



# HANGAR TALK



Newsletter of The North Puget Sound Chapter of The Washington Pilot's Association. February 2007

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR

Flying events in our backyard. January was an interesting month; I cannot remember having to postpone a WAP meeting due to weather. I am glad we did. The first few days of February seem to be



much nicer. In celebration of spring coming (I hope I do not jinx it!) there are a number of events coming up.

For your late winter aviation

planning be sure to note the 2007 Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show February 24 & 25 in the Exhibition & Conference Center, Blue Gate, Western WA Fairgrounds in Puyallup WA. Last year there was a convenient bus to the show grounds from the airport and lunch was available at the facility.

On March 17th we are planning a fly-out to Paine Field and the Museum of Flight restoration facility. Our preliminary plan is to take-off at 10 AM, arriving as a group at the ramp for the restoration facility by 11 AM. Details will be announced at a later date.

They have a DeHaviland Comet, a Crusader and many other aircraft stored or under restoration.

Looks like a great visit, some relevant web sites are:  
Unofficial site

<http://rbogash.com/Annex.htm>

Official Site

<http://www.museumofflight.org/Display.asp?Page=Visit>

Slide Show

[http://www.carrel.org/gallery/slideshow.php?set\\_albumName=05-17-2003](http://www.carrel.org/gallery/slideshow.php?set_albumName=05-17-2003)

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### ***"It is a fascinating tour"***

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The other field trip in the planning stage is another visit to Victoria Approach, just across the border. We did this a few years ago, renting a small bus and

traveling in the evening. It is a fascinating tour and the controllers were happy to answer our questions. Plans are in the works.

The annual WPA meeting will not be held at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show this year but is going to be held May 12th at the Future of Flight Museum at Paine Field. Plans are being made to include seminars and other events, and

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## Bellingham Aero FBO News

Bellingham Fuel Service is pleased to announce we are the official fuel provider for Western Airlines. Their first flight was

scheduled to leave Bellingham International Airport on January 19, 2007 at 7a.m. On that rainy, windy morning our fuel employees worked closely with all the Western personnel to

help make their first flight a success!

The excitement was obvious to all the Press and the pilots who flew their Boeing 737 aircraft here for the first time. People working for Western Airlines are a wonderful group of people. They sure have kept us busy, as they offer direct flights to Phoenix Arizona, San Diego, and Ontario, California.

Bellingham Fuel Service has been bustling with fuel sales during the last two weeks. The sunny days have brought on a wide spread case of Spring fever in January! I hope this good weather continues and warmer days are in the forecast.

Stop by our fuel office and see all the changes we've made. There are always plenty of free snacks, drinks, and deserts available. Our Bellingham Fuel staff would like to personally thank all the pilots who bring us delicious treats to share with our customers.

Bellingham Aero Flight School is now offering individual Instrument training with one of our Flight Instructor's, Peter Bell. You can reach him @ (360) 708-9797 or call our Flight School @ (360) 671-2250. Our students have been flying a lot on these sunny days, and it's wonderful to hear the enthusiasm in their voices as they take to the air.

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***"The excitement was obvious"***

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The entire staff at Bellingham Aero Inc. wants to thank all our local and regular customers for their encouragement and support over the last 5

months. All is well.... We look forward to serving all your aviation needs in the future. You're the reason we love doing what we do! Our company is growing rapidly and soon we will have even more great services to offer you. Have a great February and a Happy Valentines Day!

Linda Marrom  
Customer Sales & Service  
Bellingham Aero Inc.

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### Bellingham Aviation Services

While winter is still definitely here it is nice to be finally getting some good (if cold) flying weather. Bellingham Aviation Services (BAS) is starting to get busy with people who are flying, instead of just watching the fog or watching things blowing past.

We are very happy to announce that there is a familiar face returning to BAS. Robin Corsberg has returned to BAS as a part time receptionist. We are all looking forward to working with her again. Make sure to stop by and say hi to her.

BAS has been keeping very busy with ground schools. The collaboration with Bellingham Technical College is proving beneficial to both parties and we currently have both a private and instrument ground school in progress.

