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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

February
2009—A New Year

As I write this, another year has just closed. It is a natural point for each of us to pause and reflect on our personal, professional and aviation achievements and challenges. There's also an opportunity for WPA staff and Board of Directors, both state and local, to reflect on all things aviation and to see what went right and what went wrong. NSC Treasurer Paul Zosel and I just attended the state board meeting last month in Everett.



First, the numbers. WPA membership ended the year with 16 more members. For 2009 we are at a slightly better pace at this point than last year. This year there are also 63 new members by name. Any increase in membership is impressive given the huge increase in fuel prices last summer and what economists now say is a U.S. recession that started in December 2007. We attribute this increase to you, the members, who encourage others to join. Also it is in part to WPA's continued PR effort.

WPA exists to accomplish things that benefit pilots and general aviation. Members tell us they expect effective government relations, efficient member service and open communication. All three received special emphasis last year and hopefully this year we will be successful with the challenge to keep Vista Field in Kennewick WA open. In March WPA will host a retreat there to show our support. Other battles continue such as User Fees and Airspace.

Most of you should have noticed improved member service last year with the ability to renew online and print your membership card from our website. January is the renewal month for our chapter. So if you haven't done so yet, please do so either through the website or our Treasurer.

On the communication front we have the state newsletter as well as the chapter newsletter. Our website makes information from the state and local chapters readily available. If you haven't yet, take some time to explore www.wpaflys.org. Check out the Spokane Chapter. They have a really impressive video. And of course we're still available by e-mail and phone.

WPA will have its annual general meeting for all its members statewide at the trade show in Puyallup Saturday February 21st. All members are encouraged to attend this event.

2009 will have challenges, some known and others yet to appear. WPA, its Board members and its chapters will step up and be ready to develop the policies and provide the staff with the necessary resources to help secure general aviation's future.

Blue Skies-Chip LaPlante NSWPA President



We have made it past the gloom of January for another year and the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show is about to happen once again. This is a fun event, airplanes, airplane people, and food. This is one of the mainstays of Northwest Aviation and is a great meeting.

This month Jeff Geer is going to talk about his plans to fly to Russia in an open cockpit airplane. I got to ask Jeff if he is going to count the bugs between his teeth on such a trip.

One of the major items is the recent set of rules for crossing the border back into the United

Editor's Notes

States of Homeland Security. Earlier this month I sent a series of files to members so that you have the up to date information on what should be included in the manifest and how to transmit it to Customs. Maureen and Chip have been trying to get someone from CBP to talk at one of our monthly meetings but so far we have been turned down. Perhaps they are just shy about going over the rules with the actual users.

Note below that we are again putting business cards into the newsletter. Gary Oaksford sent his \$50.00 to Paul that entitles him to this advertising space for the year. I can always make space for more cards.

Have a great flight.

Wayne Landis



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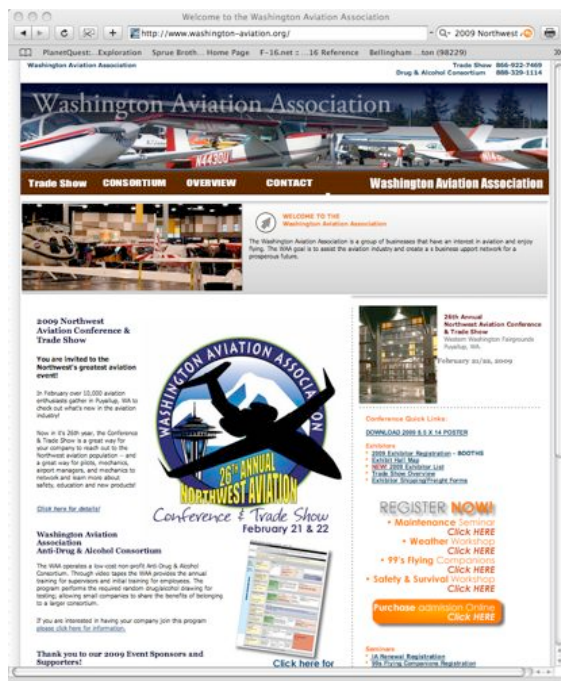
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There are also an entire series of seminars on a number of aviation topics. This year the new president of AOPA, Craig Fuller, is the keynote speaker on Saturday. There are also talks on the basics of WAAS, the SAR system, Survival, Take off and Landings and many other topics.

This is a great deal for \$5.00 admission, and oh by the way; WPA's annual meeting is at the Trade Show as well.

