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On Final, the President's Corner

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR – OCTOBER 2009

For many of us, turning the page on the calendar to October means fall weather. Colder temperatures, gusty winds, rain and fog could mean postponed or canceled flights. This can be frustrating for most pilots and it's even an issue for experienced pilots as well.

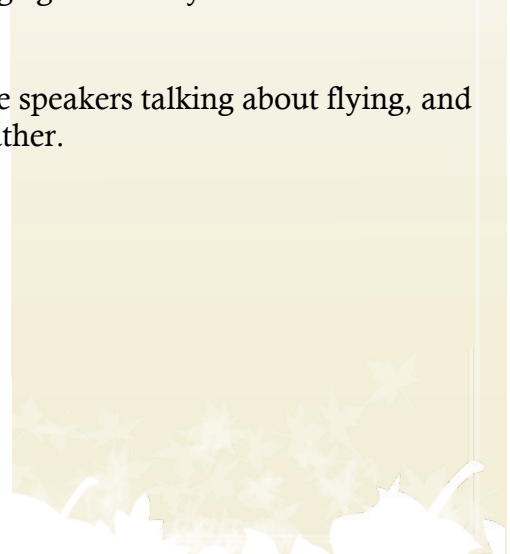
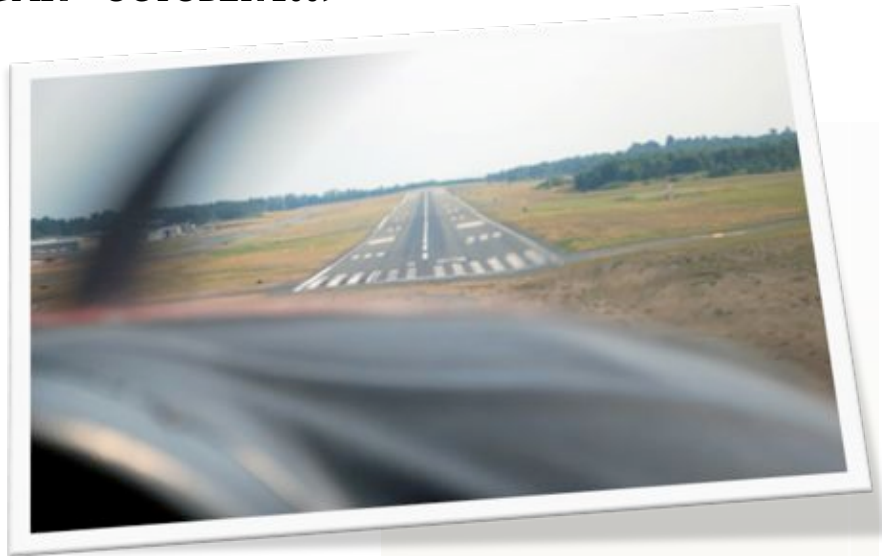
So what can you do to keep yourself challenged? What can you do to continue to learn?

For me, the AOPA Air Safety Foundation has the perfect solution. If you haven't checked this out yet, I urge you to do so. (www.asf.org/courses)

offers a wide variety of interactive online safety courses that you can take, free of charge, at any time of the day or night—and at any time of the year for that matter. They are quite fun, interesting and enjoyable to take. I take them a lot. Online courses include such topics as airspace, mountain flying, thunderstorms, runway safety and engine and propeller. Most of these courses run 45 to 60 minutes and all of them are free. They also have Safety Casts, (www.asf.org/safetycasts) free online videos of safety programs. There's a lot of other neat stuff on the main site as well. Take advantage of these informative, well-produced offerings. Before you know it, the weather will improve, you'll be flying again – and you'll be a better-informed and safer pilot, too.

In the meantime, coming to our general meetings to hear our incredible speakers talking about flying, and other aviation topics is always another real good way to enjoy bad weather. Hope to see you in the pattern soon.

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



Fall is here and the weather has really cooled off. Sunrise is now 07:15 and sunset 18:40; the long days of summer are gone. On the other hand there is a lot to look forward to. I have added WPA's latest listing of events for this area on page 7 of the newsletter.

This month we have a very nice description of member David Grant being flown by his son. It must be a very interesting feeling since it looks like he was in the back seat. You'll have to reach the story.

Chip talks about how to keep up to date in his message from the President. I have also found the AOPA materials to be great, although I hate taking the little tests. I'd rather give tests than take them.

One of the big issues in this area over the winter will be the TFR for the Olympic games and the Special Olympics. The maps of the TFR below



that this winter we fly south

or east, almost everything else will be TRF. In my reading of the rules it looks like access to the local airports will still be available with a flight plan. We are planning on having a speaker this November to follow one of Rick's course periods to provide some additional insight.

