVector, Foreflight, Garmin, etc.,) represents the *flight conditions reported at the airport*.

Flt Cat: ● VFR ● MVFR ● IFR ● LIFR

- **VFR (Green):** Ceiling 3000'+ AGL AND Visibility 5 Statute Miles
- **MVFR (Blue):** Ceiling 1000' to 3000' AGL and/or Visibility 3 to 5 Statute Miles
- **IFR (Red):** Ceiling 500' to 1000' AGL and/or Visibility 1 to 3 Statute Miles
- **LIFR (Magenta):** Ceiling 500' AGL or LOWER and/or Visibility 1 Statute Mile or LESS

Cloud Cover: The vertical reading at the airport where cloud (sky) cover represents the summation total of the sky condition element from the METAR report.

The official definitions of cloud cover are:

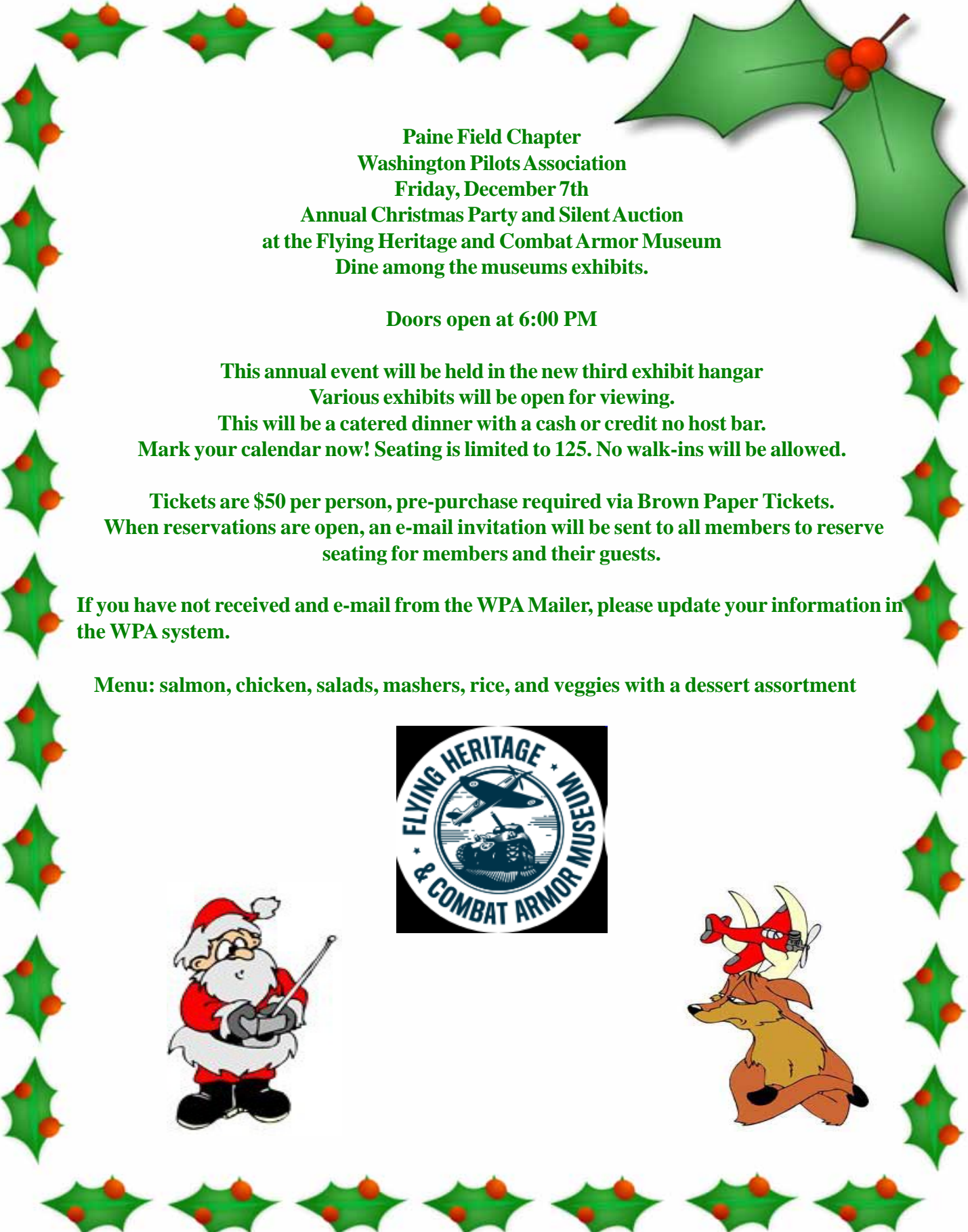
- **Few:** 1/8 to 1/4 sky covered
- **Scattered** 3/8 to 4/8 covered
- **Broken** 5/8 to 7/8 covered
- **Overcast** 8/8 covered