26th Annual Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show February 21 and 22 at the Puyallup Western Washington Fair Grounds.

<http://www.washington-aviation.org/>

Spring is finally on its way when the NORTHWEST AVIATION CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW happens in Puyallup. Happily it corresponds to the longer days, better weather and warmer temperatures. A favorite way is to fly down to Pierce County Airport-Thun Field (KPLU) and take the shuttle bus to the Aviation conference. There is a lot to see and stuff to

A promotional poster for the 26th Annual Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show. The top half features the text 'Knowledge = Safety.' in large yellow letters. Below this, it says 'Where will you pick up that piece of information that could save you...or your precious cargo?' and 'Safety + Knowledge = NWAC&TS'. The event dates are 'FEBRUARY 21/22 PUYALLUP, WA'. The event hours are '9 - 5:30 SAT' and '10 - 4 SUN'. Admission is '\$5.00 for both days!'. The poster includes a 'WIN LIGHTSPEED ZULU HEADSET' graphic. The bottom section lists various activities and seminars, including '122,000 sf Exhibit Hall & Conference Center!', 'airports and fly-in destinations', 'flight schools and colleges', 'pilot supplies and gifts', 'clubs and flying groups', 'insurance', 'aircraft financing', 'PRIME EXHIBIT SPACES AVAILABLE', 'Contact Rachel @ 866-922-7469', 'FREE... IA renewal program for mechanics', 'REGISTER ONLINE!', 'AOPA President, Craig Fuller and the AOPA Air Safety Foundation', 'FLYING COMPANIONS Intro to Aviation Register Online - Presented by the WA Chapter 99's', 'NWS Weather Workshop Survival Workshop with Doug Ritter', and 'Ditching in water... emergency survival WAAS and GPS Technology'. The bottom of the poster features logos for sponsors like 'Trade-A-Plane', 'AOPA', 'King County International Airport Boeing Field', 'AVIONICS SOFTWARE', 'EAGLE', 'clear', 'SPENCER AIRCRAFT', 'FREE THUN FIELD AIRPORT SHUTTLE', 'Air BP', and 'www.washington-aviation.org'.

Local Fuel Costs February 7, 2009

The information is from Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to get local prices in the area on February 7, 2009. The price seems to have leveled off in its

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Monthly Speakers

February Speaker --Jeff Geer of Bravo 369 Fight Foundation The Northern Route Flight Expedition

This month's speaker is Jeff Geer, one of our directors. He is planning to fly to Russia in a Stearman to follow the WW 2 lend-lease route from the US, across Canada and Alaska. It will be fun to hear how Jeff is going to tie this into an educational experience, and I hope not a survival tale. I did email Jeff that his face is now all over the Porta-Potties at KBLI now that he has made the big time.



January's speaker-Vaughn Burgess of Definitive Avionics

Vaughn gave a great introduction to the use of ADS-B in general aviation. Apparently with the correct equipment and national coverage we may have the benefits of TCAS, XM weather and weather maps, along with better communication with ATC. It was great to hear what kind of equipment will be required and the timelines for deployment.



I almost hate to say it but the ADS-B sounds worth the money if it works as well as it has in Alaska. Thanks Vaughn for the update.

Monthly Speakers continued

March Speaker –Gary Evans of “The Science of Flight for Teachers”

Next month Gary Evans will be discussing the usefulness of the science of flight in connecting with a variety of students. Why not bring a teacher to the NS WPA meeting next month?

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A note from Aviation Egress Training Systems

Aviation Egress Training Systems are working on the February 2009 Egress Training schedule and would like to start by offering you Wednesday February 25th at Victoria BC.

The course will be held at the Crystal Pool facility starting at 10:00 am thru 4:30 pm, if you are available please let me know ASAP, as there are presently only 9 seats open.

Please contact Bryan Webster e anytime with any questions you may have.

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Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter



Featured Speaker

Jeff Geer of Bravo 369 Fight Foundation
The Northern Route Flight Expedition

How about flying a Stearman PT-13 to Russia! That is what Jeff plans to do this summer along a route used to deliver Lend-Lease aircraft during WW 2. The flight is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2010, the flight will follow a route from Bellingham, Washington to Montana, Alberta, British Columbia, the Yukon, Alaska, and Russia. The activity is not just an adventure, the goal is to engage students into the history, geography and mechanics of this important ferry route. It should be interesting and engaging.



Thursday, February 12, 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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