

# THE PAINE FLYER

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## Upcoming Events

**May 18**

Paine Field Aviation Day

**June 6 @ 1830**

Board Meeting  
Propeller Aero Services  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
*Anyone is welcome to attend*

**June 7 @ 1830**

General Meeting  
Shawn O'Donnell's - Everett

**June 15**

Skykomish Work Party  
Skykomish State Airport (S88)

## Why Join WPA?

### Volunteer Now

*There is no free lunch*, although there are some pilots who seem to expect others to do the work for their benefit.

It cost money and people's time to preserve and protect our ability to enjoy flying in WA state - both from a legal and economic viewpoint.

WA pilots should consider what organization spends countless time, and its limited funds for their benefit - the Washington Pilots Association does.



What group constantly pursues WA legislators to preserve WA pilots aviation interests - **WPA does.**

What group fought hard to convince WA legislators that a bill to ban 100LL fuel in 2024 would seriously hurt the aviation community-**WPA does.**

What group spends time and resources to help preserve WA airports and access to them - **WPA does**

What group provides its members many member discounts through WA aviation suppliers and operators - **WPA does**

How do pilots gain knowledge and experience beyond their own personal research - participate with pilot groups who actively pursue safety and education for pilots - **WPA does.**

Joining WPA provides access to aviation information and potential friendships and mentors. Participation depends on a person's own availability. Cost is trivial compared to other pilot expenses.

There are national organizations, like AOPA that pursues pilots interests on a national level. WPA pursues interests for WA pilots and aircraft owners.

**See for yourselves on the WPA website:** [www.wpapflys.org](http://www.wpapflys.org)

## WPA Fuel Discount at Paine Field

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

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



# Skykomish WPA Work Party

Saturday, June 15

Many of you are aware that our annual Paine WPA Chapter work party at the Skykomish State Airport (S88) is on Saturday, June 15 beginning at 9:00 am but how many of you really know about the larger picture? There are 15 airports that are operated by the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation division.

Many of these airports have a sponsor recognized by the WSDoT and identified on their website: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Airports/AdoptAirport.htm>. In many cases it is a local WPA Chapter but other organizations are helping as well.



Photo from the 2023 Work Party

So when our Paine Field WPA Chapter goes up to Skykomish on June 15 this year we are part of a much larger effort to help Washington State look after the 15 WSDoT managed airports. Skykomish State Airport (S88) is on US-2, about an hour's drive from Paine Field

# Thunder Run

Washington Disaster Airlift Response Team - June 8-9

The purpose of Thunder Run is to refine the West Coast General Aviation Response Plan and the response by the Disaster Airlift Response Teams from Idaho, California, Oregon, and Washington for when a disaster happens.

This year's exercise will include the deployment of the *Empact Northwest Search and Rescue Team*, along with food, from Float Haven to Point Roberts via float planes. The SAR team and some of the float planes and crew will camp at Float Haven on the night of June 7. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the SAR Team and food will be flown to a beach near Point Roberts, water conditions and weather permitting. Two aircraft will remain docked until evening to transport the SAR Team in case a real emergency for the Team occurs. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the SAR Team will be transported back to Bellingham by land-based aircraft.

June 8<sup>th</sup> is the main day for the Thunder Run Exercise. Prior to this date, there will be several food drives and the food will be collected and transported to Bellingham and Walla Walla airports.

From the forward hubs of Bellingham, Walla Walla, and Boeing Field or Renton, food will be transported by aircraft to their destination. Long haul flights will be from Walla Walla to either Boeing Field or Renton. Short haul flights will stay West of the Cascades.

**Short haul flights from Bellingham will be to:**

- William R. Fairchild International Airport, KCLM, Clallam County
- Langley Airport, W10, Island County
- Point Roberts Air Park, 1RL
- Skagit Regional Airport, KBVS, Skagit County

## 2024 Paine Field Leadership

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**Short Haul flights from Boeing Field or Renton will be to:**

- Bowerman Airfield, KHQM, Grays Harbor County
- Sanderson Airfield, KSHN, Mason County

**The timeline for the exercise on June 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Dawn—Initiate full level response of the West Coast General Aviation Plan

**RED Flights** will be dispatched to check the Ballard Locks and the Pass Highways over the Cascades

7:00 AM - Long Haul Flights start Arriving at KALW

8:00 AM - First Short Haul Aircraft Departs KBLI

- First Long Flight Departs KALW for the West Side

9:30 AM - First Short Haul Aircraft Departs KBFI or KRNT (TBD)

This year's exercise will need both land-based and amphibious aircraft. Ideally, at least 5 amphibious aircraft are needed for the SAR Team support and deployment to Point Roberts on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The land-based aircraft are needed for the short and long-haul flights on June 8<sup>th</sup> and to return the SAR Team from Point Roberts to Bellingham on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to participate in this year's Thunder Run, please send an email to:

Sky Terry

[satnolimits@comcast.net](mailto:satnolimits@comcast.net)

In your email, specify if will be doing a long-haul or short-haul flight, the aircraft type and N#, the weight of cargo you can handle, and a contact phone number.

Thank you,

Sky Terry

NW Regional Emergency Services Director

EVAC Emergency Volunteer Air Corps

<http://www.evac.org/>



# 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!



Charlie Jackson  
Editor - The Paine Flyer

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