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## Upcoming Events

### February 24-25

Northwest Aviation Conference  
Washington State Convention Center  
Puyallup

### February 29 @ 1830

Board Meeting  
Propeller Aero Services  
2nd Floor Conference Room

### March 1 @ 1830

General Membership Meeting  
Shawn O'Donnell's - Everett

## PAINE FIELD COMMUNITY DAY

*A day of fun and discovery into aviation's limitless possibilities*

Saturday, May 18th, 2024

FREE Admission - 9am to 5pm

Aviation Education • Aircraft on Display • Military Aircraft • Static Displays • Food Vendors  
Pancake Breakfast - 8:00am (Funds Raised will Benefit Firefighters' Burn Center)





FREE Airplane Rides For Kids

For ages 8-17  
Parent or Guardian Must be Present

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LOCATION: Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum's Airside Ramp - FREE PARKING

## Largest WPA Event of 2024!

May 18, 2024 will be Paine Field Community Day. Last held in 2018, this is a large event free to the local Snohomish County community. The big difference this year is that in the past the PAE staff took the lead, but this year WPA will lead the event. The WPA is doing the planning and will run everything; with, of course, cooperation from airport staff, TSA, PAE security. While the Paine Field Chapter of WPA will be the official host, we will need over 100 volunteers from all over the state. There will be static displays, fly-bys, FBO's explaining how to get a Private Pilots License, Civil Air Patrol participation, food trucks, and one of the largest Young Eagle rallies in the PNW.

EAA Chapter 84 will coordinate and run the Young Eagle event but will need about 30 pilots and planes and a dozen or more land support volunteers. In years past we've flown 240 to 280 Young Eagles and are planning on 250 to 300 Young Eagles this year. The Young Eagle program gives free plane rides to youth 8 to 17. The flights are 15 to 20 minutes and are absolutely free to the youth. Pilots donate their time and aircraft expenses. In years past 20 or more of the pilots came from WPA and other local EAA members in addition to Chapter 84 members. If you want to be part of this (and many pilots say they get more fun and satisfaction than the kids), you must be a

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member of national EAA, take a short online course on YE rules, and agree to a cursory background check. The check is just to be sure YE pilots have no youth or sexual convictions and is the same as Scouts, Little League, and virtually every other youth program. If you are a pilot, we hope you will join us. While pilots are not compensated, they will get free food vouchers, a \$1.25 a gallon fuel discount from Propeller Aero Services, and we're working on T-shirts and recognition.

All current, legal pilots are eligible to participate. You'll join over 50,000 EAA pilots around the world that have flown over 2,300,000 Young Eagles. While membership in national EAA is required, being a member of local Chapter 84 is not, but we invite you to join us. Local Chapter 84 (Snohomish) dues are only \$20 a year (PayPal to [treasurer@eaa84.org](mailto:treasurer@eaa84.org)). To sign up as PFCYD YE Pilot, after you get the OK from national EAA, you must contact EAA coordinator Jon Smith at ([YoungEagles@eaa84.org](mailto:YoungEagles@eaa84.org)). Youth, pilot, and ground volunteers are now managed online. In addition to pilots, if you know of youth who want to participate, or especially ground volunteers, have them sign up online also. More information at [youngeagles.org](http://youngeagles.org).

To sign up for a FREE Young Eagles flight for your child, scan this code and fill-out the form.



Child Signup

## Fuel Discount at Paine Field

Propeller Aero is now providing a significant fuel discount for out 2024 WPA Paine Field members only.

Members applying for the discount need to provide the WPA-PFC Treasurer with your name, the AC tail # and AC type for the airplanes you fly and fuel.

The list is compiled and sent to Propeller Aero for entry into their accounting system. After the list is entered into their accounting system, the member is notified and must then provide Propeller Aero their credit card information.

At the Self Serve Kiosk the accounting system matches your credit card with our member list to automatically provide your WPA PFC fuel discount.

For fuel truck service the driver records the AC tail number and your name, and sometimes credit card #. If you have a credit card on file associated with the member list and AC tail #, the discount applies.

If your airplane partners are not WPA Paine Field members, the discount does not apply to them. Have them join WPA PFC.

Let Propeller Aero know how much you appreciate their support for General Aviation.



