



HANGAR TALK



Newsletter of The North Puget Sound Chapter of The Washington Pilot's Association. June 2006

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR

June is the last meeting before next September and heralds the beginning of the summer flying season. Today Royal Sefton and I had a great trip to Anacortes for the open house sponsored by the new

Anacortes Chapter of WPA. We, Jeff Geer, Jim Laird and other members of our chapter visited in support of our new WPA chapter. It was a beautiful morning, cumulus clouds, lots of planes and food. Summer brings with it great days of flying.

Last summer while flying from Corvallis towards

Medford I followed a contrail for miles and miles. In the photograph you can see the contrail like a road in the sky. What I could not take a good picture of was the shadow along the ground that also seemed to go on forever. During the summer we have long days of clear skies to go sightseeing on the way to the \$200 hamburger.

One of my new favorite trips is to Astoria, OR. It is only a little farther than Hoquiam and there is a little Café for lunch. The view of the mouth of the Columbia River is

spectacular when departing to the north.

The summer is also full of events such as the EAA fly-in at Arlington. In addition there are spectacular aviation museums based at airports. The Museum of Flight at Boeing Field is probably the best known, and it is possible to get a ride from the FBOs to the entrance. In the early 1990s I fly to Boeing and actually got to park in front of

the museum and then went in for lunch. Now that construction of the new wing is finished it may be possible to park near the Museum once again. The

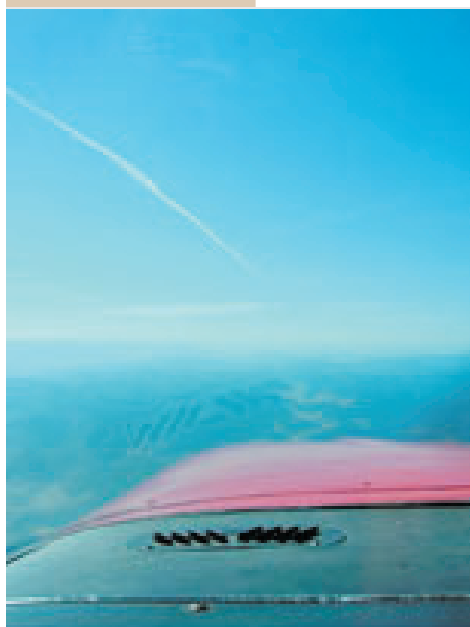
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Main Hall is a spectacular view of so many interesting aircraft, military, commercial and general aviation.

An up and coming aviation museum is the Evergreen Aviation Museum at McMinnville, OR. The Spruce Goose is housed there along with a number of other exhibits. The museum is next to the airfield and lunch is available. It is only 2 hours or less away by our kind of plane.

A lot of us go on vacations during the summer and if you are in the Washington DC area a

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The contrail that goes forever, between Corvallis and Medford

FBO News

Bellingham Aero

Bellingham Fuel Service is pleased to announce we landed the fuel contract for Delta

Airlines! Last month, we were awarded the

government contract for Bellingham International airport. It seems we're on a roll....

On Thursday, June 8th., Delta Airlines is sponsoring

their "Inaugural Flight Celebration" from noon to 1:00 p.m. This celebration will be held at the main terminal. There will be refreshments and music beginning at noon. Come join us in this celebration!

With fuel prices at an all time high, we want our regular clients to know we are doing the best we can to keep the prices as low as possible. Not an easy task. If you sign up on account with us, we will give you a discount price, and you'll always receive our great service. Stop by our fuel office for a fresh hot chocolate chip cookie and some coffee. Our cookies, coffee, and smiles are on the house!

Bellingham Aero Flight School has a full ground school this session.

We have 16 new aspiring students. We'd like to welcome Peter Bell, Brad Bridgman, Grady Nace, and Mike Marcott to our flight Instructor staff. All four of them are wonderful.

Our next Private Pilot Ground School will begin sometime in September. Congratulations to Clark Peterson, Scott Wilson, Mike Archambault, and Rick Paulson for soloing. Also, kudos to Chris Bookman for acquiring his Instrument rating.

Don't forget our open house is the first Saturday of every month, and Heritage Flight Museum has their open house on the third Saturday. The AD4 "Sky Raider" and their P-51 "Mustang" are back..... The staff at Bellingham Aero wants to thank the Heritage Flight Museum for the spectacular fly-bys they performed on Memorial Day. This airport is blessed to have the Anders' family and their great mechanics crew here on this field.

See you next month, have a great June.

Linda Marrom
Bellingham Aero Inc.



