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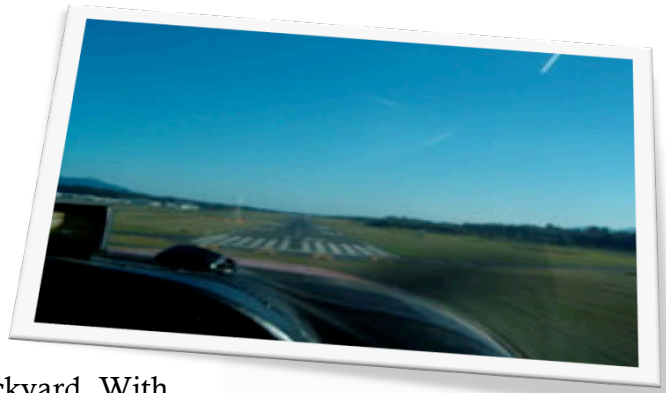
Hangar Talk

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

On Final, the President's Corner

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR
OCTOBER 2008

I have a theory and that's that gas prices are going to help increase the number of students in aviation. Higher prices have led Americans to drive 10 billion fewer miles last month than during the same period last year. Instead of hitting the road for a faraway weekend destination of an extended summer vacation, many Americans are staying closer to home and looking for fun things to do in their own backyard. With the advent of the "Light Sport Aircraft and Pilot's License", I expect this will lead many to discover their local airport, so the theory goes. Having more new pilots means more students for instructors and more new members for WPA. And it usually means having more clout when dealing with government agencies and legislative bodies.



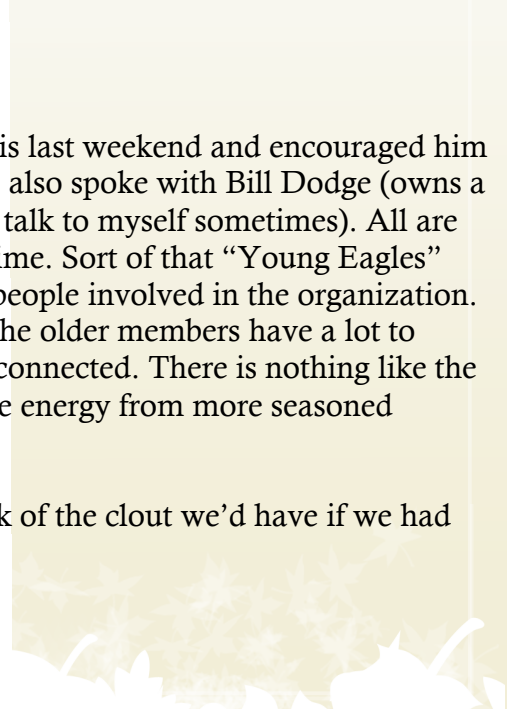
Just before our last meeting I asked Bob Delgatto if he would fill in the board member vacancy for the remainder of the year and he graciously accepted. I'm happy to say that it's his kind of enthusiasm that's going to help my theory.

In his words;

"I grabbed Nate (one of Bellingham Aero's young flight instructors) this last weekend and encouraged him to come to the meeting this Thursday and bring some of his students. I also spoke with Bill Dodge (owns a 182), Herb (owns a really nice Tri-Pacer), and Bob Delgatto (me, yes I talk to myself sometimes). All are willing to take Nate's students up for a flight/ride in their plane sometime. Sort of that "Young Eagles" concept thing. I just thought that it would be good to get some young people involved in the organization. Not everyone has phenomenal stories like John Hubner, but many of the older members have a lot to share and offer to the students. We just need to get the young and old connected. There is nothing like the fresh new enthusiasm from eager student pilots to draw out the positive energy from more seasoned pilots."

Washington State has 19,798 pilots. WPA has 722 members. Just think of the clout we'd have if we had even half of the pilot population as members.

Blue Skies
Chip LaPlante
President North Sound Chapter WPA





Editor's Notes

Fall is here and the weather is changing. The colors on the ground are changing and it is getting dark by 7 PM. Rain is back in the forecast again and cooler weather is here. I wrote a short note on getting ready for winter that appears towards the back of the newsletter.

This month October Doug Devries will present a talk on Flying in Australia and his recent Arctic Trip. He just got back in town from traveling the arctic so it should be an interesting presentation. His website is listed on the Speakers page below.

John Hubner is our November speaker. John has made two flights of special note, one in 1953 over the Wright Monument to celebrate the 50th anniversary of powered flight, and another to celebrate the 100th by flying over Seattle. He says he is also planning to make a special flight for the 150th anniversary as well.

December is our Christmas celebration and I will get the plans into the newsletter as soon as someone lets me know.

If you have an interesting note, experience or announcement let me know (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



Fall Flying Notes

The nights now come sooner and the weather becomes wetter so it must be fall in the Northwest. After months of not being able to stay awake long enough to get night current, now night is almost here by the time I get home from work. After an August and September when wearing sunglasses was almost mandatory, now the sun hides behind the overcast. Oh well, time to get ready to fly in the fall.

One of the first things I try to do is to go and get night current once again. I had to get my taxi light replaced, so I bet there are other lights that need the same in the fleet. When practicing I like to fly from the transition of dusk to full night. While flying after sunset does not count for night currency until for an hour, I find dusk to be one of the most challenging times to make good landings. The cues that I use to judge altitude and groundspeed are constantly changing, and crisp shadows now are replaced by



Landing

seems easier in the blackness. One of the challenges at BLI is actually taking off on RWY 16 on an overcast night, it is pitch black over the water and the only attitude cues are to the sides or on attitude indicator.

