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Hangar Talk

Official Newsletter of the North Sound Chapter of the Washington Pilot's Association

On Final, the President's Corner

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR – May 2009

The state of economic change hasn't been letting up and the skies have been cloudy for a while. Even if you're not experiencing it directly, you probably don't have to look beyond relatives and close friends to see people struggling to make ends meet.

As this summer flying season starts, most of us are reviewing our flying budget, and determining how many hours or how many weekends or how many fly-in events we can do.

There are probably a lot of us that may well decide to hang it up for awhile to take care of more important needs. It's natural that family and personal financial obligations should come before flying.

If you do decide to take a break, let me urge you to continue your WPA membership. In this way you will keep in touch with the friends you've made and the ever-changing state of GA through this newsletter and our regular general meetings.

Most importantly, your dues will also continue to support our daily government relations efforts aimed at keeping airports and airspace open to GA activity and to promote to our government that GA can be responsible for itself and we don't need more government intrusion. You can take your break knowing we'll keep fighting to make sure GA is here when you're ready to get back in the air.

If you can continue to fly this season, even if it's less often, there are a couple of strategies to consider to maximize the flights you do make. First, mark your calendar in some way every 90 days and make it a point to do at least three take offs and landings. In that way you'll at least be able to feel proud to know that you are legally current. Second, always consider your flight as working towards another license or rating.

Let's keep thinking on the positive side, fly when we can and get through these times. Bluer skies and calmer winds are ahead.

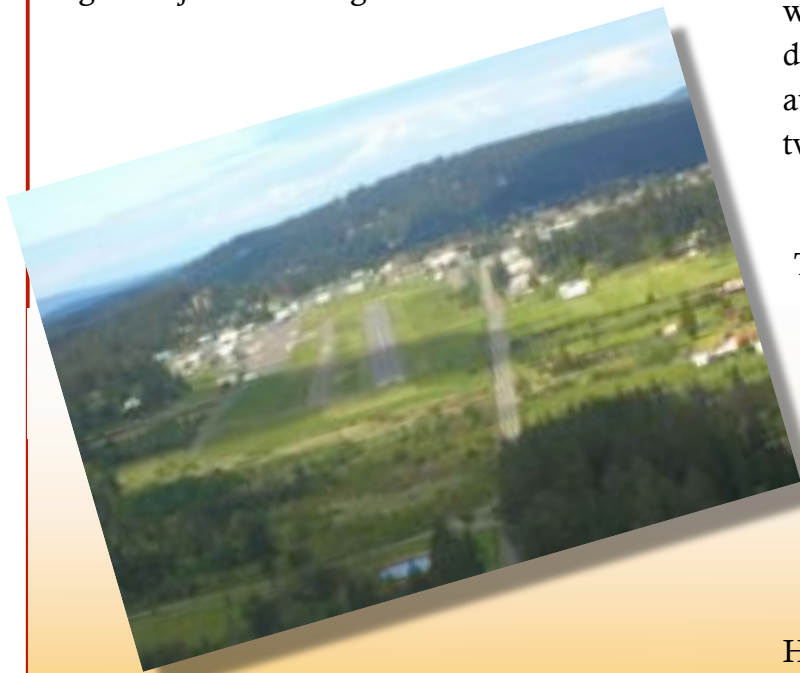
Chip LaPlante
President
North Sound Chapter
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Editor's Notes

This month we have three important local aviation activities. On Tuesday May 12 we have two seminars to attend. At 6:30 Definitive Avionics will have one of the outstanding Garmin seminars. At 7 PM that same evening there is the monthly WPA meeting and the seminar (starting at 7:30) will be Brian Webb from Custom and Border Patrol covering the latest in crossing the border. On Saturday May 16 there will be a Heritage Flight Museum open house with NSWPA providing hot dogs and other choices at a nearby hangar.

General aviation manufacturers are slowing manufacturing rates across the board. Single engine to jets are seeing cancellation of orders



and layoffs.

Although not great news, this sure beats the mid 1980s when Cessna stopped manufacturing single engine piston aircraft, and there were only a few manufacturers.

The biggest change since the 1980s is the cost. In 1989 the cost for an hour of flight training at the Army flying club where I was an instructor was \$35/hour. I charge more than that just for doing the instructing. Of course fuel, insurance, avionics, labor, etc are quite a bit more costly twenty years later.

The second biggest change has been the technology. As I was shooting practice approaches the other day I had to remember to include an ILS. All the other approaches had been GPS RNAV with glideslope down to almost comparable minimums. Twenty years ago this was a distant dream.

Have fun flying.

Wayne Landis

**FLY OVER THE SWIFTSURE SAILBOAT RACE
ON YOUR WAY TO
SEKIU MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FLY-IN BRUNCH**



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SATURDAY MAY 23rd**

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CHILDREN UNDER 5 EAT FREE
\$7 for Senior Citizens**

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Arlington Fly-In July 8-12, 2009.

