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Upcoming Events

December 3rd @ 1830

Board Meeting
Castle & Cook Aviation
2nd Floor Conference Room
& Zoom/Microsoft Teams

December 4th @ 1730

Christmas Party &
General Membership Meeting
Everett Yacht Club

December 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th @ 0930

Weekly Saturday Fly-Solo
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President’s Message

First, I want to say that I hope everyone has been staying safe and healthy this year!

This certainly has been an incredibly challenging year for the country, our state, and the many organizations such as WPA that enjoy social gatherings. As a result, the PFCWPA has had to cancel all of our dinner meetings, the Christmas party, and other social gatherings since March of this year so as to not violate the Governor’s mandated restrictions.

One adverse effect of the Christmas party cancellation is that it was an avenue to raise money for the Youth Scholarship Fund (YSF). We will be looking at setting up an online auction to help fill the gap, but in the meantime, I would encourage you to consider adding a donation to the YSF when you renew your membership. And, if you have not already renewed your membership for 2021, please do so as soon as possible.

As we have discussed previously, there will be some changes coming at Paine Field. Specifically, runway 11/29 has been closed to allow for infrastructure improvements such as addition FBOs, fuel suppliers, hangers, etc. Last week I received an email from Ryan Zulauf, Deputy Airport Director at Paine Field. The Airport is organizing a “Master Plan Stakeholder Committee” that will be tasked with determining the infrastructure improvements and other future changes to Paine Field. The PFCWPA will have one member on the committee. After discussions with the board members, I am pleased to announce that Rich Jones has agreed to serve on the Master Plan Stakeholder Committee representing the PFCWPA. Considering Rich’s background in GA, his working relationship with the airport management, his understanding of the airport layout and GA needs at Paine Field, the PFCWPA will be well served with Rich representing us on the committee. The first committee meeting will be the middle of November 2020. Rich will post articles in the newsletter to keep the membership apprised of the committee’s progress, upcoming changes, and important timelines at KPAE.

As we look forward to 2021, your board will be planning for an exciting 2021 Christmas party and getting it scheduled, planning some fun fly-out events this year, and planning other social and educational activities. Hopefully, as we head into the spring a COVID-19 vaccine will be available that will allow us to start returning to a more normal life.  RB



by Rick Beckett
PFCWPA President

Election of 2021 Chapter Officers

We need to elect our Chapter Officers for 2021. Normally, we would do this at a dinner meeting, but since we have had to cancel our dinner meetings due to the Governor’s mandated restrictions, officer elections will occur via email this year. Our slate of officer nominations for 2021 are as follows:

- President: Richard Beckett
- Vice President Jerry Barkley
- Secretary: Larry Hinton
- Treasurer: George Futas
- 2021 Director: Will Tilse

Due to delays in the publication of this newsletter, nominations are now closed and voting instructions will be emailed out shortly.

Descriptions for each position are as follows:

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 waved by the President, appoint all committees, and perform such duties as are required of this office.

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.

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.

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.

2021 Director

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).

2020 Paine Field Leadership

- President**Richard Beckett
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- Secretary**Larry Hinton
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- Treasurer**George Futas
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- 2020 Director**Greg Ortega
director-2020@wpapainefield.org
- 2019 Director**Ned Bingham
director-2019@wpapainefield.org
- 2018 Director**Will Tilse
director-2018@wpapainefield.org
- Past President**Richard Jones
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Committees/Projects

- Safety Programs**George Futas
- Aviation Academy**TBD
- Scholarship Committee**Kevin Kelley
- Membership Director**Will Tilse
- General Meeting Logistics**George Futas
- General Meeting Programs**Jerry Barkley
- Newsletter Editor**Ned Bingham
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- Website**Ned Bingham
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- AOPA Airport Watch**Rich Jones
- Adopted Airport (Skykomish)** Rich Jones

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Call for Nominations : 2020 Awards

I realized that the pandemic limits interactions and opportunities to observe folks for annual chapter awards, but if you have observed some outstanding individuals meeting the criteria below then please send e-mail nominations to secretary@wpapainefield.org. Normally, these awards are presented during the Christmas party, but due to its cancellation we will find a place and time to award them.



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.

Spark-plug 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

This 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.

