



# HANGAR TALK



Newsletter of The North Puget Sound Chapter of The Washington Pilot's Association. July/August 2007

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR

### WPA and Aviation-President's Message Summer 2008

The summer weather can hardly be better for flying, today was another severe clear day although a little



warm. My Cardinal seemed to feel the density altitude as well. As I write the Arlington EAA show is around the corner and it looks like great

weather. Cessna also announced that they have made a decision to produce the LSA prototype. Things seem to be looking up for general aviation.

The State WPA has a new President, John Dobson, and he is looking for the organization to be more of an advocate for general aviation in the State. As strong as aviation is in our region, it still needs a group to be championing the cause. I think this is a great direction for WPA to take.

Our chapter has lost membership in the last couple of years. Our programs are still top notch and they are certainly educational and often entertaining. The Search and

Rescue group from British Columbia were fantastic and had a number of tips for getting found after an emergency landing. Terry from the tower added a great deal of insight into tower operations in a question and answer period. I got to give a little introduction to the use of Internet services for aviation. The educational aspect of the chapter is still very strong. One of our issues has been finding a place to meet at the airport that is suitable for our organization. Space in the GA terminal is limited, and the main terminal has also become crowded. Clearly we need to search for a

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### ***"feel the Density Altitude"***

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suitable meeting spot like the museum or our old location in the main terminal. This problem is clearly on my to do list.

Another major change has been the elimination of the Fathers Day Air Fest. Air Fest was a way that we could support the aviation community and meet pilots interested in becoming WPA members. We clearly need more outreach, and perhaps some more mini-flyers put under everyone's hangar door.

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## FBO News

Bellingham Fuel Service sends a special thank you to the Heritage Flight Museum for giving us the opportunity to fuel **"Sentimental Journey"**. She's the B-17 Flying

Fortress that spent four days visiting our tarmac last week. Heritage Flight Museum sponsored the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) on their "2007 Sentimental Journey" tour.

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Over 2,000 aviation enthusiasts visited the museum last weekend to walk through and photograph this incredibly beautiful airplane. They also bought rides and awesome souvenirs, or just stood and watched in wonder when she flew over head.

I volunteered that weekend and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the look on the faces of people who bought rides for themselves or their loved ones. I was blessed enough to enjoy a ride myself and I'm quite sure nothing will ever top that incredible aviation experience. Everyone in the CAF crew was wonderful and we all hope they come visit again soon.

I'm grateful for all Heritage Flight Museum does for this airport. Their almost daily flybys and warbird

events are always exhilarating. Remember, their Open House is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Stop in and enjoy the flybys if you're interested in P-51 Mustangs, Texans, Skyraiders, etc. It's free and it's great fun for the whole family!

Bellingham Fuel Service has a new fueling staff and I'd like to welcome Brent Smith, Devin Paschke, Cale McCulloch, Neil Phillips, Anya Friday, Lindsey Lundermen and Chris White. They're ready to serve all your aviation needs upon your arrival to BLI. We have courtesy cars available, but make sure you call ahead to have us hold one for you if you need it. Our # is (360) 671-1600. If you're a local on the field, stop in to learn your options on **saving money on fuel** by going on account with us. With the price of fuel these days, it will be to your benefit.

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Bellingham Aero Flight School has been staying busy, and we're in the process of purchasing another aircraft. Stop in and talk to John, Milo, or Mat for details. Also, remember we can save you money if you **"Special Order" pilot supplies** from us. Don't forget to come by for our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month Weenie Roast. There's always good food and a ton of pilot chatter!

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## FBO News

### Bellingham Aviation Services (BAS).

We're excited to see July arrive as the nice weather and long days eliminate almost all excuses to avoid flying. You and we are getting up in the air and enjoying the sights and sounds of aviation. Let's keep it up. There's not too much new going on at BAS right now. It seems that we're settling into the busy summer groove and enjoying it.

Our fuelers are happy to see the arrival of a 5000 gallon Jet-A fuel truck. SKYBUS plans to turn their Airbus A319 in 24 minutes and when we were using two trucks, we were finishing with just a few moments to spare. The new truck gives us a bit of breathing room and for that we are very grateful. The mid-day markdown remains popular with our friends burning 100LL. If you're not familiar, it is an ongoing daily promotion between 10am and 2pm where you get a 15 cent discount off the price of 100LL from the truck.

