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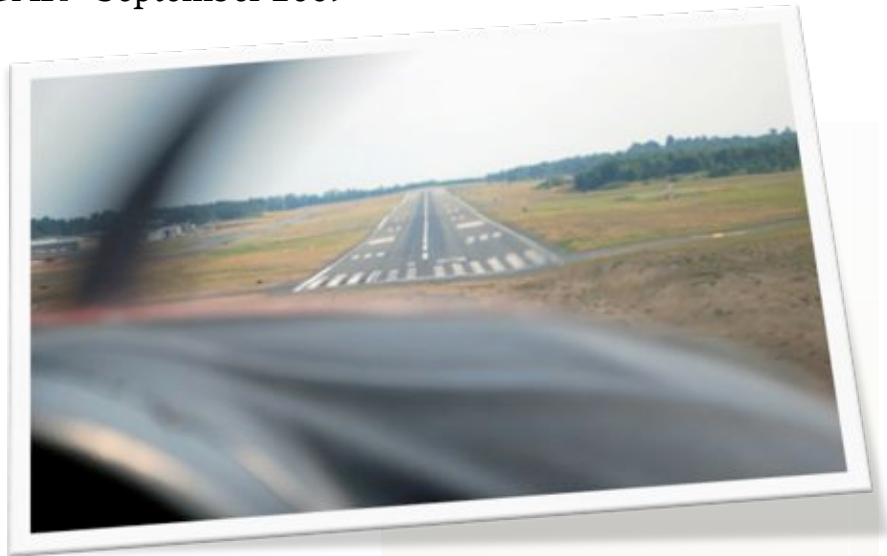
Hangar Talk

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

On Final, the President's Corner

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HANGAR –September 2009

Picture sunset on a Sunday evening at the airport. A newly licensed Private Pilot is celebrating her just-completed check ride. She is excited and can't wait for her next opportunity to fly. This is her time and this is her airport. It doesn't matter whether it has two thousand feet or ten thousand feet. It's her airport. It has an airplane and she became a pilot by going up with an instructor, one lesson at a time. The airport is important to her, and it's important to WPA too.



The Washington State Transportation System has 138 remaining. All are important to WPA. Four are having serious encroachment problems. Hoquiam, Shelton, Thun Field and Cle Elum are all under attack. In the August/September 2009 issue of "Wings", our state president John Dobson explains these issues. If you haven't yet read it, I urge you to do so. It takes all of us to keep airports growing and prospering, so let's do what we can to support all airports. If you haven't flown to one or more of these airports recently I encourage you to do it.

The great thing about Washington's airports: they all have an appeal and standard to live up to regardless of size. If you want to enjoy the fall colors over the Skagit River, you can fly to Concrete. If you want to go for a swim, you can fly to Electric City and take a short walk to Banks Lake and jump in. If you want to enjoy a day in the Emerald City, there's Boeing Field. Regardless, WPA is here to support them all. Taken together, all the airports and all the aircraft and all the pilots they offer are what make our organization thrive. The variety and diversity of its members is vast. WPA has no walls. It goes all over our great state. And it includes you.

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

Editor's Notes

Summer is almost over as I write this, although the rain and wind make it feel like fall. What a great season it was for flying, with warm temperatures, fair skies, and long days. Many of the days were just perfect for flying.

My oldest daughter Margaret and I flew to Jefferson County (OS9) to have brunch at the Spruce Goose Café on a brilliant weekday morning. The flight over was a piece of cake with the airport becoming visible just beyond the obscuring hill just to the north of the airport. We had brunch outside and happened to sit next to someone that owned a fixed-gear Cardinal, so of course we talked and talked over toast and coffee. The man also owned a powered glider that he had flown to OS9 in and was waiting for the thermals to start over the Olympics. As the sun air got warmer he had to leave to go chase them down.

On the way back I thought just how cool this was, to fly over the magnificent Puget Sound,



with my daughter on such a great day. Now Margaret is at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. That is certainly a long ways from home, but hopefully another destination for my Cardinal.

This issue has a review of the lunch support that your NS WPA provided during the visit of Sentimental Journey to KBLI in August. You may recognize some of the persons in attendance in the picture on the left. It was a true team effort and just the sort of thing that WPA should be involved in.

