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On Final, the President's Corner

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR – November 2009

As the days get shorter and the rains begin to roll into the Pacific Northwest, it's hard not to think back over the previous year and recognize the fact that we are a non-profit volunteer organization. With that being said, it truly is amazing what WPA has accomplished at all levels from the state to our local chapters, not to mention the constant vigilance over our airports and for our right to fly and the political force we have become. I won't go into details, for that, read our State President's message in the October/November issue of "Wings". If you didn't receive a printed copy by mail, it can be found at www.wpaflys.org.

We haven't set any fundraising records this year, but we have been able to deliver solid program speakers like Joe Moser and Gerald Baron talking about Joe's experiences in WWII, and Merrill Wien and the history of his family flying in Alaska.

During the summer we had volunteers support the crew of Sentimental Journey, the B17G with lunches and a couple of fundraisers in support of the Heritage Flight Museum. All of this is thanks in large part to the steadfast support of members like you.

WPA works because pilots support what we do, through membership dues and the contributions of its members. I have flown many miles and landed at many airports this past year and some of my happiest encounters were with the WPA members and volunteers I met along the way. I am grateful for all that you give.

Each year brings new challenges and new surprises, but through it all the Board of Directors and the Officers of the North Sound Chapter remain committed to our mission statement. Knowing that our members stand behind us in this work makes all the difference. Thank you.

Hope to see you in the pattern soon.

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

Editor's Notes-Action Autumn.

Now the sky is dark by dinnertime and the rain has begun. It must be autumn already! The NSC WPA is having a lot of activities this month to compensate.

Rick Luke is having one of his pilot workshops for three nights in November. Although the November 5th workshop has been held there are still two more to go. This is a great review of aircraft regulations, airspace review, navigating, flight maneuvers and safety issues. There is a huge handout provided for the course that covers all of these items. Perhaps the best part is that the workshops are free, brought to you by your friendly local NSC WPA.

The Olympics are coming but to ensure that the information about the upcoming TFR is available David Hale from NAV CANADA will be attending the Wednesday version of Rick's course. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the procedures and limitations of the upcoming special airspace. I have also

pasted the FAA workshops, seminars, and so forth so that you can get even more information.

We have elections this month, the nominations are listed but we can take them right until the election.

Let's also be sure to get night current, three landings to a full stop one hour after sunset or before sunrise. The other item in the dark is the fact that we often have overcast skies at night. Taking off on RWY 16 over the water and with no stars can be an interesting experience—just be ready for it.

Have a great flight—Wayne Landis

North Sound Chapter WPA members listen to Rick Luke discuss what documents are necessary to be FAA legal when flying. To get WINGS credit for the course sign up at - https://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx .

The Olympics are Coming….The Olympics are Coming….

2010 Olympic Games TFR Notice Number: NOTC2003
The 2010 Winter Olympic & Paraolympic Games will be held during the period January 29, 2010 through March 24, 2010. Security associated with the Olympic Games includes some very restricted airspace in Canada and a US Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) that extends into northwestern Washington State.

Three comprehensive Airspace Symposiums are scheduled in the Pacific Northwest to explain the airspace restrictions and how pilots can operate around and within the TFR. The participants in the comprehensive symposiums will be: Nav Canada, FAA Special Operations Security, NORAD, FSS, Seattle Center, Seattle Approach Control, Whidbey Island Approach Control, Customs and Border Protection and TSA. Additionally, ten (10) other reduced-scale briefings will be held at numerous locations around the Puget Sound area in the month of November 2009.

The comprehensive briefings will cover the entire Canadian airspace restriction, the US TFR and how pilots can operate from the "fringe airports", the flight plan requirements, equipment requirements, etc. The North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) will give a comprehensive briefing on the procedures to follow if a pilot strays into the TFR and they end up with a Canadian or US fighter, or other law enforcement aircraft, on their wing. Panelists from Seattle Center, Approach Control, and Whidbey NAS will be available to answer specific questions that pertain to their airspace. Customs and Border Protection and the Transportation Security Administration will be there to answer questions in their area of expertise.

