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PFCWPA Letter From the Editor

The time has come for a change



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Editor - The Paine Flyer


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Hi there everyone! Back in 2018 when I signed up to take over The Paine Flyer, I had a lot of ideas and energy to throw into the newsletter. Over the years, I feel like I've taken the newsletter forward, albeit with some stumbles of late. For me, life then seemed a bit simpler and I honestly had more time. Since then, my family (specifically my 9-year-old son) is older and taking MUCH more of my time. Additionally, my job has required more from me as of late and that has left less time for both family, hobbies, and aviation. As a result, hope that everyone can understand that I've chosen to put my time into family even though this means it's extremely difficult to find time to put into the WPA (as I write this after midnight on a Saturday after the day is done) . Needless to say, I'm unable to keep this up and it is not helping the chapter and its membership who are looking for timely newsletters and announcements. Its hard to know about what's going on when the newsletter that would have announced it is delayed by a month or more! I get it... I'm definitely not happy or proud that this has come to this. I'm just unable to do more at this time.

So, a month or two ago I and the Board started looking for volunteers who might be able to take over both the website and the publication of the newsletter. Fate seems to have smiled on our chapter as we've identified a replacement for both duties and I will be working with them in the coming weeks/moths to transition things over to our new Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Charlie Jackson, a chapter member an fellow local IT professional. At this time, I do not know exactly how quickly things will transition. Stay tuned!

Its been fun over the past 5 years (and 39 issues - this being #40) and I hope I can find time in the future to give back tot he WPA and our chapter again. I hope that everyone can understand that for now I must cut back my commitments. Fly Safe! Your Newsletter Editor - for now...  NB

Upcoming Events

November 2nd @ 1830

- Board Meeting
- Propeller Aero Services
- 2nd Floor Conference Room

November 3rd @ 1800

- General Membership Meeting
- Shawn O'Donnell's - Everett



Scholarship Corner

One of our YASF Scholarship recipients - Catherine Liek - sends word of the completion of her PPL:

Even with nearby thunderstorms, gusty winds and smoke that caused us to land at a different airport since we didn't have enough visibility, I passed my Private Pilot checkride on August 29th, 2023! I will now be continuing my aviation education at Big Bend Community College this Fall! I hope to one day be an airline pilot.



YOU CAN FLY
AOPA FOUNDATION
RUSTY PILOTS

Get Back In The Left Seat AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminar

HOSTED BY CASCADE AVIATION
Saturday, November 4
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM PDT

Skagit Regional Airport, Burlington, WA
Instructed by AOPA Foundation Presenter
Philip Mandel



Once a pilot, always a pilot...

But, if you're feeling a little RUSTY...

You might be like more than 500,000 other pilots (that's right, half a million), who have taken a little breather from flying. The good news is that getting back to flying is easier than you think.

Join us for a fun, interactive seminar that will give you the information to get current again. Participants will receive up to 3 hours of ground instruction toward completing a flight review and valuable take-home resources.

For more information or to register, visit:

<https://webforms.aopa.org/rustypilotsBVS110423>

Find other Rusty Pilots event at <https://www.aopa.org/destinations/?t=events>

Paine Field Buzz!

Snohomish County Airport's e-newsletter

Since Paine Field reintroduced its e-newsletter, we've tried to make sure to include a link to the most recent issue in every newsletter. The Paine Field Flyer is your chapter's newsletter and targets events and details about events involving the chapter and the region but the Paine Field Buzz is a great resource for information about the Paine Field Airport.

To read the August edition, or to subscribe to the email, visit <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WASNOHOMISHCO/bulletins/36dd21a>. Emails are sent out by Airport Staff every 6-8 weeks so it shouldn't fill your inbox with too much unwanted stuff.



Paine Field Buzz

News from Snohomish County's Airport of Choice

2023 Paine Field Leadership

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Aviation Safety & Education Corner

FAA Safety WINGS Benefits for Pilots and Airplane Owners

We see the frequent announcements for FAA Wings seminars, but do you give them serious attention?

If you have airplane or renter pilots' insurance, you see they offer discounts for WINGS and other recurrent training programs. Why? Their statistics show that pilots that who take ongoing learning and training seriously have a much lower accident and incident rate than those who do not. So, why not pursue ongoing education for your own safety and savings?

