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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 –
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The Washington Pilot's Association has a record of accomplishments in many areas of aviation. A primary reason for this is the strong sense of community shared by all pilots everywhere. Meeting another pilot anywhere in the world is always a happy occasion. We all share something important and we know it. I

believe that WPA's greatest achievements still lie ahead. Your board of directors and officers are already working on it.

There are also responsibilities that come with membership. One of these is to be informed on the challenges facing our organization and to accept responsibility for overcoming them. Sometimes it's money. Sometimes it's dedicating the time needed to help. And sometimes it's being an example which others may follow. Sometimes it's all of this and more. In my opinion, in these times, we truly need everything and everyone to pull together for the common good.

I promise openness a willingness to accept new ideas. These next few years can be years of growth and renewal; they could be years of lost opportunities. Let's not let that happen.

Let's lift up the membership with enthusiasm and encouragement.

The time for true teamwork is now. Teamwork makes the dream work.

Blue Skies
Chip LaPlante
President
North Sound Chapter
Washington Pilot's Association



Editor's Notes

Be sure to note that special day for our Monthly NSWPA meeting. Thursday was not available this month so we moved the meeting to the day ahead. It should be a great meeting so come and enjoy a nice spring evening.

The news regarding the general aviation industry is concerning. The major manufacturers, Cessna, Piper, etc., are slowing production rates. Cirrus production has declined as well. I am really ready for the economy to turn around and to aircraft back in the air once again.

This month there is another flying story, three



pilots,
three
airplanes and three
lunches.

Note that next month our meeting will be on a Tuesday night, May 12th. This will be our opportunity to talk to CBP. It should be an interesting evening.

That is about it this month. See everyone on Wednesday night

Have a great spring flight.

Wayne Landis



A \$100 Roast Beef Sandwich in Port Townsend



So on Monday March 30 three Cessnas, a 177B, a

182 and a 210 all flew to Port Townsend for lunch. The ceiling was a little low at BLI but visibility was not too bad so we launched south. I took off first with the Cardinal and actually made good time south to OS9. Whidbey Approach was great, they kept me on 120.7 all the way to the southern extent of their airspace. I could hear Les call approach behind me. The weather got better the farther south we got until Port Townsend was a high ceiling and with only moderate winds. In order to avoid the special airspace to the east I flew over the airport to enter the right downwind for and taxied to parking I could see the

runway 09. As I touched down

182 come into the pattern. Well the two of us parked and waited for Paul in his 210 to come into the pattern. Well, he finally made it and we did comment that it took a long time for a 210, apparently Paul took the roundabout way.

Lunch was at the Spruce Goose Café right at the airport. We had great sandwiches and even desert. We talked about flying, dentistry, nose art on WW2 aircraft and it was almost too good the leave. The sun came out, it was warm and our stomachs full. All good things do end and so we left for BLI. I was tail end Charlie on the way back, and the ceilings again got lower the closer to BLI we got. Traffic was so slow that again Whidbey left us on 118.20 all the way home. As I got on tower frequency I could hear Les and Paul call in and land, the familiar voices of the tower are always a good homecoming. At Eliza Island I could easily see the coastline in front of the airport so it was an easy pattern entry and landing.

As summer gets here why don't we arrange some more fly outs. There are many more airports with restaurants that NSWPA could visit. Avgas and food, what wonderful smells!

Happy Flying

Wayne



Local Fuel Costs April 5, 2009

The information is from Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to get local prices in the area on April 5, 2009. In the last few months fuel prices seem to have stabilized, I hope it stays that way through the summer.

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

Airport / FBO		100LL \$1.67 - \$1.81 average \$1.73	
KBLI Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA	 	 	\$4.25 \$4.50 \$4.21 \$4.43 GUARANTEED AIRBOSS
38W Lynden Airport Lynden, WA			\$4.25 21-Jan update
KORS Orcas Island Airport Eastsound, WA			\$3.94 04-Mar update
74S Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA			\$4.20 05-Feb update
KBVS Burlington Regional Airport Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA	 	 	\$4.18 \$4.18 GUARANTEED \$3.67 \$3.67 GUARANTEED AIRBOSS
KEHB Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA			\$3.00 18-Dec-2008 update
KAWO Arlington Municipal Airport Arlington, WA			\$3.643 03-Apr update
052 Jefferson County International Airport Port Townsend, WA			\$3.99 21-Feb update
	Port of Port Townsend		\$3.99 18-Jan update

Monthly Speakers

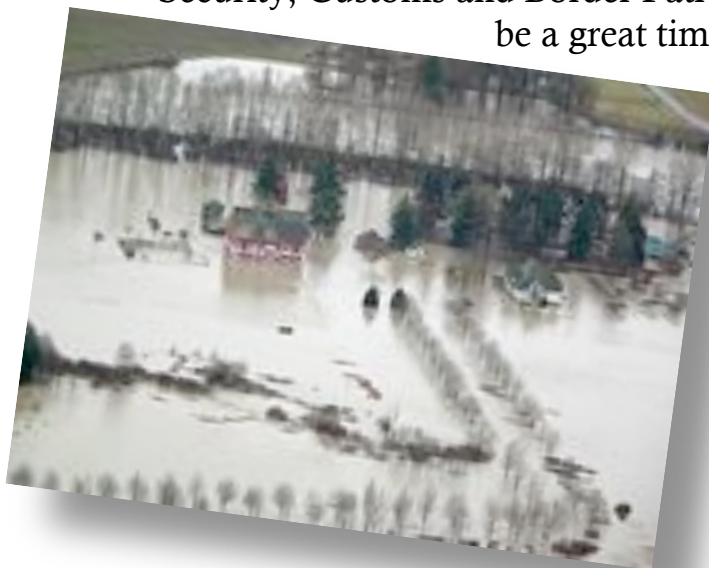
April 8th Wednesday Speaker---*Joanne and Wally Weller and flying from Blakely Island*

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May 12th Tuesday Speaker---*Brian Webb Customs and Border Patrol*

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.



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



Featured Speaker

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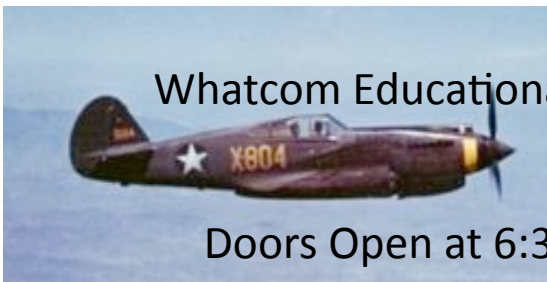


Wednesday, April 8, 2009

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

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

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





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