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Upcoming Events

October 6th @ 1830

Board Meeting
Propeller Aero Services
2nd Floor Conference Room

October 7th @ 1830

General Membership Meeting
Sno-Isle Le Bistro
<https://www.wpapainefield.org/event/october-2022-dinner-meeting/>



Safety & Education

Smoke Haze - A Threat to Flying



by George Futas, CFII
PFCWPA Treasurer

The recent smoke hazy days in our area created significant flight hazards for both VFR and IFR flights. If you flew then, how could you significantly reduce potential Threats??

Flying from Paine Field to Bremerton on 9/14 afternoon the METAR at Paine and KPWT stated 6SM visibility, and VFR conditions. However, at 3000' en-route airplanes shown on ADS-B that were crossing 1000' above and below I couldn't see. That's less than 1/4 mi. away!! Straight ahead was a hazy blur. This is a busy area with many aircraft in the air. To me that is a Threat.

While further en-route it got worse. While in the smokey haze we entered an embedded cloud layer, definitely IMC. We were flying on an IFR flight plan, so we had the benefit of ATC and ADS-B for traffic. However, when nearing KPWT there was VFR traffic in the area that could not be seen, and I'm sure they could not see us. Being an IFR flight helps but is not the total answer.

If you were flying VFR what would be your options for minimizing traffic Threats in these conditions, which are clearly not VFR (3 mi visibility) from a 180 deg cockpit viewpoint?

I recommend you think in terms of TEM (Threats, Errors, Management), before and when flying. TEM is practiced by most professional pilots and has proven effective in improving safety of flight. Threats are both expected and unexpected events. Pilot Errors are what cause an "undesired aircraft state", which can be minor or disastrous. Management of Threats is what you do to assess and contain the Threat to minimize the risks and reduce serious Pilot Errors.

Think about it - Launching a flight when smoke creates reduced visibility is a known Threat (e.g. VFR into IMC, in-air collision, etc.). What can you, the Pilot, do to manage and minimize the Threat? First, be aware that if you cannot see other aircraft due to these conditions, they cannot see you and could be blindly headed your way.

Recognize the METAR & ATIS visibility does not apply once airborne away from the airport. Know the general weather conditions before you takeoff and make a plan for if/when they change.

Use good CRM (Cockpit Resource Management) to assist/reduce pilot workload. That includes in-plane equipment and passenger, and outside sources (ATC). Around here ADS-B really helps, but is not the total solution, and requires more head-in-the-cockpit time to interpret.

Around non-towered airports the Threat is lack of, or unclear communications by some pilots. For your own safety, when 7-10 miles from the airport state your intentions, with your distance and direction FROM the airport. Do it again when maneuvering to and in the pattern. If intending to land straight in always do it again when 2-3 miles on final. Give others a chance to absorb where you are and listen carefully for others and note their position. Make requests, not demands. If a potential conflict (Threat) occurs climb and go around. That's good Management of the Threat and reduces Pilot Error and unintended consequences!! Fly safe, it's up to you. ✈️ GF

2022 Paine Field Leadership

- President Jerry Barkley
Vice President Sandy Allen
Secretary Larry Hinton
Treasurer George Futas
2022 Director Ned Bingham
2021 Director Will Tilse
2020 Director Greg Ortega
Past President Richard Beckett
Board of Directors Group Email Address

Committees/Projects

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

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October 7th General Membership Meeting

- Where: Sno-Isle Bistro
Dinner By: Sno-Isle Bistro
Cost: \$18/person w/advance purchase before 9pm on Oct. 4th... \$20/person (cash/check preferred) walk-ins on a space-available basis



- Schedule & Program:
Doors Open for Guest Check-In @ 1830
Dinner Served @ 1900
Program @ aprox. 1940
Josh Cawthra, Sr. NTSB Investigator

RSVP: https://www.wpapainefield.org/event/october-2022-dinner-meeting/



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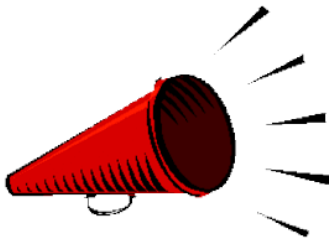
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DATE	LIST OF ACTIVITIES
Every Saturday	Paine Field Chapter Weekly Breakfast Fly-out
Oct. 6, '22	PFC October Board Meeting @ Propeller Aero Services
Oct. 7, '22	PFC October Membership Meeting @ Snolsle LeBistro
Nov. 3, '22	PFC November Board Meeting @ Propeller Aero Services
Nov. 4, '22	PFC November Membership Meeting @ Snolsle LeBistro
Nov. 5, '22	WPA State Board Meeting/Fly-Out @ Bremerton
Dec. 2, '22	PFC December Board Meeting @ Propeller Aero Services
Dec. 16, '22	PFC December Christmas Party @ Edmonds Yacht Club

Additional event details can be found at wpaflys.org/events or wpapainefield.org/events. To have your Aviation Event added to the Chapter Newsletter Calendar, send details to newsletter@wpapainefield.org.