Ceiling is reported when cloud cover is measured as Broken or Overcast.

This leaves the interesting questions for VFR pilots:

- If MVFR, how sure are you conditions will not get worse.
- If Scattered is 4/8 cloud cover, how long does it take to become Broken, and what is your plan for a safe flight?



**Paine Field Chapter
Washington Pilots Association
Friday, December 7th
Annual Christmas Party and Silent Auction
at the Flying Heritage and Combat Armor Museum
Dine among the museums exhibits.**

Doors open at 6:00 PM

**This annual event will be held in the new third exhibit hangar
Various exhibits will be open for viewing.**

**This will be a catered dinner with a cash or credit no host bar.
Mark your calendar now! Seating is limited to 125. No walk-ins will be allowed.**

**Tickets are \$50 per person, pre-purchase required via Brown Paper Tickets.
When reservations are open, an e-mail invitation will be sent to all members to reserve
seating for members and their guests.**

**If you have not received an e-mail from the WPA Mailer, please update your information in
the WPA system.**

Menu: salmon, chicken, salads, mashers, rice, and veggies with a dessert assortment



The Silent Auction



Silent Auction to be held at Annual Chapter Christmas Party on Friday December 7th at the FLYing Heritage and Combat Armor Museum

**Looking for donations.
This is a request for members
to obtain donations for our Silent Auction.
New items or gift certificates.**

**The Silent Auction raises funds for the WPA Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund.
This is a 501-C(3) corporation.**

**Items do not need to be aviation specific. New items only.
Have a business you want to advertise, this is an opportunity to do so through your donation.
Know of a business that may want to donate?
Donations may be tax deductible. Donors will be provided a formal receipt.**

Contact PaineWPAEvents@gmail.com to obtain a registration form for donations.

The Donation Form has been posted on our FaceBook page.

Call for Nominations of Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2019 Director



Send e-mails to paine-secretary@wpaflys.org with your nomination. Elections and an open call for nominations will be held at the November General Meeting.

Section 1 – President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Chapter and shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. He shall, with the assistance of the outgoing President, submit a report of the operations of his Chapter for the fiscal year to the State President of the Washington Pilots Association at their first regular meeting each year. He shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees of the Chapter, sign all official documents, counter-sign all checks unless waived by the President, appoint all committees, and perform such duties as are required of this office.

Section 2- Vice President. 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.

Section 3 – Secretary. 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.

Section 4 – Treasurer. The Treasurer shall notify all members when dues are payable and receive all monies. The Treasurer shall notify the Membership Standing Committee Chairperson who will notify the applicant for membership of their election or rejection. The Treasurer shall give receipts for all monies and deposit same in the name of the Chapter in such repository as shall be selected by the members. The Treasurer shall keep correct records of the financial affairs of the Chapter, making monthly reports of said finances, have custody of all funds belonging to the Chapter and disburse same as authorized by the members. The Treasurer shall collect all annual dues and issue proper receipts to the members. He shall remit to the State Secretary or Treasurer within thirty days after receipt, appropriate dues together with the current name and address of each member paying dues and a statement as to whether each member's dues are for a new or renewal of membership.