The security of the airspace is a major concern to everyone involved with the Olympic Games. Each briefing will take approximately two hours to complete. The comprehensive briefings will give pilots the best opportunity to learn how they can continue to fly their aircraft while the TFR is in effect.

The airspace symposiums will be held on the following dates and times:

Comprehensive briefings: (Nav Canada, FAA, NORAD, FSS, SEA Center & Approach Control, Whidbey Approach Control, TSA, Customs & Border Protection)
11/10/2009, Seattle, WA, Museum of Flight, 1830-2100 hours PST
12/2/2009, Bellingham, WA, WWU Campus, Building 50, room 204, 1830-2100 hours PST
12/3/2009, Seattle, WA, Museum of Flight, 1830-2100 hours PST

Reduced-scale briefings: (FAASTeam, Seattle Approach Control, Western Air Defense)
11/12/09: Port Angeles Airport Terminal Briefing Room 1830 – 2030 PST
11/13/09: Bremerton National Airport, Avian Flight Center 1830 – 2030 PST
11/16/09: Port Townsend, Port Townsend Aircraft Services 1830 – 2030 PST
11/17/09: Harvey Field Snohomish WA 1900-2100 PST
11/17/09: Friday Harbor Westwind Aviation 1830-2030 PST
11/18/09: Orcas Island, Airport Conference Room, 1830-2030 PST
11/18/09: Olympia, Jorgensen Aviation 1830-2030 PST
11/19/09: Puyallup, Clover Park Technical College, Aviation Training Center, 1830-2030 PST
11/20/09: Chehalis, Central Aircraft Repair, 1830-2030 PST
11/24/09: Everett Community College Aviation Trades Building C-80, Paine Field, 1830-2030 PST
01/05/10: Spokane, Moody Aviation, Felts Field, 1830 -2030
01/06/10: Tri-Cities, Location to be determined, 1830 - 2030
01/13/10: Ellensburg, CWU Aviation Department, 1830 - 2030

Driving instructions and exact locations to each event are posted on www.FAASafety.gov

News from……

Bellingham Aviation Services, LLC

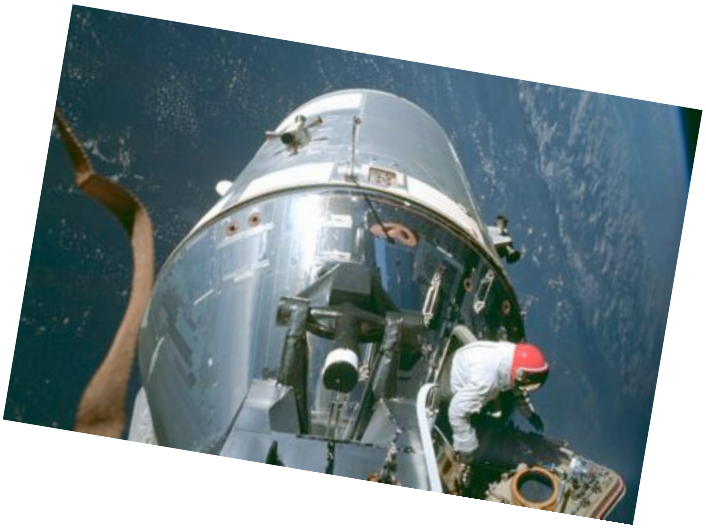
I first want to congratulate Pierre Constantin on a job well done. He recently joined the ranks of Private Pilots. He was a model student who showed dedication and a drive to be as good as possible. If you see him at the airport on a Wednesday afternoon or a weekend, please congratulate him. We're encouraged to have several would be pilots in the pipeline and are hoping to keep Rick Luke busy with more checkrides. This autumn has been particularly busy in the Flight School and we saw a fleet wide record for hours flown in September.

