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

On Final, the President's Corner

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR DECEMBER 2008

A big Thank You to the North Sound Chapter for voting me in as your President.

As I go into this fourth term, WPA has brought me a little closer to some of the best people I'll ever meet.

We are all in it for a common goal, but more importantly we all share a passion for flying. Pilots are a very diverse group of people. A Preacher, a doctor, a college kid, a construction worker, a cop and a flight instructor all hanging out together at our meetings and fly-ins as well as other activities.

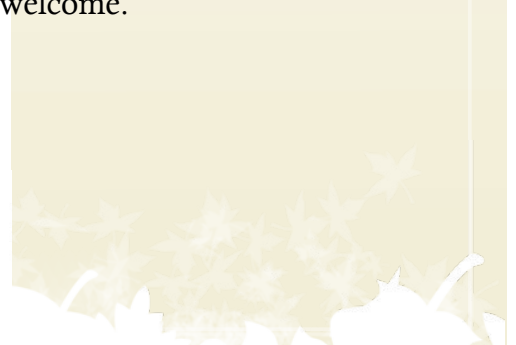
Where else can we go to experience the many other walks of life and to let those people touch our lives and change who we are and how we view the world. It's certainly not the bowling alley or the bingo hall (although Bingo Betties are a force to be reckoned with). This camaraderie is what I would like to focus on for 2009 and let's see if we can make the North Sound Chapter a name for itself. Motivation is a tough thing, but if we have the right committee's such as Public Relations, Activities, Elections, Fund Raising, Newsletter News and Research, State Relations or whatever, we could feasibly have every member involved in some giving way for common causes or goals like fund raising activities for helping with medical bills for local pilots who have lost their medical certificate without medical insurance, or donating money to build homes for those in need, etc.. Maybe the first committee created should be one to create committee's useful to not only its members, but to everyone, the non-flying public included.

My point? Nothing too deep. I just think it's worth noting how good of a thing it is that we have this chapter. The North Sound Chapter, and not just because of the flying aspect of how we spend our weekends, going for that \$100 hamburger in a short distance, such as the San Jauns, kicks ass. The people coming along for the ride are worth their weight in gold, and I encourage you to keep the vibes flowing. We're very fortunate to be pilots so do what you can to help keep it alive. But as you do so please fly safely. I hope to see you all at our next meeting in January. Our next board meeting will be January 12th at the Village Inn on Northwest Ave. Across from Yeager's. Everyone is welcome.

Merry Christmas to all!

Chip LaPlante

President – North Sound Chapter
Washington Pilots Association





In the November WPA meeting we elected a new slate of officers and directors, the names of which can be found at the end of this newsletter. As has been happening this fall we had a great turnout at the WECU facility on Holly. That facility combined with the great speakers that Maureen keeps arranging has led to a greater participation in our organization.

Everyone should have now received your renewal notice for 2009 Washington Pilots Association membership as on the lower left. You can send a check to Paul Zosel, at the address on the back. The easiest way to renew is to go online at www.wpaflys.org



December Editor's Notes

for only a few minutes.

December is a month for aviation. Of course December 17th is the date of the first successful flight of an heavier than air vehicle by the Wright Brothers in 1903. On December 18th 1982 I successfully soloed a Cessna 150 twice on a sunny and mild day at Wiede Army Airfield (EDG) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. An event momentous for me but not perhaps the same as the Wright experience. In December Voyager flew around the world unrefueled flown by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager (December 14-23, 1986). This was an amazing accomplishment by one on the most creative companies in aviation history, Scaled Composites. Oh by the way, the first flight to the moon occurred in December as well, but that is a well know story in this area.

Be sure to see the note about next month's speaker, Vaughn Burgess, and some new websites.



Have a Great Holiday!

Wayne Landis

Aviation Websites

The November issue of *IFR* magazine had an interesting article on Websites that can be useful for flight planning. Some I have been aware of but there were some others. Here are some of the flight planning sites with the homepage screen on the left.



FltPlan.com. <http://www.fltplan.com/>

This site is useful for flight planning both IFR and VFR. You can track your latest IFR flight along with those of



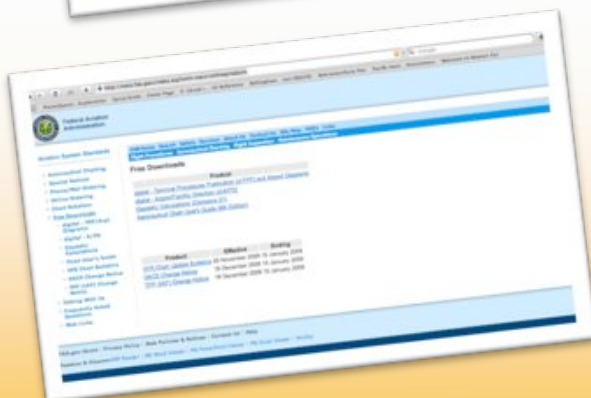
AirNav. <http://www.airnav.com/>

This is a site I have used for quite some time. Information about gasoline, airports, restaurants and other stuff important to pilots can be found at this site.



Skyvector. <http://www.skyvector.com/>

Another site with scanned in current charts that can be overlaid with weather and other information.



NACO site.

<http://naco.faa.gov/index.asp?xml=naco/onlineproducts>

This is one of my favorite sites for when I can not find the paper product at the FBO. Have you forgotten to pick up your latest Airport Facility/Directory? Well you can download the AFD and other charting documents from the producer at this site.