## Paine Field Buzz!

### Snohomish County Airport's e-newsletter

Since Paine Field reintroduced it's 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 latest edition, or to subscribe to the email, visit <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WASNOHOMISHCO/bulletins/3814188>. Emails are sent out by Airport Staff every 6-8 weeks so it shouldn't fill your inbox with too much unwanted stuff.

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# Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show

*Turning our eyes skyward for 40 years.*



SAT/SUN, FEB 24/25  
 SAT: 9 AM - 5:30 PM & SUN: 10 AM - 4 PM  
**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Conference & Trade Show**  
 122,000 sf aircraft and aviation displays & 75+ hours of seminars  
 1 Day \$10/ 2 Day \$15 / Kids & Parking FREE

SAT, FEB 24  
 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
**11th Annual NW Aviation Career Forum**  
 Jobs, education, training & networking for students, career pilots, and maintenance professionals.

SAT, FEB 24  
 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
**IA Maintenance Seminars Refresher Clinic**  
 FAA maintenance renewal includes conference admission and certificate. Register online: \$35



*"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward."*

*Welcoming aviation speakers:*

**2024 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ROD MACHADO**

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## Signup to Volunteer at the NWAC WPA Booth

The State WPA will have a booth at the Northwest Aviation Conference (NWAC) on Saturday February 24th & Sunday, February 25th 2024.

**We will need members to staff the booth on each of these days.**

We have made volunteer signups easy by utilizing an on-line volunteer signup sheet:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FA8A72BA1FB6-47574489-wpaboath>

Just fill in the one hour time slot when you would like to participate.  
*(You may of course sign up for as many one hour time slots as you wish.)*

Also, please note that the **State WPA Annual Membership Meeting** is scheduled for 11:30am-1:00pm in the North Foyer on Saturday, February 24th.





# Laser Eyes!

## *Snohomish County Man convicted of Lasering an Aircraft*

Jim McGauhey - a member of the Paine Field Chapter - reported this incident about several GA aircraft being lasered at Arlington. This was not a simple presentation pointer laser, but a high power laser.

This short synopsis from website Flight School Business:



### **Washington man sentenced to eight months in prison for laser strikes**

A man in Washington state will serve eight months in prison for two counts of aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft. The man was indicted in February 2023 for laser crimes reported in November 2022. He pointed a blue laser at the cockpit of a two-seat aircraft on final approach at Arlington Airport. The pilot's eyes were damaged by the beam, but he managed to land safely. The same man on the same day pointed a laser at a four-seat airplane being flown by a student pilot. The flight instructor on that airplane was able to get pictures showing the origin of the laser light and also photographed how it obscured the sight of the pilot, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

More detail in this press release from the Justice Department:

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/snohomish-county-man-who-aimed-laser-two-small-planes-sentenced-prison>

## A Bit of Chapter History

### *From 2006*

In 2006, Mukilteo celebrated the centennial of its icon, the historic Mukilteo Lighthouse. Fifteen works of art were created based on the replica of the distinctive shape of the lighthouse tower. Dave Waggoner, the airport director at that time, asked me if our chapter would be interested in participating in the design and implication of one of these lighthouse towers. Yes! Then Paine Field sponsored a lighthouse tower for our chapter. Now, this was not an easy task. The tower weighed 300 pounds. It was delivered to our hangar and we had to put it on a dolly to be able to move it. After all, with 2 airplanes and lots of stuff, the tower had to be mobile.

Now came the design. There was a lot of discussion on what would represent aviation. It was decided that the tower would transform into a pilot flying an airplane. This task was done by a group of members. Wings, tail section (can't see it in this photo), cowling with a movable prop. The front of the surrounding deck was replaced with Lexan for the windscreen. A small compass was installed on the deck. After all that is required for flight. We built sunglasses and a mustache for the pilot. I sacrificed an old headset. After all it is noisy. We gave the pilot a Paine Field hat. We painted the top to match the original lighthouse. You may be wondering why the pilot's face is blue, it was to represent blue sky and nice fluffy clouds, or you could say "pretty good weather". The aircraft parts were painted Cub yellow. Then we had to have a name. We voted on a name at our dinner meeting. The winner being "Beacon of Flight".

