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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

There's no question that recent increases in fuel, food and other commodities have begun to change the habits of many Americans, including pilots who fly for fun. Gas prices in particular have gone up dramatically and are already changing our transportation patterns. People are already buying smaller cars, car pooling, riding mass transit or changing to four day work weeks instead of five.

Rental prices continue to creep up in an attempt by Fixed Based Operators to try to cover their escalating costs. Will those who fly for fun stop driving to the airport as often? Will they fly fewer hours because of the cost of the drive to get there or will they make longer or more flights each time they fly to make up for their less frequent trips. Maybe they'll eat out less or switch to domestic beer to continue flying as often. A clear picture hasn't emerged yet and, in fact, may not. After all, pilots are an independent sort and pretty much do what they want.

One thing is clear, especially from the traffic count from the control tower, and that is that the direct and indirect cost of flying is going up. So it makes sense to maximize that costly air time.

One way to do that is to strive to make each flight a learning experience. There are many ways in which to do just that. You can go to a new and unfamiliar airport or destination. Consult the Aircraft Maneuvers handbook and try perfecting stalls, slow flight and steep turns. Descending spirals are always fun. Or how about some advanced ground reference maneuvers like eights on pylons or eights around pylons. If you find that you're having a little trouble, get an instructor on the same page with you. Maybe commit and be passionate about that new license or rating. Each flight will have a specific purpose, and at the end of each flight, with your newfound proficiency, experience and abilities, the expense will have been well worth it.

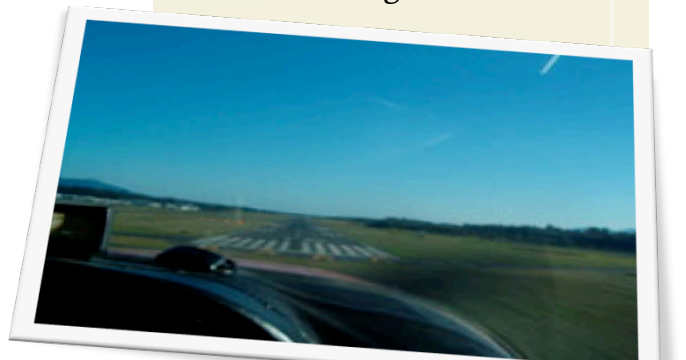
As always our program chairperson Maureen Griggs has an exiting line up of excellent speakers for this upcoming season of WPA starting with Bryan Dudas. Please check the speaker flyer and the newsletter for the current meeting place.

I know it's a little early but we want to start thinking about the upcoming elections of new officers for our chapter. Nominations will be accepted at any time till the November meeting. Please submit your nominations to our Elections Chairperson, immediate past president and your current newsletter editor Wayne Landis. The positions up for elections are for President, Vice-president and three board members.

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and let's all get together at the next meeting to share the stories.

Blue Skies

Chip LaPlante, President North Sound Chapter WPA





Editor's Notes

Summer is about over and the weather is changing. Did anyone actually see summer this year? At least the freezing level got higher. As I write this on Saturday it has turned into the wonderful late summer that we have come to expect in the Pacific Northwest.

There are some early fall flyins at Shelton and Yakima on September 13th, and Olympia on September 14th. The Posters are attached towards the end of the newsletter. All the fly-ins seem to have food involved as well!

Maureen Griggs is doing her outstanding job of

lining up speakers for our monthly meetings. This month we have Bryan Dudas talking about fighting fires from Helicopters. In October Doug Devries will present a talk on Flying in Australia and the recent Artic Trip. John Hubner is our November speaker. John has a number of great interesting aviation tales, and I think he still has more take-offs than landings. In December we will have a Holiday related event instead of a Speaker.

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





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-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.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



Local Fuel Costs.

As Chip talked about in the President's message, fuel costs have been at record prices this summer. Today I used Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to check local prices in the area. BLI is in the middle range and I am glad I do not have to fuel up on an island.

I have also found the the price of fuel has been very volatile, with the cost going up or down dramatically depending on the load the fuel. Now let's not run out of fuel trying to save a few cents, that would be much a more expensive day.

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100LL

\$5.49 — \$7.07

average \$6.07

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Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA

San Juan Airlines

SS \$5.99

25-Aug
[update](#)

KBVS

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 ViaJet Aircraft Management L.L.C.