Our Cessna 172 continues to fly often and we're excited to see the progress made by our flight students. If you'd like to be one of them, or would like to rent a great little 172 with a fresh factory remanufactured engine and a Garmin 430, stop by or give us a call. While the plane remains busy, we are usually able to find a space that will work for you.

If you've been considering upgrading your Garmin 430 or 530 to a WAAS capable unit, please note that Garmin will soon be enacting a substantial price increase on upgrades scheduled after August 31st. The upgrade can occur anytime until May 31st, 2008, but has to be scheduled with BAS/Garmin before this coming September. If the upgrade is scheduled after 9/1/07, the price increases to \$2995, up from \$1500.

Yikes! If you're still on the fence, talk to your pilot friends who've already upgraded and ask them what it's like to fly an ILS-like GPS approach.

I hope you were able to get down to The UpFront Theatre last month to see

Robin Corsberg shine in her one-woman show *Stages*. She's a huge gift to us and to Bellingham. We're proud of her and glad to have her working with us. Nice work Robin.

We've been keeping tabs on Martyn Harris since he returned to American Airlines and are happy to report that he was NOT on board the Super 80 that was hit by the United Airlines aircraft. We're eager to get some additional details and they maybe forthcoming since Marty flew with the captain of the injured Super 80 the following day.

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## From the President's Hangar

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So as we go into the fall, invite a new pilot for our September meeting and welcome him or her into the group.

Have a safe summer.

Wayne Landis



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I was able to fly into EAA's Airventure last month in Oshkosh, WI. The place is filled with remarkable people and planes and I was able to meet with several vendors.

We have intentions to increase the variety of aircraft available for training and rental at BAS, so please stay tuned for more. Our flight out of Oshkosh, while chaotic, was somewhat subdued, as earlier in the afternoon, a collision while landing claimed the life of warbird restoration legend Gerry Beck and destroyed his scratch-built A-model P-51. While the full NTSB report will not be available for months, such sad news is always a reminder to watch ourselves as we fly.

That's all for now. I hope this finds you all well. Thanks for your friendship and patronage. Keep flying and keep flying safely.

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Bring your questions and be ready to discuss the mechanics of piloting an airplane more effectively.....from aerodynamics, to take offs & landings, to stall & spins, to aerobatics, to slips & skids, to emergency strategies, to anything in between that involves how to perfect the art of flying.

SASA (Skagit Airport Support Association) will be hosting "a PreSeminar" Barbecue starting at 5:30pm, please come early and join us.

Reservations NOT required, but for more information  
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## Harvey Field (S43) Endangered Species! (Immediate Action Required)

An inaccurate and capricious density fringe designation authorized by the Snohomish County Council has placed Harvey Airfield and the surrounding Urban Growth Area on the endangered species list. If the current designation is allowed to stand, all future development on the airport will cease. In fact the current zoning calls into question the right for S43 to exist. The issues at hand are complicated but the resolution is simple. **The Snohomish County Council must complete the flood plain remapping to correct their error! And we need everyone's efforts to convince them!**

The battle for Harvey Field is about politics, personalities, old family rivalries, environmental issues, property rights, farmers and people who just don't like airplanes. It is about a County Council that takes pride for the economics of Paine Field, yet is loath to understand the pending disaster should the growth of Harvey Field be restricted. It is about a Planning Department that has allowed its personal beliefs to become part of the decision making process. And it's about dead fish.

I apologize for that last remark . . . I do consider myself to be sensitive to the environment. The current wrangling over the airport has to do with its physical proximity to a flood plain. The terms to consider are "Floodway Fringe" that allows for airfield and industrial development and "Density Fringe" which is an agricultural designation, restricts development and prohibits industrial use. As I understand the problem, after the new Density Fringe designation for the airport was imposed the County discovered that "revisions to the flood plain maps . . . would be required". The County Council directed staff to submit to FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in September of 2005 a remapping request. It

is called a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR).

FEMA was sued by and lost to the National Wildlife Federation and the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. Now, to return the Airport and UGA industrial area to the previous designation consideration must be given to the fish habitat. Will the proposed changes cause the loss (or take) of a listed species? It is called a Biological Assessment (BA). The County Council directed Planning and Development Services (PDS) to prepare a new Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) using hydraulic simulations formulated under Alternative #5 in late 2005. (Yes, there were 4 previous considerations). The preliminary estimate of cost according to Mr. Craig Ladiser, PDS Director, in a memo dated April 26, 2007 was a range from \$110,000 to \$200,000.