In my experience the best pilots are the safest pilots, Why? They pursue lifelong education and training activity. They learn from the good and bad experiences of others, from more experienced pilots, from subject experts, and apply that information for their own benefit.

I encourage every pilot to participate in the FAA WINGS program and pursue lifelong aviation education. Recent changes make it much easier to find and obtain credits.

Each WINGS Phase consists of two elements:


- Knowledge credits are available by:
 - Attending FAA approved seminars and courses
 - Completing Online FAA, AOPA, Pilot Workshop, etc. courses
- Flight credits are available by:
 - Flight Reviews and specific training approved by CFI's
 - Obtaining an additional certificate or rating, confirmed by CFI

Detailed information on WINGS is provided on the FAASafety website:

- https://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pub/learn_more.aspx

How does a pilot get WINGS credits?

- Log into www.faasafety.gov
- Register your email address with FAASafety.com
- Take responsibility for managing your own WINGS account.
- Each time you fly with an instructor confirm they will give you WINGS credits.

If you need some assistance updating or getting started with your WINGS program, contact me by email at: georgep4445@gmail.com.  GF

Would you like to get your airplane detailed?

I don't know about your airplane, but my turbo 182RG picks up a lot of exhaust residue and oil on its bottom. I spent part of my memorial day getting my airplane detailed by John Wright, owner of Gibby's auto spa. He is a very nice hardworking man and did a great job.

John can be reached at:
206-271-7903

Or john@gibbysautospa.com
www.gibbysautospa.com

Stay healthy and fly safely!

Richard Beckert
WPAPFC Past President



by George Futas, CFII
PFCWPA Treasurer





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DATE	LIST OF ACTIVITIES
Nov. 2	PFC Nov. Board Meeting @ Propeller Aero Services
Nov. 3	PFC Nov. Membership Meeting @ Shawn O'Donnell's
Nov. 11	WPA State Board Meeting @ Bremerton
Dec. 1	PFC Dec. Board Meeting @ Propeller Aero Services
Dec. 2	PFC Dec. Christmas Party @ Shawn O'Donnell's

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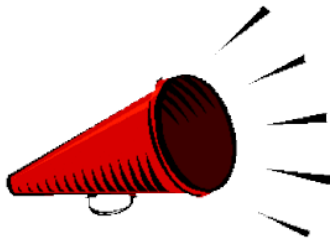
November 3rd General Membership Meeting



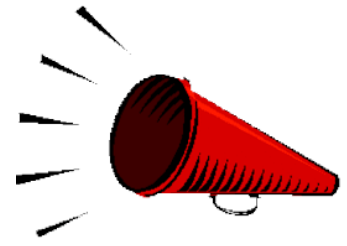
- Where:** Shawn O'Donnell's
- Dinner By:** Shawn O'Donnell's
- Cost:** \$25/person w/advance purchase before 5pm on Tues. October 31st
- Pre-Purchase Dinner Tickets:**
<https://www.wpapainefield.org/event/november-2023-general-membership-meeting/>
- Schedule & Program:**
 - ◆ Doors Open for Guest Check-In @ 1800
 - ◆ Dinner Served @ 1845-1900
 - ◆ Program @ aprox. 1930
- ◆ **Speaker:** Jeff LaVelle is an experienced Air Race and Air Show pilot. Jeff will speak about what it takes to prepare both airplanes and pilots to compete in the Reno Air Races. Jeff is a 2013 Reno Gold winner with a Glassair III at 394 mph.



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 2024 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 2024 calendar year. All officer positions are open for nominations as is one Board of Directors position. **This includes President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2024 Director.** The 2022 and 2023 Directors - Ned Bingham & Gregg Ortega, respectively - will be continuing on for the remainder of their 3-year terms. 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@wpapaine.org. Elections and an open call for nominations will be held at the November General Meeting. Nominations not present at the November General Meeting will need to have previously confirmed their interest prior to that meeting before they can be voted on.

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.

2024 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



+ *Angel Flight*
WEST

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 2023 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.



WPA Needs YOU!

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!



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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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Over 30 aircraft types, Round Gages and Electronic Flight Display, including G1000, 180° video display, and realistic motion. By appointment - www.simulationflight.com
Contact George Futas, CFII, ASME - 425-260-4445

NEED BASIC MED? FAA AME and fellow WPA Member
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



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