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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  
November 2008

It sure seems like there are a lot of people who want your vote. Well, add the North Sound Chapter of the WPA to the list. More to the point, add your fellow members to the list. At our next meeting you will have the opportunity to nominate and elect the NSC's President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and three Board of Directors for the 2009 term. There are many benefits to being a NSC member, but one of the most important is the ability to directly choose the next six officers from our membership who meet once each month to establish programs, set policy and guide the organization. If you are a current NSC member then you are already registered to vote.



If you are passionate about aviation then nominating and voting in the NSC election should be a high priority. The coming challenges we face are many. While membership stayed somewhat on an even keel, inflation and the cost of gas went up making it that much harder to add an hour to your logbook. Add that to airport closures, airspace concerns and the User Fee dilemma. The state WPA and NSC board of directors will develop strategies to meet these and other challenges.

Over the past couple of months, many members have voiced their thoughts and concerns on an issue that affected all pilots operating at BLI. Your board of directors listened and took immediate action to help its members resolve this issue by opening the channels of communication.

Every NSC member has a direct hand in deciding who sits on the board. The NSC board is invested the power to make decisions that will affect the future of the chapter as well as the future of aviation.

So I ask you now to think about who you'd like to nominate and vote for. Those who you want to serve for the upcoming year, guiding the association and solidifying aviation's future. It might even be you.

Blue Skies  
Chip LaPlante  
President North Sound Chapter WPA





This week was full of rain and wind. Must be approach fall and winter, and now we have to get ready for it until May, June or July? At least we don't have feet of snow in front of our hangars, yet.

John Hubner is our speaker this month. I have known John and Julie for years now. Even a short conversation with either of them is fun and educational. It should be a great evening.

Last meeting we had Terry, the supervisor of the BLI tower visit and we had a great



## Editor's Notes

conversation about controllers, working GA and professional traffic, and how to get along. For the 19 years I have been at BLI I have found the tower great to work with while teaching students, practicing my own flying and especially during checkrides. Once I had an engine failure on climbout and it was great to have the "cleared to land on any runway" come over the headset. Where there have been instances of misunderstanding a call cleared things up. Communication is the key and lets keep the dialog going.

There is information on page 7 about the Christmas get together with the EAA folks in December that will take the place of our regular meeting. Unfortunately I will be in Boston that weekend.

If you have an interesting note, experience or announcement let me know ([landiswg@comcast.net](mailto:landiswg@comcast.net)) and I will try to get it into the newsletter. That will do it for this issue. See you around BLI.

Wayne Landis



## You Know if you are a Pilot If.....

**Maureen came across these sayings and we have added several from our WPA members**

### **You might be a pilot if.....**

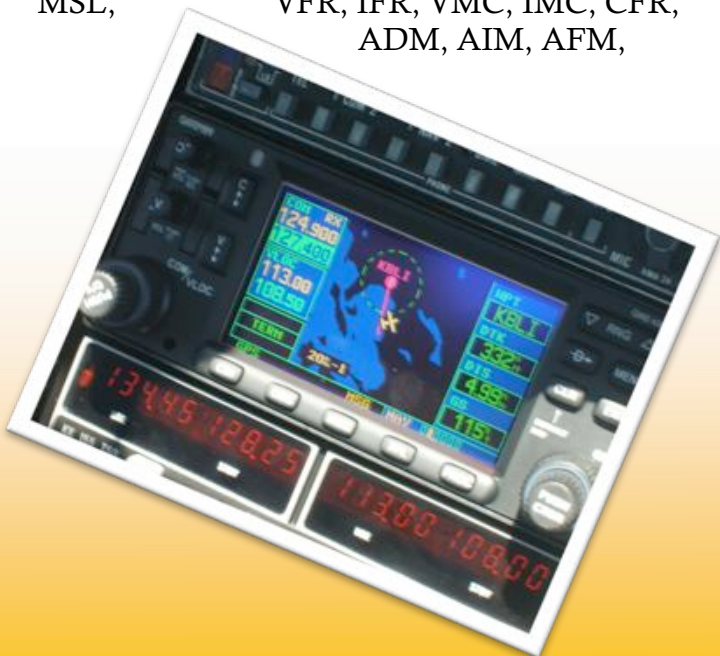
- You insist on taking a Mapquest printout on a driving trip in addition to your handheld GPS. (Sven Linke)
- you no longer check normal weather websites, but rather the METAR for the nearest airport
- you know that strut is not a way to walk.
- you have a signature that says you can drag your tail.
- after you shot the approach you followed a rabbit home.
- you've seen a round rainbow on a cloud
- you hear "annual" and reach for your checkbook.
- you've had to tell someone how many souls are on board
- you say or hear "niner" and think nothing of it
- you know it's "three six zero," not just "zero"
- information Whiskey has a special place in your heart
- "correction" has replaced "er, umm, I mean" in your everyday speech
- You know way too many acronyms (AGL, MSL, VFR, IFR, VMC, IMC, CFR, ADM, AIM, AFM,