This fall we have a great list of speakers and introductions to each are presented later in the newsletter. The speaker's topics range from flying P-38s in WW2, being a bush pilot in Alaska, and a review of how to fly and be safe in our current environment.

Have fun and be safe

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The star—the Commemorative Air Force's Sentimental Journey

Sentimental Journey Visits Heritage Flight Museum and the North Sound Chapter of the WPA Provides Lunch Support. Pictures-Margaret E. Landis

On the weekend on August 15-16 NSWPA was able to supply lunch to the numerous personnel that made the visit of the B-17G Sentimental Journey possible. During Saturday and Sunday the NSWPA had lunch available for the air and ground crew of Sentimental Journey along with the personnel of the Heritage Flight Museum and the Civil Air Patrol cadets that provided local security.

While the star was the B-17G, the A-1 Skyraider and the P-51D of the HFM were also in attendance and impressive. The start up of the A-1 is always fun to see, hear and feel. A number of people from Whatcom County attended the open house and got tours of the restored B-17.

Vaughn Burgess supplied the hangar and many of the chairs and tables. Les Seelye provided logistics and supplied much of the food and an excellent menu.



Special note goes Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Black for pitching in on Saturday and for supplying the fixings for burritos on Sunday. Ralph really got around on Saturday and could be found at the other open houses on Saturday. The food was really appreciated, especially by the teen aged CAP cadets.



Lots of smoke erupts as the A-1 starts. As it taxis out the wings lower to flight position.



A wave to the crowd as the P-51D goes out for another flight.

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Where the food was, thanks to Vaughn of Definitive Avionics for opening his hangar and helping with the food and tables.



Lunch spot for crew and support personnel.

Part of our NS WPA chapter dues went to support this activity in support of aviation at BLI. I am looking forward to activities such as this in the future.

Local Fuel Costs September 2009

The information is from Airnav (<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/local.html>) to get local prices in the area on September 6, 2009. As the summer has gone by prices have increased slightly with the least expensive at Oak Harbor. Lynden, Jefferson County and a Viajet at Skagit are at the low end of the spectrum.

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

Airport / FBO		100LL			
		\$4.35 - \$5.27		average \$4.78	
KBLI 10 70Z	Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA   Bellingham Fuel Service Come Fuel With Us 100 LL 1-800-71-1400		SS	\$4.68	GUARANTEED 
			ES	\$4.90	
			SS	\$4.61	GUARANTEED 
			ES	\$4.83	
38W 10 70Z	Lynden Airport Lynden, WA  City of Lynden (self-serve fuel)		SS	\$4.45	14-Jul update
KORS 18 30W	Orcas Island Airport Eastsound, WA Aeronautical Services		SS	\$5.25	15-Aug update
74S 18 35W	Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA Sea Plane Station		SS	\$4.75	12-Aug update
KBVS 20 33Z	Skagit Regional Airport Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA  CORPORATE AIR CENTER  Viajet Aircraft Management L.L.C.		ES	\$5.15	GUARANTEED
			SS	\$5.15	
			ES	\$4.51	GUARANTEED 
			SS	\$4.51	
KEHR 15 3W	Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA Aeronautical Services		SS	\$5.27	15-Aug update
KOKH 13 Z	Al Eisenberg Airport Oak Harbor, WA Al Eisenberg airport	Airfuel	SS	\$4.35	31-Aug update
KAWO 41 33Z	Arlington Municipal Airport Arlington, WA 		SS	\$4.795	17-Aug update
OS9 46 35W	Jefferson County International Airport Port Townsend, WA Tobias Tommy's Aircraft Repair and Flight School	Texaco	SS	\$4.49	29-Aug update

Fall Speakers

September 10 Speaker--- *Joseph Moser and Gerald Baron. A Fighter Pilot in Buchenwald*

In September we will have an interesting discussion with Joe Moser and Gerald Baron regarding Joe's experiences in WW2. Joe Moser flew P-38s but was shot down and then spent time in the notorious Buchenwald Concentration Camp. See you there!

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



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 on bush flying and safety in Alaska



Presentations

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 with many of us having taken numerous check rides with him over the years. He has been featured in the Bellingham Herald and just recently retired from the Bellingham Police Department. 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.

December- *Joint WPA EAA Christmas Dinner.* No date is set yet but this is in place of a December meeting.



Announcements

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



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