



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR

Steward

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The word describes individuals involved in an organization and tasked with the responsibility of its maintenance and financial stability.

WPA stewards are your elected board of directors of the state and local chapters as well as the general membership at large.

What, you ask? How can we the

general members, be stewards of our organization.

Look at the example a while back, when the Blaine airport was facing imminent danger of being closed permanently. You the membership rose to the occasion by sending letters to the city council and by making personal appearances at council meetings. You practically eliminated the competition for the airport by providing for-thought for the airport master plan, airport management and increased revenue for the city. WPA made a difference. In any case the results were quite impressive. But there is more that each of us can do to assist our organization.

As a membership organization, our greatest strength is our membership numbers, which for the past few years has slipped slightly. We as steward/ members can help turn that trend around. We can assist our organization in several ways to help reverse this trend.

First, bring people to flying. Whether a family member, friend or acquaintance, they've all heard you try to describe the new-found freedom you have discovered in the air. Many have said they would like to learn to fly someday. Pave their way by encouraging and accompanying them. Tell them "someday" happens next Saturday. Then line up an instructor and go with them.

Second, interact with those students and individuals you see at the airport and encourage them to continue with their training programs. Don't you remember how it felt to be the newbie, trying hard to figure out this whole flying thing? Remember how it felt to hear a

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Can you guess who this is? Answer on next page.

"WPA made a difference"

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word of encouragement from another licensed pilot. Leave the training to the instructors, but you don't have to hold a rating to be a mentor.



Third, keep your membership current, even during periods of inactivity. The jobs WPA performs every

day affect all pilots in small, often unannounced ways to make it easier for you to open your flight bag each time you fly and use what's inside.

Our relatively small but necessary association relies on larger numbers when speaking to government, insurance companies, suppliers, *WINGS* and *Hanger*

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Finally, let's each do our part to not lose members through mistakes and misjudgment. Let's encourage each other to be better prepared to handle the unforeseen complications. While they may be unforeseen, they shouldn't be unanticipated.

And you can mentor by example, passing on your hard-won experience. Perhaps you will play a part in keeping the incident and accident numbers down and the membership numbers up.

And along the way, encourage those who aren't to become full-fledged WPA members. In that way, you are serving as a steward of WPA, ensuring that your association has the numbers and the resources it needs to continue serving pilots and the aviation industry. If each of us sets a goal of recruiting ten new members over the next 12 months, imagine the possibilities...

Blue Skies
Chip LaPlante



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From the Editor

I appologize for the late newsletter. I have been very ill with this virus cold that just won't seem to let go.

Hopefully it will.

At the end of this year it will be four years of doing this newsletter. I have enjoyed being the editor during this time. However at the end of this year I will be resigning as your editor. So hopefully another member will accept and take over the position. I will provide training and support. So Please, anyone interested contact me. Thank you

FBO News

Bellingham Aviation Services

We at Bellingham Aviation Services would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, and thank you for your patronage and friendship throughout 2007.

Thanks for your thoughts and prayers for Carla. Her surgery was successful and she has been able to return to work. We missed her dearly while she was away. Related thanks to Robin Corsberg for picking up much of the slack during Carla's recovery.

This time of year at BLI seems something akin to hibernation. And as much as I like to fly, the turbulent weather we've been seeing the last few days makes me grateful for a warm hangar or FBO and a hot cup of coffee. I find that I have a bit more time to review FAR's, to refresh my lost communication procedures, or to become more familiar with approach plates and enroute charts. Even if you reduce the amount of flying you do, don't reduce the amount of thinking you do. Take an online course from the Air Safety Foundation. You can access them through AOPA's website. Learn from the mistakes of others by reading accident reports. Keep tabs on the long term forecast so that you are ready for those good flying days and then be sure to take advantage of them. And lastly, don't let the opportunity

that bad weather presents pass you by. You have a chance to become a better pilot. Grab an instructor, review turbulent air penetration and maneuvering speeds, and fly.

If you defer some maintenance or planned improvements till the winter months, check in with our maintenance and avionics shop, Bellingham Jet Center. Mike is ready to meet your avionics needs and Marty can help with maintenance. Call them at 360-752-1252.

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That's all for now. We wish you happy and safe flying.

Jeff Eriksen



The picture above and on the front page is Ed Soderblom from Meadow Mist in his newly restored Apache.



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Dear Pilot:

Have you ever been faced with a difficult go/no-go decision because of questionable weather and wished there were pilot reports (pireps) available to help you make your decision? Easy to give and easy to get, the pirep is one of the most valuable pieces of weather information available to pilots—and yet they are all too rare. We want to change that, and we need the help of pilots in the Pacific Northwest—pilots like you.

The AOPA Air Safety Foundation and the FAA have implemented "Project Pirep," a trial program that began on January 7, and will run for 90 days within the boundaries of Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) airspace and selected tracons. The intent of the program is to increase the number of pireps available for preflight planning purposes and in-flight decision making.

As you are flying in the Pacific Northwest during the next few months, a controller may ask you to provide a pirep, either on the active frequency or on the appropriate FSS frequency. Provide as much weather data as possible, particularly if you are encountering any unforecast weather or icing conditions. The information you provide could prove critical to your fellow pilots. It might even save a life.

If you need a brush-up on pireps, see ASF's online interactive safety course, [SkySpotter](#).

Thank you for participating in this valuable new program with us.

Bruce Landsberg
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