As we enter the holiday season, please enjoy family, and stay safe and healthy!  RB



PIREP: READ THIS BEFORE YOUR NEXT FLIGHT

Reprinted with permission from Fall 2020 On Approach Newsletter from Avemco, Submitted by PFCWPA Treasurer & CFI George Futas

One of my responsibilities as the Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Avemco Insurance Company is to review our claims reports each month. I've seen a trend of accidents over the past several weeks, that can be traced back to pilots who are starting to fly again after long periods of inactivity due to the pandemic. Many pilots don't realize how far their skills have deteriorated until it's too late. I asked a friend of Avemco's to share his story of how he is regaining and maintaining his proficiency while adding purpose to his flying. Jim Gorman is a 2,000- hour pilot and a Bonanza owner and advertising agency CEO.

-Marci Verne

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I'm not a CFI, or a professional pilot. I'm just a guy who, like you, loves to fly. And possibly, like you, doesn't do enough of it even when a pandemic hasn't turned the world upside down. Perhaps my experience can provide some suggestions to help give you a smoother re-entry into the cockpit than I had.

Between a particularly nasty Michigan winter, an airplane that was down for refurbishment, and a coronavirus lockdown that lasted for-gosh-darn-ever, I hadn't flown for more than six months when I climbed back into the plane this past June. I knew I wasn't ready (or legal) to fly an IFR approach, but I also wasn't ready for the shock of just how rusty I had become. It was a beautiful day with light winds, so I certainly didn't think I needed an instructor to remind me how to fly. And, frankly, I didn't want anyone sitting so close to me anyway. There is no worse place to social distance than the cabin of a small plane. The ventilation is crummy, and you're nose- to- nose with somebody 18" away.

Suggestion #1:

Don't Let Your Ego Get in the Way.

Happily, it only took a couple hours with my CFI and an Instrument Proficiency Check (IPC) to regain my confidence and enough of my skills to feel safe again. I dealt with my concern about the virus by suggesting we both take a COVID 19 test before we flew together. He recognized my concern and quickly agreed.

Reality is a harsh teacher. I couldn't remember how to program the GPS. I was confused about which HSI knob-controlled heading and which was course. I caught myself reaching for the mixture instead of the throttle. Those distractions caused me to miss a radio call and dial in the wrong heading. I was very happy to get back on the ground with a truly lousy landing that fortunately only damaged my pride and nothing else. I really didn't think I'd lost my edge to the extent I had. That's when I reversed my decision and called my CFI.

Suggestion #2:

Use It or Lose It. Again.

It seems to me that the best way to regain your flying skills is by flying. A lot. But so much of why we fly has been impacted by the pandemic. Saturday hamburger flights are fewer and farther between because a lot of airport restaurants are closed. If you fly on business, Zoom calls have often replaced in-person visits. And many people don't feel comfortable taking passengers for joy rides and possibly exposing either themselves or their passengers to the virus.

The important thing is to realize that flying a plane is not like riding a bicycle. It's not going to all come flowing back to you the moment you climb into the left seat. And the consequences can be a lot more severe than a skinned knee. The reason most of us took up flying in the first place is that we thought it would be fun. And I think you'll agree that flying is a lot more fun when you can keep the airplane...and yourself...all in one piece.

Suggestion #3:

If You Don't Have a Good Reason to Fly - Find One!

I found a good reason to fly and a worthwhile mission at the same time. Pilots N Paws is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteer pilots to transport rescued animals to fosters or forever homes, often from kill shelters or abusive situations. Some pilots fly their planes. Some rent. Depending on the length of the rescue, there could be a relay of two, three, or more pilots.

These are all cross-country trips, challenging me with new airports to visit, new scenery, and new experiences. And all the money I spend on gas is tax deductible. I've flown almost 70 hours in three months. That's more than I flew all last year before the pandemic. And given my aversion to sharing the cabin with another person these days, my passengers are all cute dogs or cats. I almost flew a pot-bellied pig, but the flight was canceled due to weather.