Section 5 – Chapter Directors. Chapter Directors, by nature of their three year term, are to provide direction and continuity to the Board of Directors. The Chapter Directors, elected by the members, and the outgoing President acting as a Chapter Director, shall each be assigned by the newly elected President to act as Chairperson pro tem for one of the four Standing Committees. (See Article VIII - Committees)



Call for Nominations for 2018 Awards to be Presented During the Christmas Party.

Section 4 – Criteria for Indicated Awards.

Pilot of the Year. This is the highest award the Chapter may give. The nominations shall be a licensed pilot judged to have made outstanding contribution(s) to the advancement of general aviation throughout the past year. Recipient of this award shall be nominated for the State WPA Pilot of the Year competition.

Sponsor of the Year. To be awarded to the individual, group, or company who contributes most significantly in helping the Chapter to achieve its stated goals. This contribution should not be a financial one but rather should be based on the greatest contribution of effort, expertise, donated services or facilities and leadership training by the example it sets.

Sparkplug of the Year. This Award shall be given to the person or persons, who by their enthusiasm, talent, leadership ability and hard work inspire others to get involved and actively participate

in the projects of the Chapter.

The Wright Stuff. The Wright Stuff Award shall be given in response to circumstances surrounding an incident that required outstanding flying or judgment. The criterion is that the aircraft must have been under power with a pilot in command.

E-mail nominations to paine-president@wpaflys.org

Hangar Grand Opening Event SATURDAY - NOV 10, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

On Saturday, November 10th from 10am-12pm, the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum invites you to the grand opening celebration its new, state of the art building. This expansion will increase the museum's exhibit space by 57% taking it from 55,000 sq.ft. to over 87,000 sq.ft.

With the opening of this third building, the museum will be adding nearly two dozen additional artifacts to its ranks. Be the first to see new vehicles, a new plane, and countless other surprises.

Alongside the opening of a third building, guests will be able to experience the museum as they never have before by getting up close to the artifacts. By opening day on November 10th, we will remove the barriers from around the vehicles throughout the museum to give you an up close and personal look inside. Don't forget to spend some time looking around our newly remodeled gift store. Each purchase you make keeps this beautiful museum operating.

To celebrate Veteran's Day weekend, we invite all of our active military and veterans into the museum free of charge. We thank each of you for your service.

Over the past five years the museum has grown into a place not only aviation and armor enthusiasts frequent, but a place where families can come to learn about history in a fun and interactive way. Now, with the addition of this incredible new building, we hope you are dazzled by all of the treasures that await you!

Ticket Info

Adult: \$16

Seniors: \$14

Youth (6-17)- \$12

Children (5 and under): FREE

Military/Veterans: FREE

FHCAM Members: FREE



**PAINE FIELD WPA
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
MEMBERSHIP COLUMN**

By Will Tilse

It's that time of year again when we open up WPA registration for 2019

We have approximately 210 members, as of this writing, with most being renewals, and a dozen or more being new members. Any new member signing up, starting September 1st, will also be counted as a 2018 member for free.

This year we will be stepping up our membership drive with mailings to existing pilots in north King County, and Snohomish County. In addition we will be printing Paine Field WPA business cards to hand out to existing members at our monthly meetings, and will be encouraging everyone to solicit new members from all of your pilot friends.

Our Paine Field chapter already has the largest number of members in the state, and we are looking to make it even bigger.

Keep in mind as you recruit new members the benefits afforded to them, such as our monthly social, and educational dinner meetings, fly outs to fun and exiting events, and especially the 10 cents a gallon fuel discount at Castle and Cook gas pumps, at both Paine Field and Arlington Airport.