Here it is again, the annual EAA meeting, summer must be close.



**Heritage Flight Museum Open House
Saturday May 16th**

This is the monthly open house of the HFM. Jeff Geer emails that there will be a flock of P-51Ds at this month's meeting. Hot Dogs will be supplied at Les Seeley's Hangar and the proceeds donate to the HFM. The HFM website is:
<http://www.heritageflight.org>. Please come and eat and enjoy the afternoon.

**NANAIMO FLYING CLUB
[CYCD] FLY-IN
June 6-7, 2009**

June 6-7, 2009

**GOOD PRIZES
GREAT PEOPLE**

POKER RUN
Saturday June 6th 0930-1530 hrs
Check points:
YYJ, ZBB, YPW, AP3, AT4, AH3, YCD
\$ 5.00 / hand
Info: knpalmer@telus.net (Kevin)

STATIC DISPLAYS

CAR SHOW LUNCH AVAILABLE

PIG ROAST & BEEF DINNER with desert
Saturday June 6th
1830 hours - \$ 20 per person
Refreshments from 1730 hours
Come dance, play shuffle board, shoot some pool or ???

SUNDAY BREAKFAST
June 7th 0830 hours
WAR BIRDS EAT FREE

INFORMATION BOOTHS
• Fun • Interest • Career

Stay the Weekend - camp (shower facilities avail.) or shuttle 24/7 to a hotel. Email for lodging list.

For Fixed Wing and Special Recreational Sports Competition Events please register with Barbara before May 31st

For more information contact Barbara (250)756-2680 or briddy@writehome.com or visit www.nanaimoflyingclub.org or <http://www.members.shaw.ca/abrutst>

RIVY 5000' x 200'
Asphalt
Elev: 57'
CTAF: 122.1
Ray 15/04
Fuel / Lights / Services

Local Fuel Costs May 10, 2009

The information is from Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to get local prices in the area on May 10, 2009. Costs seem to have stabilized for a while.

100LL Avgas prices within 50 miles of **KBLI**

| Airport / FBO | | 100LL | | | |
|---|---|---|---|------------------|---|
| | | \$3.67 - \$3.84 | | average \$4.38 | |
| KBLI | Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA | | | | |
|  | |  | 15 12 | \$4.25 \$4.50 | GUARANTEED  |
|  | |  | 10 12 | \$4.20 \$4.43 | GUARANTEED  |
| Bellingham Fuel Service Come Fuel With Us 122.95 360.671-3600 | | | | | |
| 38W | Lynden Airport Lynden, WA | | | | |
| 10 SNE |  |  | 10 | \$5.25 | 21 Jan update |
| City of Lynden (self serve fuel) | | | | | |
| KORS | Orcas Island Airport Eastsound, WA | | | | |
| 18 NW | Aeronautical Services | | 10 | \$3.94 | 04 Mar update |
| 74S | Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA | | | | |
| 18 SEW | Sea Tech Aviation | | 10 | \$4.20 | 05 Feb update |
| KBVS | Skagit Regional Airport Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA | | | | |
| 20 SSE |  |  | 12 10 | \$4.19 \$4.13 | GUARANTEED |
| | |  |  | 25 10 | \$3.67 \$3.67 GUARANTEED  |
| VeeJET. VeeJet Aircraft Management LLC | | | | | |
| KEIR | Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA | | | | |
| 24 SW | Aeronautical Services | | 10 | \$5.00 | 18 Dec 2008 update |
| KAWO | Arlington Municipal Airport Arlington, WA | | | | |
| 41 SSE |  |  | 10 | \$3.904 | 07 May update |
| OS9 | Jefferson County International Airport Port Townsend, WA | | | | |
| 48 SEW | Talaska Timmer's Aircraft Repair and Flight School |  | 10 | \$4.19 | 13 Apr update |
| Port of Port Townsend | | | 10 | \$4.17 | 08 Apr update |

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Brian Webb is an Air Interdiction Agent for the US Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Patrol Air and Marine Branch. This should be a great time to learn about the issues with crossing the US/Canada border and other issues. The Bellingham CBP Branch also flew missions in support of assessing the damage due to the January Flooding. Note the special meeting time and it will be at the WECU Facility.



The talk will begin at 7:30 PM PDT.

Definitive Avionics Garmin Seminar May 12th Wednesday. 4151 Mitchell Way, Bellingham, 360-647-6788



Starting at 6:30 PM there will be one of those very informative and entertaining seminars on Garmin products at Vaughn's Definitive Avionics at his shop at KBLI. The G600 Retrofit flight display will be the centerpiece of the discussion along with other Garmin Products.

The talk will begin at 6:30 PM PDT.

Note Tuesday Night Meeting!!!! Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter



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Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Whatcom Educational Credit Union 511 East Holly St.
Bellingham, WA

Doors Open at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm,
presentation at 7:30 pm.

Next to FedEx/Kinko's Downtown. Plenty of Parking.



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