Do not forget that the 2007 FAR/AIM has been out for a while now. We have a good supply in stock, as well as 2007 Ac-U-Kwik's and many other pilot supplies. As a NACO Authorized Aeronautical Chart Agent we stock most charts for the western US and we can order any charts that you might need if we do not have them on hand.

At the avionics shop we are starting to get inquiries from pilots who have Garmin 430's or 530's installed asking about WAAS upgrades. Garmin is just about to start upgrading installed units.

We will be getting information this week on how they are going to go about assigning dates for upgrade. We are expecting this major hardware and software upgrade to take three to five days. BAS will be contacting everyone who has an upgrade request in with us to inform you of your place in the queue. While this upgrade will add considerably to the capabilities

of the 430 and 530, Garmin wants us to advise pilots that the unit will behave very differently than they used to, especially in the approach phase of flight. Before you fly IFR with the upgraded units please be sure that you are familiar with the differences, even if you were comfortable with the unit before.

Our maintenance shop, Bellingham Jet Center (BJC) is continuing to be very busy under the able leadership of Scott Bethke. If you have any maintenance or avionics needs he is always available and happy to help.

The very popular Mid-day Markdown is still continuing and is keeping the fuelers busier and busier as the weather improves. In case you have not yet heard this is when we sell fuel from the



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***"Waas up-grades coming soon."***

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## From the President's Hangar

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the dinner will feature Mike Melvill, the first man to pilot a civilian spacecraft above the 62 mile border to space. The meeting sounds like a great day and evening of aviation.

A note of reminder, our renewal rate is relatively slow this year. Be sure to send your checks and renew.

I'll see everyone at the Thursday meeting.

Wayne Landis



## Bellingham Aviation Services

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truck for 15¢ less than the full serve price and happens every day between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

As always we will have fresh coffee ready and we look forward to seeing everyone here at the airport.

Martyn Harris  
Chief Flight Instructor



## PASSPORT NOW REQUIRED

Effective January 23, 2007 a passport is now required to fly outside the United States, whether to Canada or Mexico. Most of us have been using our driver's license and birth certificate when we go up to Canada for that \$100.00 hamburger, but no more.

The Department of Homeland Security has lumped small private planes alongside our bigger brethren, the King Airs and Citations. Now my personal four place family sedan (air) is classified as a possible security problem.

Whether you agree or disagree with the new regulations, they are here to stay; so if you haven't already applied for a Passport, do so now. I have never had a passport, since all my foreign travel was courtesy of the military and my I.D. card was what I used. I have had to make the financial commitment to fork over \$97.00 to enjoy our hospitable neighbors to the north.

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Well maintained,  
hangered, IFR  
aircraft.

## CROSS-COUNTRY - Sea to Sea

by Paul Zosel

The Flying Dentist Association's annual meeting was in Rockland, Maine last June, so Brit & I decided it would be appropriate to fly ourselves to it. The weather shouldn't present any major problems, and we had a few days' buffer on each end for dealing with it.

The first day out was an easy afternoon flight to Helena, MT, taking 2.7 hrs with some tail wind. We got the cheapest fuel here at \$3.59/gal. The second day found us at Sault Se. Marie, MI. Good VFR weather all the way except for a detour around a T-storm near Fargo, ND. It was 7 hrs total in the air, with one fuel stop at Fargo.

We wanted to go east as direct as possible, so from Sault Ste. Marie we went over Ottawa and Montreal and on to Maine. This was the only segment that was in & out of the clouds IFR. It was foggy all day at Rockland, but cleared 1 hr before we arrived.

With no stop in Canada, customs was not an issue, but of course we needed to be on some type of flight plan. We took a little over 4 hrs from SSM to Rockland. Interesting to hear the controllers at Montreal in both French and English although this doesn't seem like a good idea to me for traffic awareness.