Bellingham Aero



Bellingham Aviation Services

The great flying weather has been continuing and Bellingham Aviation Services (BAS) has a couple of announcements from the flight school. First we congratulate Russ Aldrich, one of Jeff Eriksen's students, who soloed last month. Also Les Seelye, one of my students, passed his instrument check ride with Rick Luke last month. Les has already been using his new ticket to get inside some clouds. Please congratulate Russ and Les when you see them.

We have some news from the fuel office also. We are sad to say goodbye to Kellen and Barry. Kellen is going to be working for the state supporting the fire fighting efforts in eastern Washington. Barry has taken a position in his brothers signage company. BAS wishes them both well in their endeavors.

With the departures we also have some arrivals to announce. You will see Michelle at the front desk and Sam and John are new in the fuel office. Sam and John will be on the line just as soon as they have finished our rigorous fueler training program.

The Wings Weekend was mostly successful. Unfortunately when we scheduled it we did not realize that the Sunday was Mother's Day. We ended up canceling the second day due to the fact that all the instructors and

most of the pilots wanted to be with their families on that day. We will definitely be more careful with our scheduling next year. The Saturday did go well and we especially want to thank all the instructors who donated their valuable time.

BAS will be at both the Lynden fly in on June 3rd and the Blaine fly in on June 10th. We hope to see lots of WPA

members there supporting the airports and enjoying the events.

In closing as always we invite you to stop by for a cup of coffee and to say hi to the new faces (as well as the old). Also remember the Midday Markdown continues with 100LL from the truck marked down 15¢ off the posted full-serve price between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Martyn Harris
Chief Flight Instructor



Airport Trivia

Name the lowest elevation airport in the state.

Answer on page 6



OTHER NEWS

NSC Member featured in AOPA Magazine.

In the June issue of AOPA Pilot you will find a very nicely written article on Paul Cullman and his Curtiss Wright Junior aircraft written by Barry Schiff.

Several NSC members made it out to Meadow Mist last August to greet Barry and Paul and enjoyed a BBQ. The photos in the magazine are outstanding. These are some extra ones.



Curtiss-Wright CW-Junior



Barry Schiff



Paul in the "Junior"



From the President's Hangar

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must see is the Udvar-Hazy Center of National Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport.

I enjoyed it more than the main building on the Mall. One of my favorite finds was the Mercury capsule 15B, the last space worthy and intact Mercury spacecraft intended for a cancelled two or more day flight.

Of course you don't have to fly anywhere to see an interesting collection of aircraft. The Heritage Flight Museum has an open house every 3rd Saturday of the month starting at noon. We actually get to fly in the pattern with these planes.

Links to the museums are below and I wish everyone a great flying summer.

Have a great flight.
Wayne Landis
President
North Sound Chapter WPA

Links

Udvar-Hazy Center, National Air and Space Museum

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/udvarhazy/>

Seattle Museum of Flight

<http://www.museumofflight.org/Portal.asp?Flash=True>

McMinnville Evergreen Aviation Museum

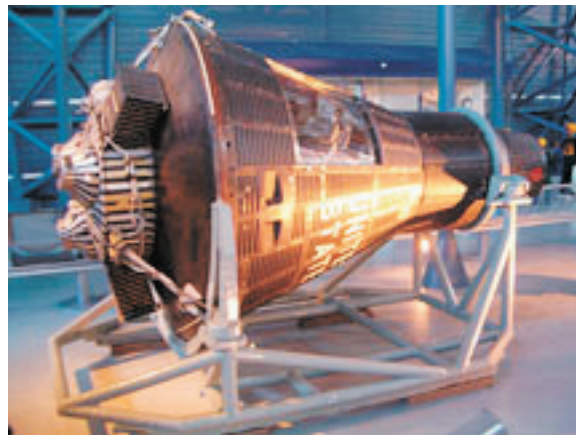
<http://www.sprucegoose.org/>

The Heritage Flight Museum

<http://www.heritageflight.org/>



The Great Hall of the Museum of Flight, Boeing Field



The last intact Mercury spacecraft, Mercury Capsule 15B, Freedom 7 II, Udvar-Hazy Center, National Air and Space Museum

Rich will be back at BVS this summer

Rich Stowell Clinic

Thursday, August 17th to Monday, August, 21st.

The program will be the same as last year. He will do a morning brief at 8:30 am and then fly three slots, with an afternoon brief at 13:45, followed by three more flights. Each flight will be just less than an hour long.

We will have a Super Decathlon available, or you can of course fly your own aircraft. Cost per sortie will be the same as last year; \$125:00 in your own aircraft, \$230:00 in the Super Decathlon.

If you don't already know, Rich was made NATIONAL FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR FOR 2006. I was concerned that he might think that BVS was too much in the sticks for someone of such importance. But as he is coming for five days this year, seems not. Maybe it's the good meals we feed him while he is here.