**And this is where the process takes on a political life of its own.** I received a call from Mr. Ladiser, PDS Director, on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007. He told me that he now estimates the cost of this project may well reach \$500,000. That is a 5 fold increase in just 90 days. He stated that he does not believe that the County should assume such a financial burden for a privately owned airport. (Note, the County has made inquiries to the FAA regarding funding availability for the purchase of Harvey Field). Mr. Ladiser also suggested that a vote by the Snohomish "City" Council requesting that the County discontinue further funding the . . . CLOMR is somehow relevant. (Harvey Field is located in Snohomish County, not the City of Snohomish). When I suggested to Mr. Ladiser Harvey Field might become a Federal entity, he said, "Good then they can pay for it".

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In the third paragraph above I stated that, “revisions to the development criteria . . . would be required”. There is an interesting side note to all of this that remains unanswered. The County had the authority not to apply Density Fringe to the Harvey Airfield (i.e. the South Snohomish UGA) landowners. Who takes the ultimate responsibility for creating this problem in the first place? It could have been a simple oversight . . . a mistake. Regardless, the County Council in September 2005 directed PDS to fix this problem.

The Snohomish County PDS did draft sometime in 2006 a Biological Assessment asking FEMA for technical assistance. Recall this is about the “take” (dead fish) that might result should S43 wish to add the FAA suggested safety overrun areas to its runway. The response came from Mr. Mark G. Eberlein, FEMA Regional Environmental Officer, on February 21, 2007. He states, “In general, the document (submitted by the County PDS) conflicts between having some effect and having no effect”. In other words the documentation in the County’s “trial balloon” was not well researched. So here we are years after the County Council directed PDS to do its job and now we have uproar from the community activists.

And that is when I ask myself who are the activists, the Stewards of the Land and how they came to be. They are a professional looking well funded media campaign against the airport. Their brochures contain several inaccuracies including a picture of flooded property that is not even part of the airport master plan. They claim that the airport wants to expand when in reality the runway length will be shortened. But what I find most disturbing are the photographs and statements associated with our elected officials siding with this special interest group. They are Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, John Lovick, WA State Representative, Steve Hobbs, WA State Senator, Hans Dunshee, WA State Representative and Rick Bart, Snohomish County Sheriff.

Paine Field is about to explode into the next Boeing Field. As with BFI, the growth of corporate aircraft and the soon to come commercial passenger service will force many to seek alternate airports . . . for operations and storage. The Washington Pilots Association supports the growth and excitement surrounding Paine Field. But, unless the Snohomish County Council is willing to develop a new “from scratch” airport we expect a renewed effort to

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# Harvey Field

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allow Harvey Airfield to complete and implement its master plan. This is about the future of airports, the next 30 years of growth and what is best for our transportation system.

The following names and email addresses are those responsible for correcting this problem. **If you do not want to lose another airport please send them your thoughts.**

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**Harvey Field is an essential public facility protected by State Law under the Growth Management Act (GMA) and by Snohomish County Airport Compatibility Ordinance No 04-125. It is one of five airports within Puget Sound designated as a reliever airport for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. WSDOT projects a 44% growth in General Aviation Activity over the next 30 years.**

For those WPA members on the eastside consider the impact if Spokane City-County Council voted to close Felts Field (SFF). Where would your 345 aircraft go? What airport would absorb the 61,900 annual operations? How would your community deal with the loss of 250 jobs and \$16,477,517 in Annual Economic Activity?

Harvey Field has 333 aircraft and 139,160 annual operations and represents 446 jobs and \$22,274,447 in Annual Economic Activity. Paine Field has 615 aircraft, 149,220 operations with 905 jobs and \$68,776,914 in Annual Economic Activity (excludes Boeing Aircraft Co.). Source of economic data is WSDOT and the based aircraft and operations date is produced by Aeronautical Information Services, 5110 Airport Master Records and Reports.



## **Bellingham Aero Flight School**

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I'd also like to mention that the latest chapter of, **As the Propeller Turns** is called, "The Shoe is on the Other Foot"! I'll keep you all posted upon publication! Thanks to all for your continued interest in Bellingham Aero. We truly appreciate your constant and loyal support! Have a great rest of the summer!

Linda Marrom  
Bellingham Aero Inc.



**Has anyone seen this flying around the Puget Sound lately?**







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