

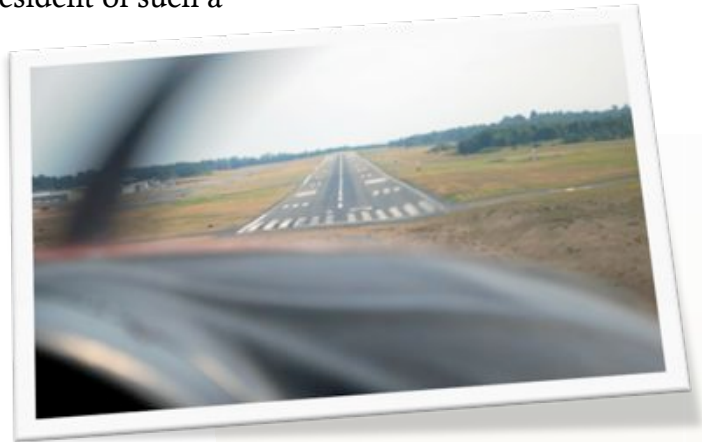
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Official Newsletter of the North Sound Chapter of the Washington Pilot's Association

On Final, the President's Corner

First I would like to say how humbling it is to be the President of such a Prestigious Group as the North Sound Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association. I just hope that my term is even a little bit helpful and hopefully one that will help each of us keep'em flying. Safety is by far the most important thing that I hope to keep us all thinking about. All of us have heard most of the safety tips over and over. But if you ask me the number of times that we hear them is not important until we actually need that specific tip.



With Old Man Winter upon us there are always those really important reminders of how we should make sure we do a really thorough preflight. Even though it is cold and it hurts to be taking those fuel samples and looking for water and to check the oil and look at all of those hoses and clamps and checking for any possible leaks of exhaust that could get into our cockpits and allow carbon monoxide to get to us. Speaking of which – they make some really good Carbon Monoxide detectors that are not very expensive. See this website: <http://www.aircraftspruce.com/menus/ps/carbonmonoxidedetectors.html>

Flying in winter also takes some very tough decisions due to weather. Some of you have your Instrument Rating and that makes flying a lot safer for you. At least it should. But, even then there are times when even having that rating might make some people hesitant about flying in really bad weather. Always use your very best judgment about whether or not to take off in inclement weather. It is so easy to get caught up in stuff that can ruin your day. Here is a good web link that will keep you abreast of great Pilot tips: <http://www.pilotworkshops.com/public/main.cfm>

I want to thank all of the members that have sent in their current annual dues and remind those that have not, that the dues are used to keep the Chapter running and help us all to be better pilots. This year we will have a lot going on at our Monthly Meetings. Thanks to Maureen we will have some great speakers and I also plan on trying to get some extra things for our meetings that would help us to be better informed as pilots. We are so lucky to have the people in our Chapter that do the behind the scenes work. A big thanks to Wayne for his outstanding work on this Newsletter and to Maureen for always making sure that we are honored by our Guest Speakers.

I am looking forward to a really great Year in 2010 and so let's all make sure we come to the Chapter Meetings and attend our special events throughout the year.

Jerry Ward

Editor's Notes-Action Autumn.

Well we are beginning a new year in aviation as it looks like the deepest recession since 1929 might be abating. It should be interesting to see if general aviation can recover to its mid-2000 order book.

I really enjoy knowing who is flying with me and knowing that they are unlikely to have a bomb in their underwear. Security issues may have the side effect of increasing the demand for business aviation.

Last month we had a great Christmas banquet with way too much food. It was great to meet and great with our fellow aviation enthusiasts that belong to the EAA. I have been a 20-year member of the EAA but have never joined the Chapter. I should probably think about that.

Boeing finally got the 787 into the air last month. It certainly seems to be a huge aircraft. I just hope the seats are a bit more comfortable.

John Ring's operation has moved over to share some of the space that has been the base of operations of Definitive Avionics.

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The First flight of the 787 Dreamliner from PAE. The flight took place on a typical day in the Pacific Northwest, overcast and showery. The aircraft then landed at BFI.



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of us had lunch there during the Museum's open houses this summer.

The Olympics are coming and so is the large and eight week long TFR to the north of BLI. Be sure to read the NOTAM. There is another training session at BVS next week and it may be a great time for a refresher.

Finally, Joshua Cawthra from the NTSB will be discussing a series of general aviation accidents during his January 14th presentation. This talks are always interesting and important in flying safely.

Have a great flight—Wayne Landis

The Olympics are Coming....the Olympics are Coming....