If you know that you want to fly with Rich and can already commit to a day and time, the earlier you let me know the better. A group of pilots from FHR have already reserved Monday and I expect the remaining slots to be booked fairly quickly.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Julie Hubner
(360) 766-7820

Here is his website, looks very interesting.

www.richstowell.com/.

The website that describes the type of course he would present at BVS is: <http://www.richstowell.com/clinic.htm>.



"How to Prepare for your FAA Medical Exam."

Topic: An Open Discussion on How to Prepare for an FAA Medical Exam
On June 24, 2006 at 10:00 AM

Location:

Regal Air

10217 31st Ave. West

Hangar C-51

Everett, WA 98204

Dr. Franke will provide insight on how to prepare for your FAA medical examination and review the standards under FAR Part 67 for FAA medical certification.

Airport Trivia Answer

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APATHY

At this months meeting we had the FAA's team who deal with airport safety, these four people travel from one airport to another to ensure that we are safe when we fly. The sad part of this is, that these same people spend evenings making presentations to groups throughout a seven state region, which are poorly attended! We as pilots are the benefactors of this effort, yet we also are the ones who seem to not have time to attend these presentations.

Perhaps we suffer from the ego induced feeling that we do not need this upgraded training to survive in the modern air traffic control environment. Well don't let me disillusion you, but statistically those who attend these upgrade training sessions are more likely to live to a ripe old age than those who arrogantly feel they are too good to attend them. I personally learned a long time ago that I don't walk on water and god isn't looking for my advice, so I attend these sessions as insurance.

I realize that I have much less flight experience than other members of our chapter, but I do have much more experience in dealing in life and death on the streets. Excepting those members who have served in combat and other retired police and fire personnel, I feel we are doing ourselves and our families a disservice by ignoring these opportunities to learn by not attending. Sure, they can be very redundant, but if you learn only one thing, trust me it is worth it. I spent years as an In-service trainer for the Sheriffs office, and know that what we taught was often a rehash of previous training, but that rehashing or redundant training could very possibly be a life saver.

Referring back to this months meeting, I was truly embarrassed by the low turnout of our membership for what was being offered to us at your tax dollars expense. That's one thing people seem to forget, whether you attend or not, we are paying for the training being offered by paying our income taxes! So rather than wasting them, let's take full advantage and learn as much as possible. Only then can we say that we have done our best to protect ourselves and our families from danger.

Good Luck and best wishes

Royal V. Sefton



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Stehekin State Airport Now Open; Improvements Revealed

ARLINGTON – The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation announces that Stehekin State Airport is now open for the season. With invaluable cooperation from the National Parks Service North Cascades National Park, WSDOT has made some of the most dramatic improvements in the history of this state-operated airport.

This winter, crews working for WSDOT removed trees within the airport boundary permit area to help enhance safety for pilots and their passengers. WSDOT and the National Parks Service will conduct a review of completed work in September 2006, and will develop a plan to remove additional obstructions outside the permit area next winter.

WSDOT also graded and re-seeded Stehekin's runway. In October 2005 crews began grading and smoothing the entire length of the runway. Since then 500 pounds of grass seed has been applied and rolled into the runway surface. WSDOT has activated the irrigation system, which has helped to keep the new grass growing. WSDOT has also installed a new windsock and will reinstall runway markers at Stehekin by the end of May 2006.

While clean up work still remains at Stehekin, the runway and parking areas are now ready for use. WSDOT encourages pilots to use caution during taxi and run ups to avoid areas that are newly planted or thin with new grass.

Located at the head of Lake Chelan, this state-operated airport offers spectacular scenery and is a favorite among pilots. Stehekin also provides crucial support for fire fighting, medical airlift, and other emergency services. More information on Stehekin State Airport is available at:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Airports/Stehekin.htm .



"Bellingham Flight Instructor Workshop"

Topic: This is an open-forum discussion of flight instruction related topics.

On June 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM

Location:

Bellingham International Airport
4255 Mitchell Way

Bellingham, WA 98226

Join us for a round-table discussion of teaching hints, tips, and techniques presented in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. The objective of this workshop is to improve instructional skills through the exchange of information. You do not, however, need to be a flight instructor to attend; all pilots are welcome.

Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter



June Meeting Speaker

John Black

from the Spokane FSDO.

He flew corporate aircraft and has been with the FAA for nearly 18 years.

He has extensive experience in the Idaho back country.

John will be with us to present his:

“Unimproved Airport Seminar”

Don't miss this one!

When: Thursday June 8th. Doors open at 6:30pm

Time: 7:00pm

Where: in the old Port Administration building.



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