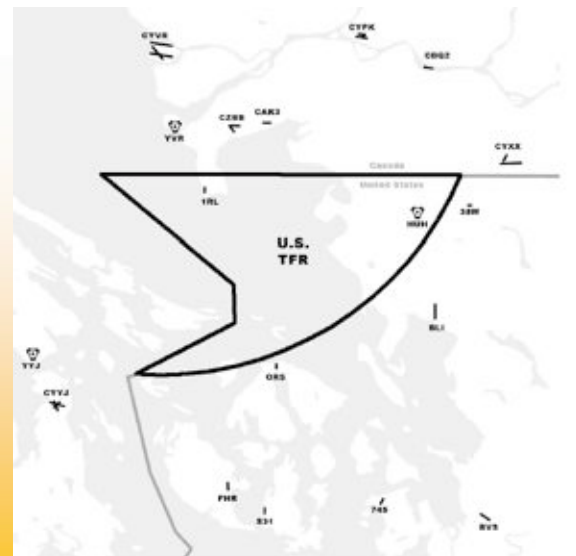
To the left I have put in the URL in order to download the current FAA NOTAM for the Olympic TFR, it is a boring read but one we are going to have to become familiar with.

Have fun and be safe

Wayne Landis

The Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics Games

http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/notices/2009-08-27/SN09000.cfm





Sean seems to have a smile on his face.

Father's First Flight by David Grant



North Sound Chapter member Dave Grant recently caught a ride to Stuart Island from his son Sean. The flight was noteworthy because Sean had passed his check ride just a few days earlier. Sean, who is a senior civil engineering student at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, California, took his flight training this summer through Pigs Can Fly Aviation at SBP. He got his ticket on August 29th after just six weeks of lessons.

So whom is the back seat flyer taking the picture?

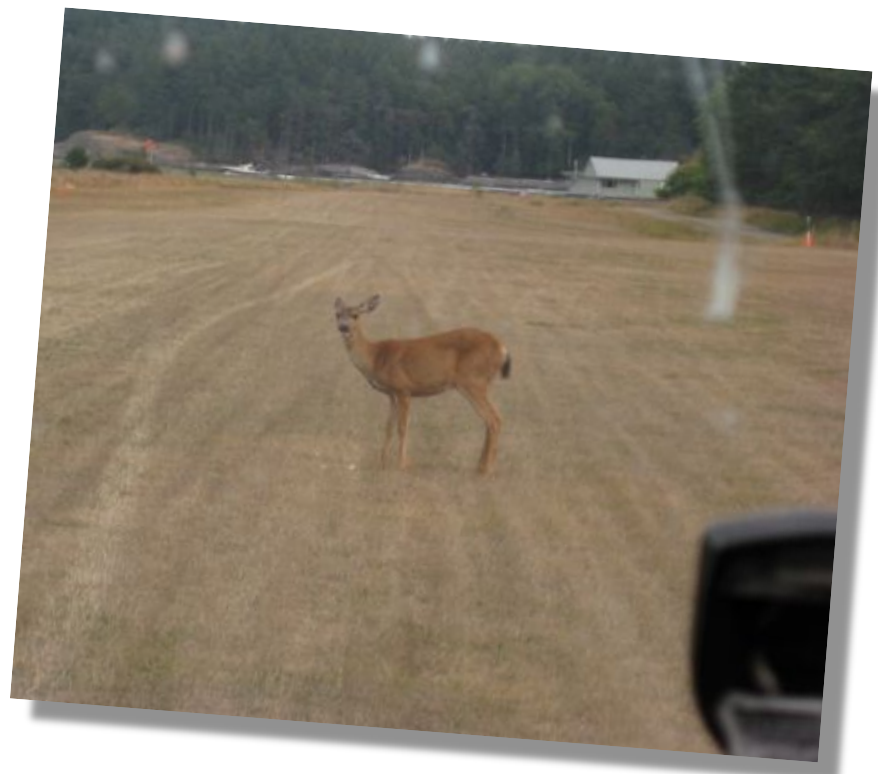
Stuart Island, like an aircraft carrier.



After expressing a desire to do some island flying, Sean talked Dave into flying into Stuart Island while visiting home on September 4th. Having only time in a 152 and a 172 (about 44 hours total), he rented a 172 from Bellingham Aero, and with Dave and Instructor Tim Buss made the trip over to Eastsound and Stuart. Both Sean and Tim said Stuart Island was the shortest strip that either of them had attempted. The weather was nice and both Tim and Dave report

the Sean's landings were fine and a lot of fun (although the departure from Stuart was delayed to wildlife on the runway). Instructor Buss, who grew up in Lynden, is a recent graduate of Central Washington University's aviation program and is currently back in Ellensburg continuing his career path with Midstate Aviation. Tim had planned that move prior to flying with Sean, not as a result of it. Sean has returned to Cal Poly in hopes of starting a career. And, Dave, well he's looking for that "pay raise" when Sean does graduate, and future father and son flights on Sean's dime.