Lastly and probably most important Benefit of growing WPA membership is our lobbying power. Civilian aviation is continually being targeted for cutbacks and stricter regulations, so by increasing our membership base we can speak with a louder voice, and have more power in helping guide legislators in making law to help protect aviation interests.

It's been a great year for me as the new membership director, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the new year.



*Safe flying to all,
Will Tilse
Membership director Paine Field WPA*



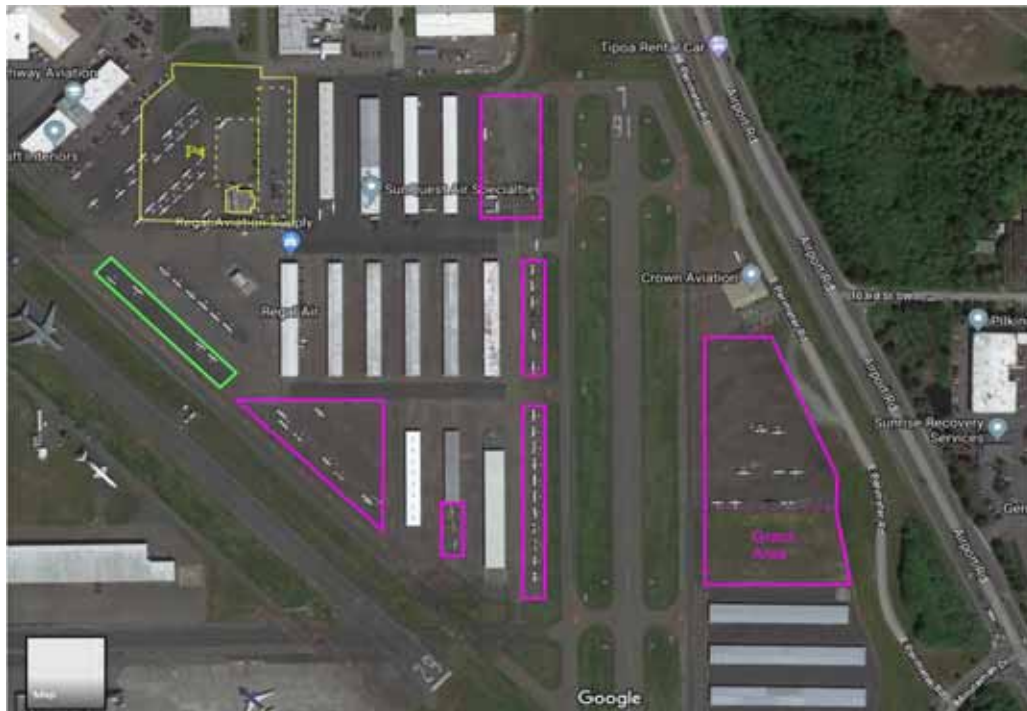
I had a very cordial meeting with Ryan Zulauf, Deputy Director - Maintenance & Properties at Paine Field on this whole subject recently. Ryan previously worked at the FAA and was previously the Renton Airport Director. We were also joined by our old friend, Dave Waggoner who is back at Paine Field for a couple of months as a consultant. Arif Ghouse, Airport Director, greeted us as we entered the conference room and joined us for part of the meeting.

The Paine Field airport management's point of view is that the 25 or so displaced aircraft in the P4 area can be relocated to other places on Paine Field. My own analysis of the airport GA tie down use (based on satellite photos) suggests that the displaced aircraft could still be tied down in the central area between the two parallel runways. This displacement would however use up most of the available tie downs in central. The east side of runway 34L/16R currently has a large surplus of aircraft tie down locations. This is an undesirable tie down area as there are no public restrooms in the area and no motor vehicle access to airplanes. The open space on this side of the airport will also be reduced significantly when Regal Air builds a new FBO building there along with the required customer and employee parking. I think we should welcome this change as it will be a good move for both the airport and Regal Air. While this is an ideal location for a FBO that would serve general aviation it is not clear how many aircraft tie downs will be available on the east side after the Regal Air move.

