



HANGAR TALK



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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR

Christmas Dinner

Last month we had a great Christmas dinner in the BAS hangar, thanks Jeff and BAS! The winds were blowing to 50 kts and this was the storm that knocked power



out in Vancouver and the Seattle area. The food and company were great! Royal Sefton's Toys for Tots box was overflowing with children's gifts. Royal, Mike Holl, Chip LaPlante,

and Jeff Geer were all instrumental in setting up the dinner tables and to get the area ready for the dinner. I understand that a number of airplanes got moved around that day to open the hangar up for the dinner. Thanks again.

Thanks go also to those who attended the dinner. The weather was certainly a challenge and it was not clear if we would have power that night.

Elections

We also announced the election results: Wayne Landis President, Chip LaPlante Vice President, Paul Zosel Treasurer and in a very close election the Directors are Doug Fenton, Maureen Griggs and Martyn Harris. Don Lunt

is still serving as Secretary and Royal Sefton remains Past President. I am really looking forward to working with this team in 2007.

Aviation

The future of Blaine Airport still is not clear. In December there was a vote by the Blaine City Council to further investigate funding for the airport development. I suspect there will be further discussion of the best use of this public asset during the next year.

Our Chapter is attempting to arrange a fly-out for a tour of the aircraft restoration facilities for the Museum of Flight at Everett Field on January 20th. Hopefully we will have more information by our January 11th Chapter meeting. Restoration facilities are a great place to see the aircraft up close and in pieces.

Did you notice that Garmin's WAAS approval was gained for the 430 and 530? I am looking forward to flying those approaches when my unit is upgraded.

See you all at the Thursday meeting.

Be safe
Wayne

"Future of
Blaine air-
port still un-
clear"

Bellingham Aero

The staff at Bellingham Aero wishes a Happy New Year to all our fellow pilots and friends! We want to thank all our local and transient

customers for their business, and we promise to continue to offer the best customer service possible.

We've made some wonderful changes to our Bellingham Aero Flight

School since we became a Cessna Pilot Center. If you've visited us before, I promise when you walk in the door you'll be surprised! I also promise when you learn about our new Cessna Pilot Center Training Program, you'll be pleased! If you're on the field or just visiting BLI please stop in and visit us. We can provide all your pilot supply needs, and there is plenty of hot coffee or cocoa to keep you warm on these cold blustery days.

Very Soon, Bellingham Aero Flight School will be offering a 1997 Cessna 182 for Flight Instruction and rental. She is equipped with Garmin gear and she is quite an aircraft. Come by and let one of our instructors show her off! While you're here, you can also check

FBO News

out the 2006 Cessna 172 SP that's also available for instruction or rental. You will be impressed! Our pricing is very reasonable for such a new aircraft. We offer block time and if you'd like more information, please call 671-2250.

Bellingham Fuel Service has been rolling with the punches. Those of you who reside here locally understand exactly what I mean. With all the intensely windy and rainy days, and all the freezing snowy days, it has been a challenge for us and our fellow pilots. Nevertheless, our fuel office is always full of pilot chatter and free snacks. Our fuel office lounge is very comfortable. If you're coming to BLI from out of town, we can help you with all

your needs and we have courtesy cars and maps available. Make sure you call ahead to reserve a courtesy car. Our fuel office phone # is (360) 671-1600.

During the holidays we were gifted with loads of delicious food and holiday treats from our steady customers. We, the staff at Bellingham Aero, want you to know we truly appreciated all of it. We all gained ten pounds, but we enjoyed indulging in it all. One of my customers asked, "Do you have a party in here every day?" It sure seemed like it during the holidays. As with everyone else, all I did was eat. All day long.....

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"New 2006 Cessna 172SP"

FBO News

Bellingham Aviation Services

Once again another year has come and gone and Bellingham Aviation Services (BAS) would like to thank all our customers for our best year yet. We have had our best year ever for fuel sales, flight instruction and pilot supply sales. BAS flowed over one million gallons of fuel in 2006 and we are looking forward to 2007 being even better yet!

BAS was honored with an award from Flight Options in December. We were named a Flight Options Gold Preferred FBO. We are all proud of all the hard work and great service that went in to earning this recognition.

In the fuel office we have a new face. Richard Denike joins the staff and is proving to be a very capable and enthusiastic member of the team. Be sure to say hi to him when you see him.

Also on the fuel side, I did not mention in last month's article that our Mid-Day Markdown is still continuing. Once again that is when the 100LL from the truck is marked down 15¢ between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Also do not forget that in addition to 122.95 MHz, we always monitor our ARINC frequency of 131.3 MHz.