A new event has been scheduled that meets your notification criteria on FAASafety.gov. Following is a brief overview of the event:

"2010 Olympic Mini Airspace Symposium"

Topic: Airspace Temporary Flight Restrictions During the 2010 Vancouver B.C. Winter Olympics & Paralympics Games

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Location:

Port of Skagit Briefing Room

15400 Airport Drive

Burlington, WA 98233

Select Number:

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Description:

Learn everything you need to know about the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) that will be in place this coming winter near Bellingham, WA.

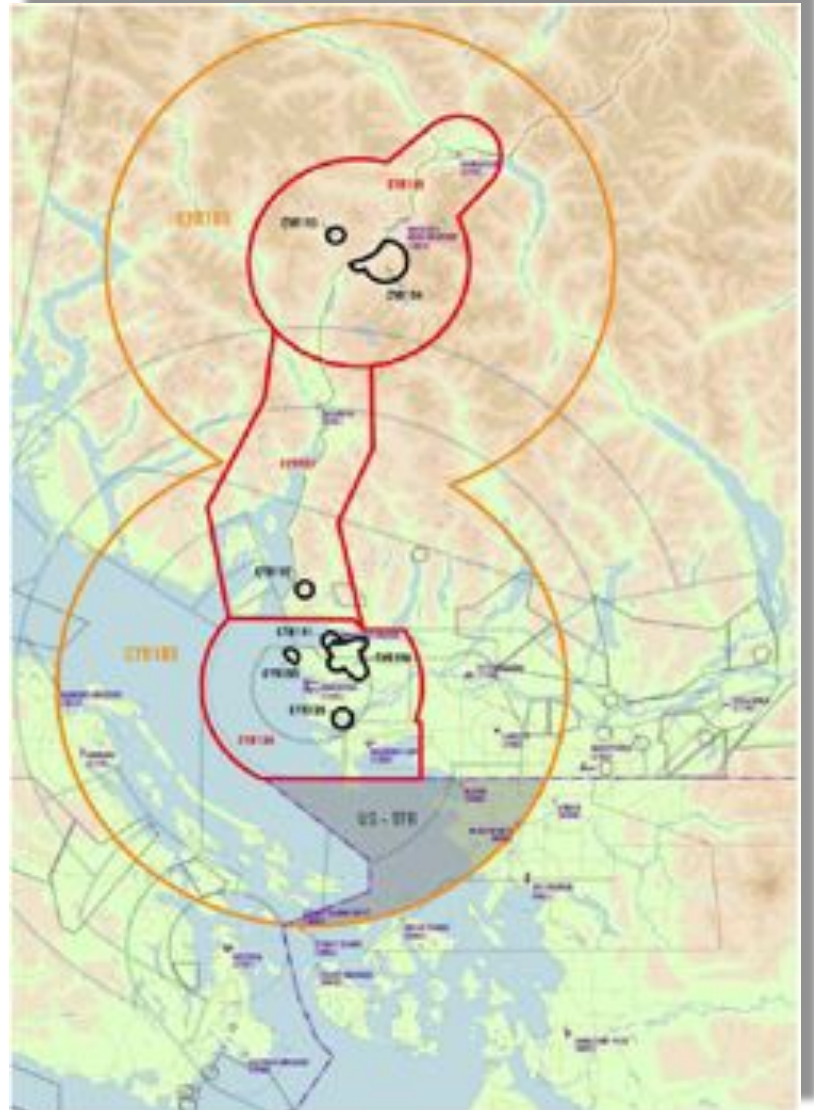
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Happy New Year from the folks at Bellingham Aviation Services. I don't know what you resolve to do this year, but I hope it includes flying safe and flying often.

There's been a significant amount of attention paid to the upcoming Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, and about how those games affect the general aviation community here in the North Sound. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the security procedures and the dimensions of the TFR. We still have several copies of the Olympic Vancouver/Whistler VTA on hand in our office. Stop by and we'll be happy to give you one. They are complementary.

I want to focus your attention on a different, but important, change in local airspace. If you've picked up the most recent copy of the Seattle Sectional Chart (effective date was 17 December 2009), you'll note that there is now Class E airspace to the surface at Orcas Island Airport, as well as a Class E to-the-surface corridor that extends to the south/southeast of KORS and includes Blakely Island Airport. Based on the notation on the chart, the depicted airspace is intermittently active and you'll need to check NOTAMs to be sure. The RNAV (GPS)-A approach into KORS is not authorized at night, so I'm guessing the Class E to-the-surface may revert to starting at 700' AGL at night.