This time of year brings lots of challenges for pilots in our neck of the woods. If we're going to fly, we have to deal with precipitation, wind, low ceilings, turbulence, and more. For many of us, it's easier simply to make a "No Go" decision than to deal with the stress of ongoing evaluation of difficult conditions. While "No Go" decisions are certainly not wrong, you might be missing out on some great flying opportunities. I had two lessons scheduled for today and conditions seemed marginal. The ceilings were relatively low and the wind was relatively high. In both cases, a "Go" decision was eventually made, but it was going to be a close call as to whether or not we were going to take to the sky. We did and had very fruitful flights. And it wasn't simply that the students improved their skills. The conditions themselves were enjoyable. The turbulence was minimal, the wind provided a satisfying challenge, and scenery was spectacular: colors right out of a Winslow Homer painting. Maybe the "Go" decision is right for you too.

That's all for now. Thanks so much for your friendship and your patronage.

Jeff Eriksen
Bellingham Aviation Services

Elections!!



The November meeting is when we have the elections for the offices of NSC WPA with induction at the December meeting. So far I have the following Nominations:

President Jerry Ward

Vice-President Les Seelye

Treasurer David Grant

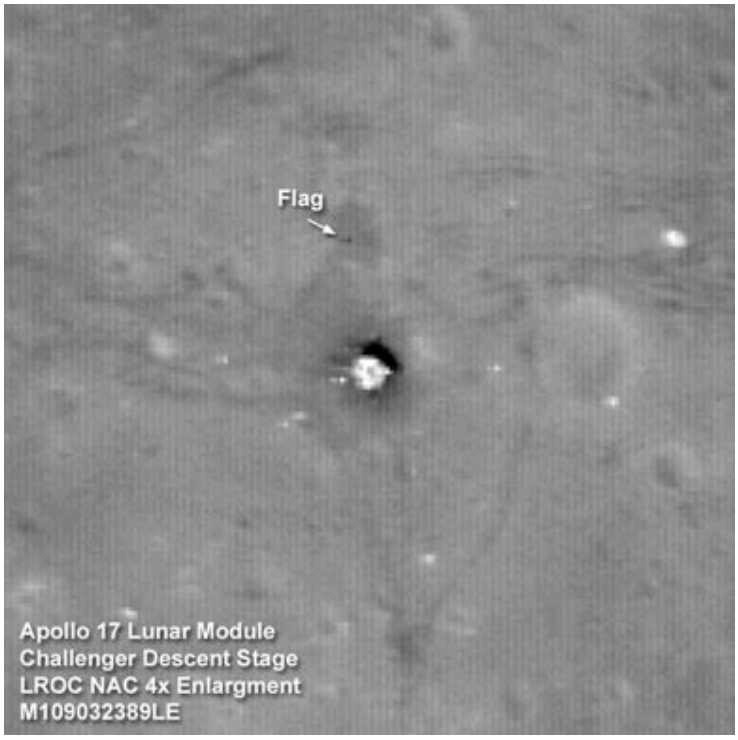
Directors

Doug Fenton

Vaughn Burgess

Chip will continue on the Board as Past President. Maureen Griggs will continue as Program Coordinator. I will be happy to do the newsletter for next year. Nominations can be made at the meeting. We still need one more Director nomination.

See you all at the November election.



This is a photograph of the Apollo 17 landing site taken by the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter on September 15. The tracks from the Lunar Rover are easy to see as are the Descent Stage and the American Flag (http://lro.gsfc.nasa.gov/). This was the last American landing on the moon.

Local Fuel Costs November 2009

The information is from Airnav (http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local. html) to get local prices in the area on November 6, 2009. Prices avgas still seem to be stable.