Changes at Bellingham Aviation Services for the New Year!

As 2006 draws to a close and we look ahead to 2007, we are most thankful to all our customers,

friends and family who help support the flying community. Together, BLI is getting bigger and better and a wonderful place to fly!

Bellingham Jet Center, Inc.,
Maintenance and Avionics
Division for
Bellingham
Aviation
Services, is
wishing a fond
farewell to one
of our own.
Jeff Geer has
decided to
leave the
company to
pursue other
business opportunities. We
wish Jeff all the best in his
future endeavors and hope he
will find the time in his busy
schedule to stop by and have a
cup of coffee.

Scott Bethke, our
Director of Maintenance,
will be overseeing the
Avionics Division and we
will be actively pursuing
an Avionics Manager to
help push our company
to the next level. Though

we are going through some minor
reorganization, please know that
Bellingham Jet Center can still
take care of all your avionics and
maintenance needs.

From all of us at Bellingham
Aviation Services;
Vanessa, George, Martyn, Scott,
Jason, Carla, Grace, Michael,
Charlie, Sam, Richie, Justin, Pete
and Brittany –

**We wish all of you a Happy,
Healthy and Prosperous New
Year.**



OTHER NEWS

NSC-WPA BoD Lunch Meeting

Monday Jan 8, 2007

12:15pm

Hizzonor's Resturant

322 N Commercial St

Partial Agenda:

1. Plans for new year activities
 - a. Fly outs
 - b. Air shows
 - c. Visit to Victoria Station?
 2. Scholarship programs
 - a. BTC ?
 - b. Other
 3. Evaluation of Christmas dinner and program
 - a. Ideas and plans for next December party
 4. Ideas for promoting flying interest in the community
 5. Letter of appreciation to BAS
 6. Data update for listing officers with state WPA
- All are invited to join in with the officers and the board.

A Leap Into The New Year

Take off in 2006 in an airplane and land in 2007 without it. With a parachute that is. After careful planning and a practice jump at four in the afternoon. That's what Chip LaPlante and Tim Tracy did New Year's Eve.

"We've been trying to pull this off for several years now" says Chip, "but we always got weathered out. This year the weather cooperated with a half moon, good thin ceilings, good visibilities, no wind and acceptable temperature.

We climbed up to 5500 feet and circled the farm just a half mile east of the Whatcom VOR (HUH) until Victoria terminal told us it was 11:56PM. We turned to arrive over our spot at 11:57PM and made the New Years Leap landing at exactly midnight. A big thanks to our good friend and fellow NSC member, John Huntley who flew us in his 172.



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Bellingham Aviation Services

From the Avionics Shop

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year! I want to thank all of you for your business in 2006, we had another great year in the avionics and maintenance shop thanks to all of you!!

The New Year brings change for me and the Avionics Shop. I have decided to leave BAS to pursue new business opportunities. As a founding partner of BAS, it was a very difficult decision to leave the company after what seems to be a very short three years at BLI. During my entire career I can't think of a place that I've enjoyed working at as much as the airport. Working at the airport has provided many exciting aviation experiences and the opportunity and privilege to get to know all of you. I won't be far away and will be working from my home office but I will be a regular face around the airport, WPA meetings, and airport events.

The Avionics and Maintenance Shop will continue operations under the guidance of Scott Bethke as Director of Maintenance and Pete Purdum as Avionics Manager. I want you all to be assured that both Pete and Scott will continue to provide the excellent level of service that you have come to know at the shop. BAS continues to offer the best in avionics products and services

and I encourage you to contact Scott or Pete if you have aircraft maintenance or avionics needs.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the BAS employees for their dedication, hard work, excellent customer service, and for supporting me. You guys are the best!! To all of the WPA members and local pilots, I sign off with a heartfelt thanks for you patronage and support, but above all, your friendship, we've had some great times!!

For now I'm going to taxi to parking and monitor ground..... See you back on tower frequency soon!

Jeff Geer



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Thanks again to all our loyal customers for your constant support. We do appreciate you. Well, I can't think of anything more to share with you, so I'll just wish you all a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year!

Linda Marrom
Marketing Director
Bellingham Aero Inc.

Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter



January Meeting Speaker

Chip LaPlante

Will give a presentation on:

ELTs and EPIRBs

Transitioning from 121.5MHz
to
406MHz.

The history of the technology that proves to
find you faster and more accurately.
COSPAS-SARSAT... The First Generation.
And most importantly, what this means to the
general aviation community.

When: Thursday January 11th. Doors open at 6:30pm
Time: 7:00pm

Where: in the old Port Administration building.



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