All that to say, make sure you have a Special VFR clearance prior to operating in that airspace when 135.425 at ORS is reporting less than 1000' and 3sm during daytime. Getting that clearance will require talking to either Whidbey Approach or Victoria Terminal depending on whether you are north or south of ORS. We're all aware of localized variations in ceilings and visibility around these parts. Make sure that if you are planning to transition that airspace to check the AWOS at ORS and act accordingly. It could be clear over Olga or at Blakely, but if the AWOS at ORS is less than basic VFR, make sure you get that Special.

The flight school here at BAS had a fine year in 2009. Despite the challenges within the industry and even with the broader economy, we were able to fly a record number of hours. Thanks so much for your friendship and patronage. I hope you have a great 2010.

Sincere Regards,

Jeff Eriksen
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On the Move!!!

On January 4, 2010 Whatcom Territory Aero Service Inc and John Ring finished moving to new digs. Now they are sharing space with Definitive Avionics (Vaughn Burgess' company) along with using other space at BLI.

The address is Whatcom Territory Aero Service 4151 Mitchell Way, Bellingham International Airport, Bellingham WA 98226. The phone numbers remain the same at 360-647-AERO (2376), cell 360 441 7088 and Fax 360-738-4314.

WHATCOM TERRITORY AERO SERVICE INC.

John A. Ring

Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic/IA

Definitive Avionics remains in the same location 4141 Mitchell Way, Bellingham International Airport, Bellingham WA 98226. The phone numbers for Definitive are 360-647-6788, cell 360-305-9376 and a fax of 360-738-7598.

Now there is one-stop shopping for repairs, annuals and avionics.



Local Fuel Costs January 2010

The information is from Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to get local prices in the area on January 5, 2010. Prices have not changed very much since last month.

100LL Avgas prices within 50 miles of KBLI

Airport / FBO		100LL \$2.00 - \$2.25 average \$2.00	
KBLI Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA			
 Bellingham Aviation Services		\$5 \$4.88	GUARANTEED 
 Bellingham Fuel Service Come Fuel with Us 735.92 445.67 580.00		\$5 \$4.90	
		\$5 \$4.71	GUARANTEED 
		\$5 \$4.93	
38W 10 NNE Lynden Airport Lynden, WA			\$5 \$4.30
			29 Nov 2009 airframe
KORS 16 WNW Orcutt Island Airport Etonwood, WA			\$5 \$5.25
			15 Aug 2009 airframe
74S 18 ESW Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA			\$5 \$4.75
			23 Nov 2009 airframe
KBVS 20 SSE Skagit Regional Airport Bellingham/Mount Vernon, WA			\$5 \$5.15
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 Hawkeye Aircraft Management LLC		\$5 \$4.75	GUARANTEED 
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KEHR 25 SW Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA			\$5 \$5.29
			11 Nov 2009 airframe
KOKH 10 E Al Eisenberg Airport Oak Harbor, WA		Airfuel	\$5 \$4.48
			15 Nov 2009 airframe
KAWO 40 SSE Arlington Municipal Airport Arlington, WA			\$5 \$4.534
			16 Nov 2009 airframe
0S9 46 ESW Jefferson County International Airport Port Townsend, WA		Tenaco	\$5 \$4.89
			11 Nov 2009 airframe

December EAA and NSWPA Dinner

This year we will once again combined our Christmas banquet with the EAA Chapter in Lynden. We met last Dec 11th starting at 6:30pm at Syros restaurant. The banquet room was full of pilots, spouses and friends and there was a bit too much food to eat. NSWPA also installed its new officers with the President's torch being passed on to Jerry Ward.



The new officers are listed at the back of the newsletter along with email addresses and phone numbers. Please feel free to contact them with questions, advice or just to talk.



January 14th Speaker--- *Joshua Cawthra NTSB-Aviation Accident Investigations*



Mr. Cawthra is an Aviation Accident Investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board. He has a commercial pilot certificate and a number of ratings. He also holds a mechanics certificate with an Airframe and Power Plant rating.

His presentation will cover 10+ accident scenarios, which include various types of accidents, including VFR flight into IMC conditions, fuel related accidents, aeronautical decision-making, and much more. The accidents will involve pilots of various experience levels including student pilots, private pilots, and commercial /ATP rated pilots.

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Doors Open at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm, Next
to FedEx/Kinko's Downtown. Plenty of Parking.



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You can join online at <http://www.wpaflys.org> or by filling out the form below.

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