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Hangar Talk

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

On Final, the President's Corner

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR – June 2009

Summer is just about here, but with the temperatures and weather this last week, it seems like it has already arrived.

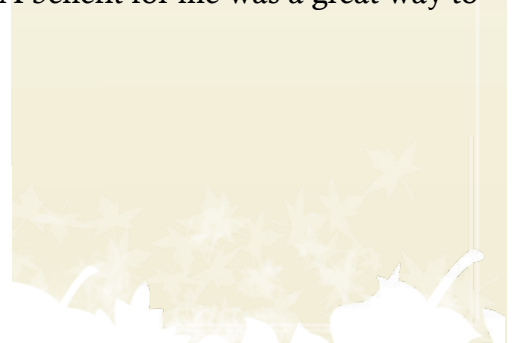
Where will you fly? What will you do? Many members ask about the value of WPA membership benefits. Here's one, the WPA cabin on Stuart Island.

Two weekends ago my brother, son and I flew out to Stuart Island and spent a Friday night. I called Tom Jensen, our cabin coordinator, a few days before, to get the combination for the lock and to let him know we would be using it. His contact information can be found on our website.

We parked mid-field on the west side and walked a short way up a road on the east side to the cabin on the left. The cabin was well stocked with just about everything, pots and pans, eating utensils, firewood, candles and lanterns. All we really needed was our food and sleeping bags. The cabin is quite spacious with a fireplace along the far wall, a rather long picnic style table, a pair of king sized bunk beds with some foam on them for a mattress, a kitchen area, a half dead piano and a couch in front of the fireplace which converts to a futon bed. After settling in we took off for a walk. At the west end of the airstrip we continued along the shoreline to the state park about a mile away. We hiked through the park to the west where the trail meets up with a road. If you decide to continue, in .7 of a mile you'll come to an old school house that has been turned into a museum. It tells of the history of the island and its people. In another 1.5 miles is the Turn Point Lighthouse and light keepers' home. The home is vacant now that the lighthouse is automated. It's kept up by the Coast Guard. If you make it to the lighthouse the total distance from the cabin round trip is approximately 7.6 miles. We got back to the cabin sore and tired and enjoyed a steak dinner and some quality time in front of the fireplace. This WPA benefit for me was a great way to start my summer.



Blue Skies
Chip LaPlante
President
North Sound Chapter
Washington Pilot's Association



Editor's Notes

Today it really feels like summer, temperature in the 80's, hazy skies, and thermals. On Tuesday I took off and the higher density altitude was apparent. Feels like August weather in early June.

Brian Webb gave a very informative talk about the new border crossing procedures and the importance of using flight plans in our region. The current approach of Customs and Border Patrol seems to be relatively common sense. It is clear that Brian enjoys flying and general aviation, and is really knowledgeable about his profession. It is certainly a challenging job.

This month I put a little piece about the NS WPA presence at the Heritage Flight Museum Open House on May 16th. Many familiar faces were there, the hot dogs were great, and there



was a strong attendance. It is great to see so many kids, some way older than others, express such a strong interest in aviation.

So far we have only Gary Oaksford business card in our newsletter. For \$50 the newsletter prominently displays the card for one year. Perhaps as the economy turns around it will encourage some additional advertising.

It is the summer and your editor takes some time off from newslettering so that the next issue will not be out until August. If you have flying stories, important events or other news just send me an email and I will get it into the Summer newsletter.

Have fun flying.

Wayne Landis

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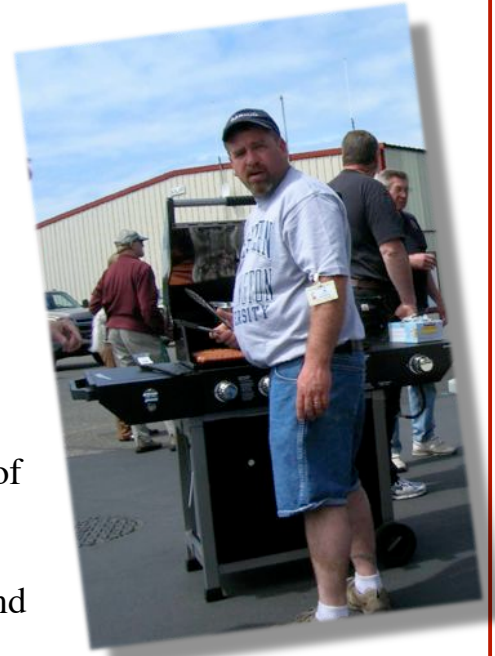




This what I would be thinking if I were in the cockpit.