- POH, ATIS, ASOS, AWOS, CTAF, NOTAM, FSS, VOR, DME, NDB, ILS, VASI, PAPI, REIL, HIRL, MIRL, RCLS, ATCRBS, TRSA, KIAS, KCAS, MALSR, the list goes on)
- you get in your car and think, "checklist"
- you know "kilo" is a letter, not a weight
- you can always pick out a Canadian on the radio, eh
- "ceiling" is not just part of a building to you
- The number '8' has a very special significance, and you plan your night with that in mind
- you have an E6B
- you can do way too much with said E6B
- ..you know what an E6B was used for
- cars seem weird because you don't use your feet to steer them
- you watch every plane that flies overhead
- you enjoy the smell of avgas and JetA
- you know the call signs for many major airlines
- you've been told NOT to do math in the plane because you'll just get lost
- you let the GPS do whatever math there is
- You know that "Wilco" is not Wilbur Wright's Aviation Company.

Have fun and be safe

Wayne Landis





## Aviation Websites

Here is a listing of some useful aviation websites including organizations, weather, and aircraft.

### Organizations

**Washington Pilots Association** <http://www.wpafllys.org/>  
**Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association**

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

Air Safety Foundation <http://www.aopa.org/asf/>

**Experimental Aircraft Association** <http://www.eaa.org/>

Oshkosh Fly-in <http://www.airventure.org/>

EAA Pod cast <http://www.eaa.org/podcast/>

EAA Radio

<http://www.airventure.org/radio/index.html>

### Weather

DUATS <http://www.duats.com/>

NOAA National Weather Service Aviation Weather Center

<http://aviationweather.gov/>

NOAA Aviation Weather Center Aviation Digital Data Service (ADDS)

<http://adds.aviationweather.noaa.gov/>

Air Sports Net Launch Code for BLI [http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-](http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi?Submit=Go&sta=KBLI&model=avn&state=WA)

[bin/launch/code.cgi?Submit=Go&sta=KBLI&model=avn&state=WA](http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi?Submit=Go&sta=KBLI&model=avn&state=WA)

Wunderground.com [http://www.wunderground.com/Aviation\\_Maps/](http://www.wunderground.com/Aviation_Maps/)

### Flight Planning

DUATS <http://www.duats.com/>

AirNav, COM

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/KBLI>

FBO.com <http://www.fboweb.com/fb40/default.aspx>

### Government-Regulatory

FAA <http://www.faa.gov/>

IACRA Program <http://acra.faa.gov/>

Graphical TFRs <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>

WSDOT Aviation

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/default.htm>
















Bellingham Airport Port of Bellingham

[http://www.portofbellingham.com/bellingham\\_airport\\_home.php](http://www.portofbellingham.com/bellingham_airport_home.php)



## Local Fuel Costs.

I used Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to check local prices in the area on November 3, 2008. It does appear that prices are beginning to drop but not as fast as gasoline. The island airports are more expensive but that is not surprising. Just remember that it would be a lot more expensive to run out of gas on the way to fill up with the cheaper (less expensive) stuff.