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 SS \$6.10
 PS \$5.49
 SS \$5.49

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KFHR

Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA

Aeronautical Services

SS \$6.25

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[update](#)

KAWO

Arlington Municipal Airport Arlington, WA





SS \$5.77

02-Sep
[update](#)

OS9

Jefferson County International Airport Port Townsend, WA

Port of Port Townsend

SS \$5.739

03-Sep
[update](#)

KPAE

Snohomish County Airport (Paine Field) Everett, WA






SS \$5.842
 FS \$6.68
 FS \$7.07

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 20-Aug
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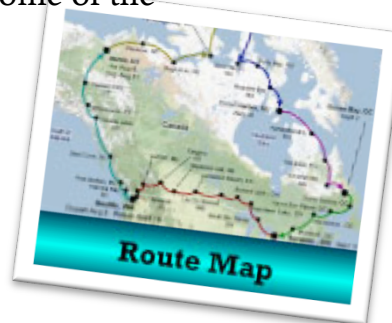


Monthly Speakers

This month's speaker, **BRYAN DUDAS**, has been working as a helicopter maintenance technician with Erickson Air-Crane in California, Italy, B.C. Canada, Texas, Washington, and currently Idaho since June 2007. Working on a converted Sikorsky CH-54 Skycrane to an Erickson S-64 Air-Crane for various services including the United States Forest Service U.S.F.S, European Protezione Civile, and various logging companies, Bryan has experienced a side of heavy lift work that includes providing maintenance for an aircraft capable of lifting 20,000 lbs of Vancouver Island logs or dropping a single load of 2,650 gallons of water on blazing fires throughout California, Italy, and Texas.

In October **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 is having a great Artic 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 a very cool.



End of Summer Aviation Events in the Northwest

(Compiled by John Dobson WPA president)

Date	Event	APO	Location	Phone
September 5-7	Western Antique Aero / Auto	4S2	Hood River, OR Mountain Home	541-386-1664
13	Gunfighter Skies 2008		AFB, ID	
10-14	Reno Air Races		Reno, NV	
13	WPA - Port of Shelton Fly-in	SHN	Shelton, WA	360-426-1151
20	WPA - State Board Meeting	GEG	Spokane, WA	360-898-2319
24	Fall Canyonlands Safari		McCall, ID	

Happy Birthday Port of Shelton!

Port Autumn Festival & Seafood Chowder Cook-Off



September 13, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sanderson Field off 101 | Shelton, WA



Airport Open House!

Check out the airplanes & displays

FREE Flights for kids (8-17)!



Classic Car & Dragster Display

Seafood Chowder Cook-Off

Taste the best restaurant chowder



Community Displays & Vendors

Open Houses & Demonstrations

Sanderson Field R/C Flyers, Skydive
Kapowsin, Mason County Sportsmans
Association



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Airplane Displays: General Aviation – Military – Antiques

Short Take Off and Landing Competitions

Pancake Breakfast – Aviation Movies – Evening Concert

COME SEE US!

(509) 575-8494

OLYMPIA FLY-IN

**September 14th 2008
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**



**Great Airplanes
Classic Cars
Yummy food and drinks**

**Presented by:
Olympia South Sound Chapter of the
Washington Pilots Association
Pearson Air**

Come and enjoy brunch from 10:00 to 2:00 at Pearson Air located at the northeast end of the airport!

In addition to plenty of food you'll also find:

- Great classic cars on display
- 20% off admission to the Olympic Flight Museum
- Airlift Northwest open house with tours of their facility
- 20 cent per gallon discount on fuel at Pearson Air during the fly-in!

The construction is almost finished on the main runway, but please remember to check notams for Olympia prior to arrival. Call Pearson Air with any questions about this event 360-786-8333.





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Washington Pilots Association North Sound Chapter



Featured Speaker
Bryan J. Dudas

Fighting Forest Fires from the Air

Bryan has been working as a mechanic for Erickson Air Crane and has been involved in preparing the helicopters for fire fighting duty. He is a 2004 graduate of Lynden High School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Lane Community College's Aviation Maintenance Technology program.

Thursday September 11, 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.