Local Fuel Costs.

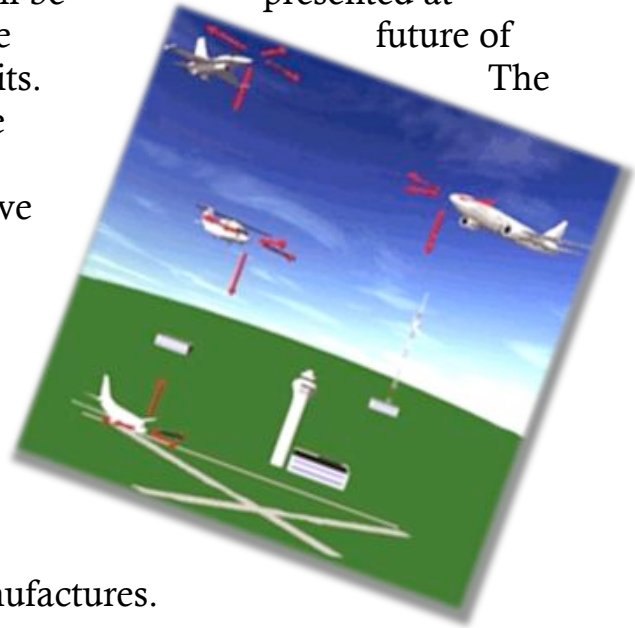
I used Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to check local prices in the area on December 17, 2008. Many of the prices are below \$5.00 a gallon for the first time in awhile. Every dollar less in fuel cost is \$10.00 an hour decrease in my flying costs. Now just don't run out on the way to get the cheap gas, if you can dig the plane out of the snow.

Airport / FBO		FUEL		PRICE	
				\$3.50 - \$4.25 average \$3.56	
KBLI 10 50E	Bellingham International Airport - Bellingham, WA				12 13 \$4.25 \$4.80
					12 13 \$4.55 \$4.77
				GUARANTEED AIRBOSS	
38W 10 50E	Lynden Airport - Lynden, WA				12 \$3.25
				20-Nov update	
4W6 14 50W	Blaine Municipal Airport - Blaine, WA				12 \$3.96
				09-Dec update	
KORS 15 40SW	Orcas Island Airport - Orcas Island, WA	Aeronautical Services		12	\$5.94
				20-Oct update	
74S 18 05W	Anacortes Airport - Anacortes, WA	Sun Coast Airlines		12	\$5.75
				11-Nov update	
KBVS 20 05E	Shaght Regional Airport - Shaght/Mount Vernon, WA				12 13 \$4.15 \$4.15
					12 13 \$3.77 \$3.77
				GUARANTEED AIRBOSS	
KEHR 25 07W	Friday Harbor Airport - Friday Harbor, WA	Aeronautical Services		12	\$4.25
				30-Aug update	
KAWO 41 05E	Arlington Municipal Airport - Arlington, WA				12 13 \$3.82 \$4.34
				08-Dec update	
OS9 46 00W	Jefferson County International Airport - Port Townsend, WA	Port of Port Townsend		12	\$4.399
				14-Dec update	

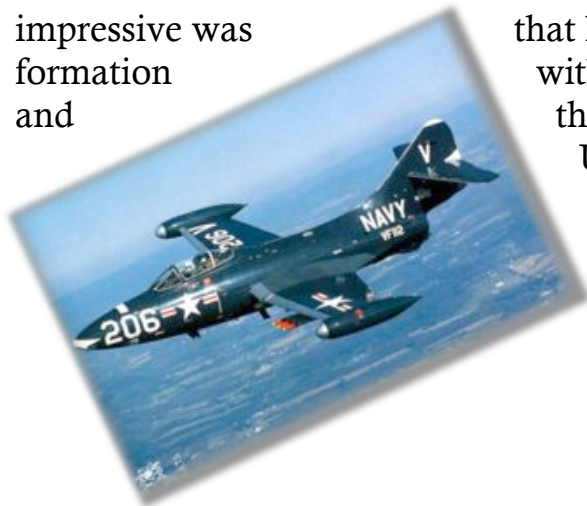
Monthly Speakers

January 8, 2009 *ADS-B, what is it? With speaker Vaughn Burgess of Definitive Avionics based at KBLI.*

Is this a requirement? How does it benefit me? What are the costs? Why ADS-B? The answer to these questions and more will be presented at January's safety presentation. ADS-B is the future of aviation air traffic control with many benefits. The presentation will look at the structure of the whole system down to the owner operator. Vaughn Burgess is the co-owner of Definitive Avionics. He had worked in the avionics field for the last 21 years. His experience started with the military and has worked the full spectrum of aircraft from the fighter jets to the Cessna 150. His true love is the GA aircraft that he has been working on for the last 10 years. Definitive Avionics specializes in top quality avionics installation and represent all of the top manufactures.



In November **John Hubner** had an interesting recollection of his engine out and forced landing in a F9F-5 Panther. Fortunately and as we could tell, he made it down into the Neuss River. What was interesting was the chain of events and decisions that led to his successful forced landing. What was even more impressive was that his flight leader actually found John, flew with him, IFR almost all the way to the ground, formation and then radioed for help. Incredible teamwork.



Unfortunately I could not find a publically available picture of a Marine Panther, I apologize for that.



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