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Suggestion #4:**You Don't Have to Fly to Become a Safer Pilot.**

Of course, there are many ways to make yourself safer without being exposed to the possibility of getting sick. Bonanza & Baron Pilot Training offers a series of virtual clinics with optional in-aircraft training you can take whenever you feel comfortable flying with an instructor again--even if it's not till some time in 2021. The FAA Safety Team (FAASafetyTeam) WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program is a great way to sharpen your skills while sitting in front of your computer. And a quick plug for Avemco, both Bonanza & Baron Pilot Training, and FAASafetyTeam WINGS will qualify you for reduced insurance premiums through Avemco's Safety Rewards Program.

And there are tons of safety webinars and forums you can find when searching the Internet. For example, MzeroA, Gene Benson, noted speaker and safety advocate with over 15,000 hours, from his YouTube channel, and PilotSafety.org.

Jim Gorman is an instrument-rated commercial pilot with glider and seaplane ratings and more than 2,000 hours in the air. He flies a Beechcraft F33-A Bonanza and is the owner of Gorman360, Inc., an advertising agency. When not busy making sure his plane is in tip-top shape, he volunteers for Pilots N Paws and other humanitarian organizations.



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Now Available! WPA Member Benefits Program

The Washington Pilot's Association is excited to make the **WPA Member Benefits Program** available to members. This Program connects quality general aviation vendors to the WPA organization and our serious and committed pilots. Through the Program, GA vendors provide discounts on their products and services to WPA members, and WPA members purchase the discounted GA goods and services from Program vendors. Program vendors and WPA members become personally connected, and Program vendors also become connected the WPA's organizational activities. Maybe you have not joined the WPA or renewed your membership because you're thinking "What's in it for me?". Since its founding, the WPA has provided broad benefits to general aviation in Washington state through its Four Pillars: Advocacy, Outreach, Education, and Social Activities. You don't see these broad benefits directly, but they keep GA strong and pilots better able to fly.

With the Member Benefits Program, the WPA will provide DIRECT benefits to individual members. With the Program, your membership will pay for itself in no time, and you will have more money for fuel! With an additional incentive for membership, the WPA will grow and expand its leading role ensuring that facilities and policies are in place to allow the spirit of GA adventure to continue to take flight, today and in the future.

GA vendors who join the Program will benefit from connections to the WPA and its members, attract business and goodwill from WPA members, and also have input to the support, promotion, and lobbying activities of the WPA. We, the WPA, are you—GA pilots, airline pilots, GA vendors, mechanics, volunteer neighbors—anyone and everyone who benefits personally or financially from our aviation transportation system.

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by Jerry Barkley
PFCWPA Vice President

A Quick Word from Your Editor

Still trying to keep up!

Hi Everyone! Yet again, I find myself making the same excuses for not having gotten a newsletter out every month as has been done for countless years. Alas, it didn't happen and you're now reading a 3-month edition of our newsletter.

For those who rely upon the The Paine Flyer for their events schedule: My apologies! With the vast majority of events unfortunately canceled for the remainder of the year - including all of our in-person events - I hope my inability to get a newsletter out every month hasn't left you in a lurch.

Still grounded, I continue to hope to get back up in the air soon. This month's article submitted by George Futas from Avemco's On Approach Newsletter gives some great ideas on how to get and stay current. I'll definitely be trying to exercise some of those ideas in the coming weeks.

Here's hoping everyone is continuing to stay safe and while having some fun despite the stir-craziness that I'm sure all of us share at this point. The chapter leadership continues to work on getting together some events where we can make up for some of the isolation that we've been forced to endure. When those events occur, I'll hopefully get/have some photos to share for the next newsletter.

As always, if you have any articles or news items that you want to disseminate to the membership, don't hesitate to send them to newsletter@wpapaine.org and I'll do what I can to get them in the next newsletter (whenever it comes out)!

Safe Flying! See you in the skies! ✈️ NB



Ned Bingham
Editor - The Paine Flyer



Weekly Saturday Fly-Solo

Responsibly Practicing Social Distancing in the Air:

With all restaurants being closed and the social distancing many of us are practicing, our Weekly Fly-Outs must take on a slightly different feel for a while. We encourage all of our members to go flying if they want. Even choose to coordinate it with other members on/at the normal Weekly time. However, let's all be safe and do our part to make sure we're not unduly impacting services, both on the ground and in the air.

Regardless, if you do go flying, share you photos! If you send them to newsletter@wpapaine.org before the 20th of the month, every effort will be made to include them!



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