100LL Avgas prices within 50 miles of KBLI

	Airport / FBO		100LL			
KBLI	Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA					
	Bellingham Aviation Services		SS FS	$4.68 $4.90	GUARANTEED	FS
	Bellingham Fuel Service	TEXACO	SS FS	$4.71 $4.93	GUARANTEED	FS
38W	Lyndon Airport Lyndon, WA					
	City of Lyndon (self-serve fuel)		SS	$4.70		
KORS	Orcas Island Airport Eastsound, WA					
			SS	$5.25		
74S	Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA					
			SS	$4.75		
KBVS	Skagit Regional Airport Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA					
	CORPORATE AIR CENTER	AVFUEL	FS SS	$5.15 $5.15	GUARANTEED	
	Viaje Aircraft Management L.L.C.	TEXACO	FS SS	$4.51 $4.51	GUARANTEED	FS
KFHR	Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA					
			SS	$5.27		
KOKH	AJ Eisenberg Airport Oak Harbor, WA					
	AJ Eisenberg airport	Avfuel	SS	$4.40		
KAWO	Arlington Municipal Airport Arlington, WA					
	Castle & Cooke		SS	$4.55		
0S9	Jefferson County International Airport Port Townsend, WA					
	Tailspin Tommy's Aircraft Repair and Flight School	Texaco	SS	$4.49		

October Speaker--- *Merrill Wien - Flying in Alaska*

Merrill Wien provided a great seminar about flying in Alaska, glacier flying, bush flying and just about everything else. His family was a pioneer in aviation for that region trailblazing some of the routes into the far north. Merrill was great about answering our numerous questions and providing a feel for flying in that part of the world. It was a wonderful aviation event.

November Speaker--- *Rick Luke Aviation Safety Seminar*

Rick Luke, a Master CFI and FAA Designated Examiner will be giving a series of Aviation Safety Seminars this November. The dates are:

The first meeting was November 5th and had 62 attendees. The next meetings are Wednesday November 11th and Thursday November 12th. Each will be held at the WECU facility starting with doors open at 6:30 PM with the seminar beginning at 7:00 PM. All that you need to bring will be a current SEA sectional. To get WINGS credit for the course sign up at - https://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx .

On Wednesday November 11 David Hale from Nav Canada will kick things off with a review of the upcoming TFR for the Olympics and Special Olympics in the Vancouver and Whistler areas. This is a critical meeting for everyone who is interested in flying along the border starting in February. The pdf file for the announcement can be found at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/notices/2009-.08-27/SN09000.cfm.

Washington Pilots Association Aviation Activities for the November and December of 2009 from the WPA Website.

November				
12	**WPA** - Anacortes Chapter Meeting	74S	Anacortes	www@wncpa.com
12	**WPA -** North Sound Chapter Meeting	BLI	Bellingham	kidkomet@comcast.net
14	**WPA** - Harvey Field Chapter Meeting	S43	Snohomish	charles.h.hower@boeing.com
14	**WPA** Board Meeting	OLM	Olympia	
18	**WPA** - Olympia South Sound Chapter Meeting	OLM	Olympia	rmeenk@hotmail.com
18	**WPA** - Spokane Chapter Meeting		Spokane	
19	**WPA** - Okanogan & Ferry County Chapter Meeting		Tonasket	haywire@amerion.com
19	**WPA** - Clallam County Chapter Meeting	CLM	Port Angeles	
20	**WPA** - Green River Chapter Meeting	S50	Auburn	grcnewsletter@gmail.com
December				
3	**WPA** - Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting	YKM	Yakima	les@lesflue.com
4	**WPA** - Paine Field Chapter Christmas Party	PAE	Sno-Isle	
5	**WPA** - Owner Maintenance Seminar	PAE		
5	**WPA** - Flyers Club Breakfast	S50	Auburn	grcnewsletter@gmail.com
10	**WPA -** North Sound Chapter Meeting	BLI	Bellingham	kidkomet@comcast.net
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18	**WPA** - Green River Christmas Party		Kent	grcnewsletter@gmail.com

Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter

November 5th, 11th and 12th Event

Rick Luke Master CFI

Pilot Refresher/Mini-Ground School

Rick Luke, a Master CFI and FAA Designated Examiner will be giving a series of Aviation Safety Seminars this November along with a series of handouts. The dates are:

Thursday, November 5th, Wednesday November 11th and Thursday, November 12th. All that you need will be a current SEA sectional. Topics Include TFRs, NOTAMS, Air Space, Sectionals, New pilot weather info, Communications, and Piloting Skills.

On November 11th David Hale from NAV Canada will be presenting the 2010 Olympic Airspace Review as part of the evenings menu.

See you There!!!!!!

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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