NOMINATE NOW!



Call For Nominations of 2023 Officers

Every year at this time of year, the board starts looking to next year. This year being no different, the board has started taking nominations for Chapter Officers for the 2023 calendar year. All officer positions are open for nominations as is one Board of Directors position. **This includes President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2023 Director.** Descriptions of the duties of the officers and Director can be found below.

If you are interested in helping chart the path forward for our chapter in the coming months/years, please step up and volunteer to be nominated.

Send e-mail nominations to secretary@wpapainefield.org. Elections and an open call for nominations will be held at the November General Meeting.

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.

2023 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)

WPA-ANGEL FLIGHT ALLIANCE

WPA pilots are encouraged to consider becoming an Angel Flight West (AFW) Pilot.

AFW will encourage WA based AFW pilots to consider becoming a WPA member. AFW already has alliances with pilot groups in other states.

AFW is a charitable organization that provides non-emergency medical transportation for qualified patients and purposes. AFW pilots donate their time and airplane cost for a charitable purpose. Check it out at www.angelflightwest.org

Scroll down to "Become a Volunteer Pilot" for the details.

Some of the benefits for WPA pilots who participate in AFW are:

- * The opportunity to use their pilot skills and airplanes for a worthy cause
- * Making a positive difference in the lives of others who are less fortunate
- * Ability to take a tax deduction for the cost of each round trip for Angel flight
- * Expanding pilot experience with flights to airports in WA, OR, ID



by George Futas, CFII
PFCWPA Treasurer
AFW-WA Wing Aviation Safety
Officer

Most of the AFW flights are between remote areas not serviced by airlines and major medical facilities. Our WPA chapters also have the opportunity to expand their membership when AFW pilots in their area become WPA members. This could especially benefit the smaller WPA chapters.

Call for Nominations for 2022 Chapter Awards

Send e-mail nominations to president@wpapainefield.org before **October 31st**. Awards will be presented during the Christmas Party.

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.

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

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.



Send Us Your Flying Photos!!!

Responsibly Practicing Social Distancing in the Air:

With the continued social distancing many of us are practicing, our Weekly Fly-Outs may continue to take on a slightly different feel for a while. We encourage all of our members to go flying if they want. **If you fly to an airport with an open Restaurant nearby, GREAT! Please help keep them in business.** Even choose to coordinate flights with other members. As always, please continue to be safe and do our part, both on the ground and in the air.

Regardless, if you do go flying, share your 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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Newsletter Submissions Needed

Do You Think You Have What It Takes? Is there an Aviation topic or event that you're familiar with that you think other members would be interested in? Do you want to share that awesome photo you took on your last flight? Did you just visit a new on/near airport restaurant and want to share your experience? Are you not sure about any of the above questions?!?! Well, I can help you with that!

The Paine Flyer is always looking for great content. If you would like to have your submission included in the next issue, please send it to newsletter@wpapaine.org by the 15th of the month and I'll work with you to make sure it gets included. No special software or talent needed, just send text or unedited photo files and I'll help you make it shine!



Ned Bingham
Editor - The Paine Flyer

CLASSIFIEDS

Advertisements are free to WPA members for aviation related items and/or services
When space is limited, priority will be given to Paine Field Chapter members
Paid advertising is available for non-aviation related items/services in the state
WPA WINGS newspaper

BFR's, Instrument proficiency or IFR Rating in your airplane. Special rate for WPA members.
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Contact George Futas, CFII, ASME - 425-260-4445

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If you organize five or more airmen or airwomen who want a basic med exam I will fly to your airport to do your exam. \$150 per exam (Possible fuel surcharge for Eastern WA or OR... Airplanes can be thirsty!) - All I need is a pilot's lounge or private hangar. If you want to organize it at a local pilot's house, just pick me up at the airport! Contact Henry Hochberg, M.D., AME - henry.hochberg@gmail.com or 425-686-2510