Finally, it is time to get instrument current. Lots of flying will involve clouds, even some warm enough not to have ice in the middle. The increase in the number of RNAV.GPS approaches, many with WAAS, means that many airports have a procedure that includes a glideslope to the runway.

I like to have students getting instrument proficient to fly a filed trip to PAE, BVS and then home. Three different approaches, a hold, and instruments failures are in store on this flight. A great thing is that all of the ATC facilities are used to training flights and can accommodate almost any combination of holds, circling approaches and missed approach procedures.

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.wpaflys.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/

Flight Planning

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

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

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

Government-Regulatory

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

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

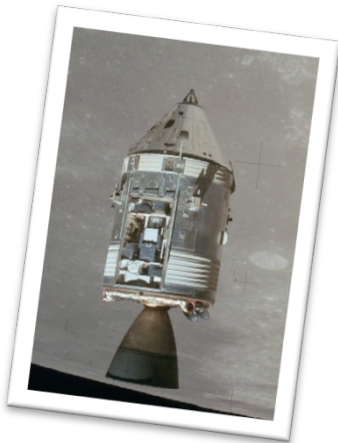
Graphical TFRs <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>

WSDOT Aviation

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

Bellingham Airport Port of Bellingham

http://www.portofbellingham.com/bellingham_airport_home.php



Local Fuel Costs.

Fuel is still expensive and there does not seem to have been a drop comparable to the price of crude or gas gasoline. Again I used Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to check local prices in the area. It would be interesting to calculate how much a difference it would have to been in price to justify a flight there given the fuel burn of the aircraft. Just don't run out on the way to fill up with cheap gas. Now that story would be an interesting NTSB report.

Airport / FBO		100LL	
		\$5.45—\$7.10 average \$6.04	
KBLI	Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA		
			SS \$5.75
			FS \$6.20
			
Bellingham Fuel Service Come Fuel With Us 122.95 360-671-1600			SS \$5.79
			FS \$6.10
GUARANTEED			
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KBVS	Skagit Regional Airport Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA		
20 SSE			FS \$5.99
			SS \$5.99
			
ViaJet Aircraft Management L.L.C.			PS \$5.45
			SS \$5.45
GUARANTEED			
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KAWO	Arlington Municipal Airport Arlington, WA		
41 SSE			SS \$5.711
			22-Sep update
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OS9	Jefferson County International Airport Port Townsend, WA		
46 SSW	Port of Port Townsend	SS	\$5.739
			22-Sep update
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KPAE	Snohomish County Airport (Paine Field) Everett, WA		
54 S			SS \$5.744
			FS \$6.604
			23-Sep update

Monthly Speakers



This month's speaker, **Doug DeVries** will talk about his adventure flying 4,000 miles across Australia in a 1942 Stearman. He and Rob Richey, flew across some of the most remote areas in the Country on an Air Safari adventure. The summer Doug had a great Arctic Adventure. The coverage of the trip can be read at the homepage of the adventure, <http://www.greatarcticairadventure.com/>. Some of the images at the site are very cool.



In November **John Hubner** will discuss safety in aviation. One of the things that John is famous for is ejecting out of a burning Panther F9F-8T aircraft below 500 feet. After one swing of the parachute he landed in a plowed field. Although bleeding, the passing Navy ambulance stopped to ask him directions to Highway 50. Apparently, the ambulance driver did not realize that the person in the flight suit might have been the object of his search. Anyway, after giving the ambulance driver directions John went to a nearby farmhouse and called the base. (As recounted in *Stand Well Clear* by Rafanelli and Tooker).



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

Date	Event	APO	Location	Phone	email / Website
November					
	WPA Board of Directors				
15	Meeting		Auburn, WA		
	Tri-City Owner				
22	Maintenance Seminar		Kennewick, WA		MarjyL@charter.net

November 2008

Nov 6 - 8 —

San Jose, CA. San Jose Convention Center. AOPA Expo 2008. See the latest in general aviation technology, see the latest models of aircraft on display, attend hours of educational seminars, and browse the exhibit hall for everything a pilot could want under one roof. <http://www.aopa.org/expo/>.



Announcement from Out of the Blue Aviation at Arlington.

LIGHT SPORT AIRPLANE EXTRAVAGANZA!

Curious to see what the “buzz” is about the new light sport aircraft? Out of the Blue Aviation at Arlington Airport and Light Sport Airplanes, West of Salinas are hosting a Light Sport Extravaganza on Saturday, October 17th and 18th. Demo flights will be held both days – call for reservation. Also, a special preview will be offered Friday night and a BBQ and airshow will be on Saturday, from 12-2 pm. Please call for more information at 360-474-1060 or see details on www.outoftheblueaviation.com

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Light Sport Extravaganza!!!



**Come experience
the difference!**

We'll be flying 20 min
demo's on the 1/2
hour for only \$30. Call
today to reserve your spot.

Offer available only to first time Light
Sport Students

Then stay for our Fall BBQ
Saturday, October 18th
12-2pm

Fall BBQ and Airshow
Saturday October 18th 12-2pm

If you would like, bring a side
dish to share
Call for details.



Light Sport Preview Event

If you may be interested in buying a Light Sport Aircraft we will be hosting a
preview event on October 17th. Please call for details.



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Featured Speaker
Doug DeVries

Flying Across Australia and Canada

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Thursday October 9, 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.