We enjoyed 5 days in Rockland, one unplanned. It's an Anacortes-sized town and historically a fishing and boatbuilding area

but now mostly a tourist destination and second-home haven for folks from the big cities. An inexpensive restaurant serving lobster for \$15-20 could be found almost everywhere. We ate lots of lobster.

The day we were to leave found T-storms over most of New England with 1-1/2" hail reported, and no end-runs possible. No, thanks! We went the next day with a promise of better weather westward, but take off visibility was 1/4 with 100' ceiling. The VFR folks waited a few more days to get off. The area seems to get a lot of this weather. Our destination was Galesburg, IL, with a fuel stop in NW Pennsylvania, 7 hrs in the air. We wanted to vary our route westbound by going south of the Great Lakes. Headwinds were 15-18 kts even down low at 3-5000'; 30-40kts at 12-15000 where I usually go. Such is life west-bound, I guess. Hazy & humid at 90 degrees, with no more than 7-8 nm visibility. Some VFR!

From Galesburg we decided to take an easy day and go as far as Billings, but ended up in Miles City—Billings was completely full of Harley folks. Fuel stop was Mitchell, SD where we found it the most expensive at \$4.48 and we were about 4.5 hrs in the air that day.

We stopped at Glacier for fuel on the way home the next day, clear with little headwind all the way to BLI, using about 4 hrs total.

The total mileage on my GPS came to about 4800nm, (2200nm direct one-way), using 13 hrs

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## **Cross-Country - Sea to Sea**

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eastward and 15 hrs westward, air time. This wasn't any economy move, as you might guess. We burned 483 gallons at an average of \$3.97/gal. plus four motel stops, not including the destination.

My best planning tool was a lap-top using [adds.aviationweather.noaa.gov](http://adds.aviationweather.noaa.gov) for weather, and [airnav.com](http://airnav.com) for airport information. The latter site gives info about airports, fuel prices so you can plan a fuel stop, and about motels at your destination plus a whole lot more. This eliminated the surprise element immensely. We would make a motel reservation on-line, pick a reasonably priced fuel stop, and know the basics of the weather all before we left that day, usually the night before. Overall, it was a good experience, and something we would do again.



### **Passports Now Required**

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Today I went to the Whatcom County Treasurers office to pay my dues, and discovered that I had not done all my homework. They can't accept cash or credit cards, only checks, and two are required. One for the U.S. State Department; the other for Whatcom Co., and the only other alternative is a Postal Money Order! So off to the nearby Prospect St. Post Office to get two money orders,

and then I realized that the Treasurers Office doesn't take passport photographs, and two are required.

I then decided that I would use the Post Office to get my passport, and got into that line. Talking to the guy ahead of me, he was kind enough to say the Post Office charges \$15.00 for your picture, and I should go to Costco where the price is \$4.99 plus tax, and definite savings. Since there were two people ahead of me, and the one guy doing Passport applications wasn't breaking any speed records, I called it a day.

I have gone to Costco and had my picture taken, and tomorrow I will once again go to the Treasurers office and humbly offer up my two money orders (Postal) for one passport. Knowing the system, I will then wait the six weeks required; unless I fork over another \$60.00, and will eventually receive my passport.

Personally I recommend that you go online to; [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) and read up on all the nuances to getting a passport issued, and be prepared to be very patient. Remember that patience is a virtue, or so I keep telling myself.

Royal V. Sefton, II



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Requirements, procedures and benefits of membership will be explained in greater detail. You will have ample opportunity to ask questions and request clarification.

At the end of the session, about 5:00 p.m., you will have the opportunity to become a member of the USCG AUX and launch your training as a Pilot or an Observer. The cost of the program is \$45, which includes fee, materials and lunch.

To register, contact: John Milczewski                      Jack Herrick  
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# Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter



## **February Meeting Speaker**

**Master Instructor  
and  
Pilot Examiner**

**Rick Luke**

**Will be here to dicuss:**

**"An overview of pilot checkrides".**

**And as always Rick will be open to  
discuss and answer any questions.**

When: Thursday February 8th. Doors open at 6:30pm

Time: 7:00pm

Where: in the old Port Administration building.



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