Heritage Flight Museum Open House May 16th and North Sound WPA Hot Dogs Feast. Pictures-Margaret E. Landis

Well we had a great cookout with Les Seelye providing the Grill and Vaughn Burgess getting things started. As usual Maureen was there helping with the sorting, the cooking and generally helping out. The Heritage Flight Museum put on a great open house with lots of aircraft, vintage military vehicles and space related displays. The hotdog stand had a number of visitors, some from WPA but the majority being the general



Vaughn Burgess cooking dogs

public attending the open house.

Where else can you hear a 12 cylinder Merlin, eat a hot dog, discuss the state of general aviation and see the future of aviation. The round engined T-6s were great to hear and to see flying. Jim Laird and many othe members dropped by and it was a great time to catch up, soak in the ambiance and celebrate spring.

Thanks to Les for providing the grill and supplies and to all those who helped. Thanks to Heritage Flight Museum for the ambiance



Jeff talking, Paul going in for the food

and the excuse. Perhaps we can do this again!



Terez and Gus Kendall working on some tail-drager time, sometimes mom has to provide some thrust..

Local Fuel Costs June 3, 2009

The information is from Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to get local prices in the area on June 3, 2009. Fuel prices have started to inch up again, I wish someone could explain why. So far it is better than last summer.

100LL Avgas prices within 50 miles of KBLI		100LL \$3.28 - \$5.84 average \$4.63	
Airport / FBO			
KBLI Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA	 	 30 bp  TEXACO	\$4.28 \$4.67 \$4.25 \$4.67 GUARANTEED AIRBOSS
38W (10 NNE) Lynden Airport Lynden, WA		 30 bp	\$3.28 21-Jun update
KORS 16 WSW Orcas Island Airport Orcas Island, WA	International Services	\$5.84	04-Mar update
74S 18 SEW Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA	Sun Coast Airlines	\$4.20	05-Feb update
KBVS 20 SSE Skagit Regional Airport Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA	 	 AMP FUEL  TEXACO	\$4.15 \$4.15 \$3.87 \$3.87 GUARANTEED AIRBOSS
KEHR 27 SW Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA	International Services	\$3.00	31-May update
KOKH 37 S Ad Blanding Airport Oak Harbor, WA	Ad Blanding airport	As Fuel	\$3.58 20-May update
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News From.....



June 2009

It's been ages since I last said "Hello" to everyone from all of us at Bellingham Aviation Services. This gorgeous stretch of weather has caused our fuelers to break out the short pants, so be careful while taxiing that you're not blinded by the bright white of their legs. And while we're on the topic of see and avoid, please be sure to keep your wind screens as contaminant free as possible. There are avian insects a plenty in the air these days and the KAVU conditions are also bringing out the fair weather flyers. Taking the extra time to clean off the bugs just might mean that you'll spot that converging traffic.

I think that the north sound flying community has done yeoman's work, integrating with the MD83's that Allegiant Air comes to BLI with. Alaska Airlines will begin 737 scheduled service to BLI three days a week starting June 25th. Let's make sure our wake turbulence avoidance techniques are honed.

Things at the flight school continue to grow slowly. Thanks so much. To accommodate the demand we're adding a 2004 Diamond DA20 as well as another Cessna 172. The 172 is a modified M-model. It has a 180hp engine as well as a Power Flow Systems tuned exhaust. The engine conversion gives it a useful load increase, so it's a great plane for taking friends and family flying. The engine and exhaust modifications together make it a real performer. The DA20 should be on line by the end of the week and we're hoping to get the C172 in the air the second week in June.

I need to go fly so I'll say goodbye. Thanks again for your continued patronage and friendship.

Jeff Eriksen

Bellingham Aviation Services

Presentations

2-Fer Tuesday May 12th Speakers---*Brian Webb Customs and Border Patrol preceded by Definitive Avionics Garmin Seminar*

Brian Webb gave an excellent presentation on the new requirement for crossing the US-Canada border as well as hints for flying in this region. He is truly supportive of general aviation, safety as well as supporting the mission of Customs and the Border Patrol. That same evening- and a bit earlier, Definitive Avionics had an excellent presentation on the new equipment being supplied by Garmin and the requirement of ADS-B. I went to both and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



June 9th Tuesday Speaker---*Ben Buss from Oregon Aero*



Ben Buss is the Northwest Sales Manager for Oregon Aero.

Oregon Aero makes a variety of aviation equipment, especially seat cushions, aircraft interiors, and replacement parts for aviation helmets. Really neat are the seat cushions for ejection seats for F-16s and F-15s. Does anyone have an ejection seat?

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Tuesday Night Meeting!!!! Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter



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Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Whatcom Educational Credit Union 511 East Holly St.
Bellingham, WA

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presentation at 7:30 pm.

Next to FedEx/Kinko's Downtown. Plenty of Parking.



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