Our airport staff indicated that there are about 550 airplanes based at Paine Field. Approximately 80 of those airplanes are tied down outside. The real question is whether or not there is any room for general aviation growth at Paine Field. The airport has about 278 hangars that can store typical general aviation airplanes. There are 63 large hangars in the West Condos and 80 smaller hangars in the East Condos. There are an additional 22 very large hangars in the North Corporate complex. In all there are 443 GA hangars at Paine Field and many of them could store more than one aircraft. All of the hangars at Paine Field are full and there is a substantial waiting list of people who would either like to move their airplane to Paine Field or move from a Paine Field tie down into a hangar.

I started flying out of Paine Field in 1984 and soon I became an aircraft owner. At that time hangar space was impossible to obtain and I waited over 2 years to rent a hangar in the West County hangars. A few years later I was involved in the development of condominium hangars on the west side of Paine Field. Today many of these 63 hangars are housing multiple aircraft. The condominium hangars on the east side of runway 34R/16L were developed a short time later. Following this Paine Field decided to build additional hangars. With all of this construction you might think that there are enough hangars at Paine Field to meet the demand but there is still a long waiting list to rent a hangar at Paine Field. If the airport decided to build more hangars they would likely be spoken for before construction started. Dave Wagner used to refer to Paine Field as "the airport of choice" and I could not agree more. It has great runways with multiple instrument approaches, several FBOs providing flight training, fuel and other aviation services. It is also located within a major urban area so it serves a large community.

When we look around Paine Field there is very little space left for general aviation aircraft parking and/or additional hangar construction. (See pink outline areas below. The green area is transient aircraft parking.) The largest area on the east side will be reduced significantly when Regal Air builds a new facility along with a parking lot to serve employees and customers.



For those who might think that there are possibilities for development on the west side of runway 34L/16R I will agree that such possibilities exist if you happen to own a Boeing 737 Business Jet or a Gulf Stream 5, etc. Much of this area will be very expensive to develop due to the significant grade down to Mukilteo Speedway.

There are a few areas left that could be utilized to build GA hangars. In the development of a revised airport master plan (possibly next year) there needs to be a discussion regarding the relative value of runway 11/29. Boeing currently leases this space probably won't occupy it forever. If runway 11/29 were closed permanently there would be more space available on the airport. If this were to pass then what would be the best use of this airport land? There are many questions that need to be answered in the next revision of the airport master plan.

In reading this month's Presidents Message some of you in our GA community might start seeing the airport administration as our "enemy" rather than our friend. I think a more appropriate point of view is to see the Paine Field Airport Administration as the mediators between all the separate but appropriate aviation interests on Paine Field. In a mediation process the participants seldom get everything that they want.

What we should be doing:

The airport need to hear from the GA community as well as the many other airport users. It would be very appropriate to provide thoughtful comments regarding Snohomish County Council MOTION NO. 18-3 per item 1 below. You may also wish to participate in the public hearing on October 29 2018 per item 2 below.

- 1) Written comments regarding the Draft Supplemental EA will be accepted through Nov. 2, 2018. See this link for details: <https://www.paineairport.com/219/2018-Air-Service-Environmental-Assessmen>
- 2) Public hearing on Oct. 29, 2018 at the Lynnwood Convention Center, at 3711 196th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

I am not opposed to Propeller Airports developing commercial air service at Paine Field. Nor am I opposed to the expansion of their footprint on Paine Field to the extent that it does not displace aircraft and reduce the precious space that provides access to Paine Field's runways. If the parcel described by EXHIBIT P4 of the proposed lease agreement must be given over to Propeller Airports in order to support commercial aviation at Paine Field then I think we need to engage the airport administration in discussions regarding opportunities for meeting the obvious pent up demand for GA hangars at Paine Field.

Richard Jones
President, Washington Pilots Association, Paine Field Chapter
Vice President West, Washington Pilots Association



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