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by Author  
Stephanie Allen


### 7. "Beacon of Flight"

Artist: Washington Pilots Association,  
website: [www.wpa-paine.org](http://www.wpa-paine.org)  
Sponsor: Paine Field  
Location: 8415 Paine Field Blvd.  
(Future of Flight)

The historic role of lighthouses as beacons for pilots of ships provides the basis for this imaginative transformation of the Mukilteo Lighthouse into a plane and pilot, complete with whimsical sunglasses, mustache, cap, and other accoutrements of aviation.



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Mukilteo's Parade of Lighthouses placed these works in different areas around town. Ours was located in the main lobby of the Future of Flight. All were on display from June of that year through September. Bonnie, the director of FOF then, told me the children thought it was the best display there. But, it did not disappear then. It came home to Paine Field and was stored in one of the maintenance hangars, only to come out on display to our Paine Field Aviation days, until it was damaged. I don't know if it is still here. Last time I saw it was long ago and it was in the maintenance hangar by gate S9.  SRA

## A Check-up on Checklist Customization

*Notice Number: NOTC3401*

Using a checklist is a fundamental part of any safe flight. During preflight, a checklist ensures pilots inspect an aircraft's components and systems for proper operation and structural integrity and allows them to verify airworthiness. On taxi and during flight, they help ensure the airplane and engine are functioning properly and are configured appropriately for each phase of flight. Checklists provide important structure to the things we check often, usually in a prescribed order of priority. Bottom line: checklist usage is a sound and proven way to reduce errors and improve flight safety.



But just like airplanes change with upgrades or modifications, so too should checklists to include those new items and procedures or omit those that are obsolete. Maybe you've added some new avionics equipment or installed a new fire extinguisher. Or perhaps you'd like to reorder your instrument and gauge checks in a more logical manner. Or maybe you'd prefer to use a more specific term to verify a desired state than the sometimes vague "check and set" response. The question for some might be - how exactly do I modify a checklist?

While there is no approval required from the FAA to modify or customize a checklist, pilots and aircraft owners should start by consulting their aircraft's Pilot Operating Handbook (POH) or Airplane Flight Manual (AFM), or panel placards with some older aircraft. These steps should constitute the baseline for your checklist. If there is a manufacturer-prescribed task or procedure you wish to omit -- perhaps due to concerns about mechanical wear and tear on a particular component - you should consult directly with the manufacturer to ensure safety is not compromised.

The FAA issued a Safety Alert for Operators (SAFO 17006) in 2017 that addresses safety concerns with using commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) or personally developed checklists. The notice was prompted by an accident involving a landing gear failure in which the pilot used a COTS checklist that lacked key steps regarding manual gear extension. The SAFO urges pilots to ensure any COTS or personal checklist is consistent with what the manufacturer states.

Another important reason for this consistency is apparent during practical exams for a pilot certificate or rating. Designated pilot examiners may require an aircraft manufacturer's procedure is demonstrated when testing applicants. Those who use a checklist that differs from the manufacturer may omit or incorrectly perform an important step, impacting their ability to successfully pass the exam. If you are providing flight instruction it is essential that you show, demonstrate, and explain any omitted items to students to avoid this potential pitfall. The student should be able to demonstrate the procedure and be able to explain why it has been omitted from the modified checklist and is not performed routinely.

Having checklists that are efficient, logical, and that account for changes to an aircraft's systems can greatly improve safety and even increase the likelihood of them being used. Just be sure the information you use for those revised checks is correct, complete, and consistent with the manufacturer's safety standards.

Bonus Tip: Want to take your preflight checklist to the next level? Check out the FAA Safety Team's Advanced Preflight M-Pamphlet: [https://www.faasafety.gov/files/gslac/library/documents/2012/Apr/63083/FAA\\_M\\_PamphletFinal.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/gslac/library/documents/2012/Apr/63083/FAA_M_PamphletFinal.pdf). This pamphlet helps pilots obtain valuable maintenance history on their aircraft like ADs, ACs, and any manufacturer service-related information, and then develop an Additional Items Checklist that can be used in conjunction with your aircraft's preflight checklist.

## 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](mailto: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!



Charles Jackson  
Editor - The Paine Flyer

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