<b>KBLI</b> 10 NNW	<b>Bellingham International Airport</b> Bellingham, WA   Bellingham Fuel Service Come Fuel With Us 122.95 140.671-1800	 <b>SS</b> \$5.50 <b>ES</b> \$5.82 <b>ES</b> \$5.75	<b>GUARANTEED</b> 
<b>38W</b> 10 NNW	<b>Lynden Airport</b> Lynden, WA  <b>City of Lynden (self-serve fuel)</b>	 <b>SS</b> \$5.75	07-Jul update
<b>4W6</b> 14 NNW	<b>Blaine Municipal Airport</b> Blaine, WA  <b>City of Blaine (FBO)</b>	 <b>SS</b> \$5.98	02-Jan update
<b>KORS</b> 16 WSW	<b>Orcas Island Airport</b> Eastsound, WA Aeronautical Services	<b>SS</b> \$5.94	20-Oct update
<b>74S</b> 18 SSW	<b>Anacortes Airport</b> Anacortes, WA San Juan Airlines	<b>SS</b> \$5.99	15-Oct update
<b>KBVS</b> 20 SSE	<b>Skagit Regional Airport</b> Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA   <b>ViaJet Aircraft Management L.L.C.</b>	 <b>ES</b> \$4.994 <b>ES</b> \$4.994 <b>SS</b> \$4.994 <b>SS</b> \$4.994  <b>PS</b> \$5.45 <b>PS</b> \$5.76 <b>SS</b> \$5.45 <b>SS</b> \$5.76	<b>GUARANTEED</b> <b>GUARANTEED</b> 
<b>KFHR</b> 25 SW	<b>Friday Harbor Airport</b> Friday Harbor, WA Aeronautical Services	<b>SS</b> \$6.25	30-Aug update
<b>KAWO</b> 41 SSE	<b>Arlington Municipal Airport</b> Arlington, WA  <b>Castle &amp; Cooke</b>	 <b>SS</b> \$5.10	30-Oct update
<b>OS9</b> 46 SSW	<b>Jefferson County International Airport</b> Port Townsend, WA Port of Port Townsend	<b>SS</b> \$5.499	30-Oct update

## Monthly Speakers

*“To survive any emergency, you much first fly the airplane”*



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In October **Doug** and **Robbi DeVries** provided one of the coolest evenings that we have had a WPA. Doug Devries talked about his participation in the Great Circle Air Safari. He shipped a Stearman that he had restored to Sydney and then flew with a group of other pilots around the outback of Australia. There were lots of great stories and video from his movie, *The Great Circle Air Safari*. After that great presentation I am certainly ready to go back to Australia but with an airplane this time. Thanks again to Doug and Robbi for a great evening.



## November Aviation Events in the Northwest (Compiled by John Dobson WPA president)

Date	Event	APO	Location	Phone	email / Website
<b>November</b>					
	<b>WPA Board of Directors</b>				
15	<b>Meeting</b>		Auburn, WA		
	<b>Tri-City Owner</b>				
22	<b>Maintenance Seminar</b>		Kennewick, WA		<a href="mailto:MarjyL@charter.net">MarjyL@charter.net</a>

## Christmas/Holiday Party with EAA

### Calling all WPA members.....

The local chapter of the EAA has graciously extended an invitation for the NSC WPA to join them for a Christmas dinner gathering. It will be a long overdue opportunity for pilots of both organizations to visit with one another. WPA will also be presenting your 2009 slate of officers and directors that evening.

The details are as follows:

Saturday, December 6th

At Syros Greek & Italian Restaurant in Lynden at 311

Front St.

6:30 pm

In an effort to help the EAA to plan accordingly, I would like to get a head count of WPA members who are interested in attending. Please respond with the number in your party if you *think* you might attend. Please join us for an evening of Good Cheer and Good Hangar Talk. Thank you for your response.

## Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter



### Featured Speaker **John Hubner**

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Thursday November 13, 2008

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

Doors Open at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm.

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





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Bellingham, WA 98229

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