Here is a different kind of runway obstruction, one that eventually moves.



Local Fuel Costs October 2009

The information is from Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to get local prices in the area on October 4, 2009. Now that fall is here the prices seem to have stabilized. Lynden, Jefferson County and Viajet at Skagit are at the low end of the spectrum.

100LL Avgas prices within 50 miles of **KBLI**

Airport / FBO		DUEL		100LL	
		10.00 - 11.00		Average 10.75	
KBLI	Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA				
	Bellingham Aviation Services		100LL	SS \$4.68 LS \$4.90	GUARANTEED 
	Bellingham Fuel Services Come Fuel with Us 100 LL - 4400-1000		100LL	SS \$4.61 LS \$4.83	GUARANTEED 
38W	Lynden Airport Lynden, WA				
	City of Lynden (self-serves fuel)		100LL	SS \$4.45	10.00 update
KORS	Orcas Island Airport Eastsound, WA				
	Aeromautical Services			SS \$5.25	10.00 update
74S	Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA				
	East Coast Aviation			SS \$4.75	10.00 update
KBVS	Skagit Regional Airport Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA				
	CORPORATE AIR CENTER		100LL	SS \$5.15 LS \$5.15	GUARANTEED
	Viajet Aircraft Management L.L.C.		100LL	SS \$4.51 LS \$4.51	GUARANTEED 
KEHR	Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA				
	Aeromautical Services			SS \$5.27	10.00 update
KOKH	Al Eisenberg Airport Oak Harbor, WA				
	Al Eisenberg airport			Airfuel SS \$4.36	10.00 update
KAWO	Arlington Municipal Airport Arlington, WA				
	Castle & Cooke		100LL	SS \$4.69	10.00 update
OS9	Jefferson County International Airport Port Townsend, WA				
	Tollan Tommy's Aircraft Repair and Flight School			SS \$4.49	10.00 update

Fall Speakers

October 8 Speaker--- *Merrill Wien - Flying in Alaska*

Merrill Wien was practically born in an airplane: as an infant he traveled in his parent's airplanes to air shows tucked safely in a laundry basket. His father, Noel Wien, a pioneer Alaska bush pilot, made sure that he was raised in a flying environment.

Merrill was raised in the Alaskan bush flying environment, so most of his flying was in Alaska. Merrill Wien also flew for the Air Force and had an extensive military and civilian career. He is now the Operations and Safety Officer for the Heritage Flight Museum. For many years he was the check pilot for the Confederate (now Commemorative) Air Force. He will be speaking



November Speaker---*Rick Luke Master CFI Aviation Safety Seminars and Mini-Ground School.*



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

Thursday, November 5th, 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 will be a current SEA sectional.

As many of you know Rick is a KBLI institution. The seminars are great reviews for the private pilot and a great introduction for student or wannabe pilots looking towards the future. Come and have a great time.



Washington Pilots Association Aviation Activities for the Fall of 2009 from the WPA Website.

October	Activity	Identifier	Location	Email
1	WPA - Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting	YKM	Yakima	les@lesflue.com
3	WPA - Flyers Club Breakfast	S50	Auburn	grcnewsletter@gmail.com
8	WPA - North Sound Chapter Meeting	BLI	Bellingham	kidkomet@comcast.net
9	WPA - Paine Field Chapter Meeting	PAE	Sno-Isle	
10	WPA - Owner Maintenance Seminar	PAE		
10	WPA - Harvey Field Chapter Meeting	S43	Snohomish	charles.h.hower@boeing.com
15	WPA - Okanogan & Ferry County Chapter Meeting		Tonasket Port	haywire@amerion.com
15	WPA - Clallam County Chapter Meeting	CLM	Angeles	
16	WPA - Green River Chapter Meeting	S50	Auburn	grcnewsletter@gmail.com
21	WPA - Olympia South Sound Chapter Meeting	OLM	Olympia	rmeenke@hotmail.com
21	WPA - Spokane Chapter Meeting		Spokane	
29	WPA - Deer Park Chapter Meeting	DEW	Deer Park	
November				
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6	WPA - Paine Field Chapter Meeting	PAE	Sno-Isle	
7	WPA - Owner Maintenance Seminar	PAE		
7	WPA - Flyers Club Breakfast	S50	Auburn	grcnewsletter@gmail.com
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	rmeenke@hotmail.com
18	WPA - Spokane Chapter Meeting		Spokane	

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October 8th Thursday Speaker---**Merrill Wien - Flying in Alaska**



In October Merrill Wien will be presenting his experiences flying in Alaska. He was raised in the Alaskan bush flying environment. Merrill Wien also flew for the Air Force and had an extensive military and civilian career. He is now the Operations and Safety Officer for the Heritage Flight Museum. At our October meeting he will be speaking on bush flying and safety in Alaska.

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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