



HANGAR TALK

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

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A Note from Bruce Hamaker

Hello to all my aviator friends in the northwest. Bruce Hamaker here. (retired BLI tower).

It has been two months since my last shift in the tower. I Don't miss the shift work however I do miss hearing all your voices that I came to know over the frequencies. It truly was my pleasure and honor to serve all of you. Over the years that I was there I did get to know a lot of you by name however many more by AC call sign. Being a controller at BLI tower was the best part of my career although I enjoyed every ATC facility that I worked. OAK twr/appch ctr—LAS twr/appch ctr--RNO twr/appch ctr--SAN appch ctr--Brown field tower SAN--MCC appch--EDW appch and finally the best tower at an airport and surrounding airports where the best of the best pilots hang out, BLI. It was my time to retire so I turned my part of controlling over to the the very capable fellow controllers, Rob, TJ, Frank, Neil and Terry. Go easy on them as they are all younger than me, (HA) although Terry and Frank are pretty close. I so much appreciated the night at Cascade Pizza. Thank you greatly Jim Higgins and Maureen Griggs and all the others that were there. Erin from Delta airlines,



Picture By: Phillip A. Dwyer

thanks Erin. Phil, Chip, Mrs. Higgins, Jerry from Meadow Mist, Jeff and Chris Lustick and my very special friend, their next generation aviator daughter, Amelia. Hi Amelia. Thanks Jerry for making the award certificate for Chip to present to me. It overwhelmed me and thanks Chip for the presentation and especially your friendship over these many years. I know there were others there and I am so pleased you honored me by your presence. Forgive me for not remembering who all was there. Other local pilots that I do remember by name, Betsy and Dave, Robin, Judy, Barbara, Larry, Bob French, Mike, Scott, Hedo, Allen, Dean, Doug, Heidi, and all the pilots from Sky Ferry and Mariner. Also want to thank you for the picture you gave me. It will be placed in a very special place in my office. Thanks so much. Rick Luke, what a pleasure to have known and worked with you for all these years. So many of the folks in the northwest are so fond of you and what you do. You are a great person. We first met in 1990 for a Bi-annual flight. Time really flies. On Tuesday evening I was also honored at the Heritage Flight Museum by Bill Anders and all the folks there. What a nice send off you gave me. Very nice turn out on such short notice. Allen, it was my pleasure to be working when you were

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"What a career I've had!"
 – Bruce Hamaker

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flying. Would have enjoyed being up there with you however a side by side plane or tandem seating is first choice. The cake was pretty nice. Half the cake looked like BLI airport and the other the AZ desert with a motorcycle traveling on a dusty road, with me on it of course. Bill, thanks so much for the Heritage Flight booklet. That is a very nice gift and I will cherish it for sure. Wish Gregg had been there. It was always my pleasure to be working the tower when the 3rd Sat. arrived and the Heritage planes were flying. I was truly honored by the presence of all that was there. Two controllers from Vancouver terminal also came down. Very nice of them. Hey Gregg, you still owe me a ride in the mustang. I hope you remember your offer. Some day when I am at BLI visiting I would like very much to do that. I remember the day of smoke in the cockpit. That kinda scared be a little bit however it turned out safely. No more of that please. Once again, thanks so much for everything. Bill, I'll try to remind you

on your next birthday that for a few days you are the same age as me. Let's just keep them coming. Great time in history to be living isn't it. To all the airport folks, John, Russ, Scott, Pinky, Art, Ben and the rest, thanks. Keystone flyers, my very best to all of you. I also want to acknowledge the folks from The Port of Orcas. I didn't get to see you however you dropped off the card, cup and gift at the tower. I very much appreciate that and thank you all so much. N06V were you part of that? I also want to acknowledge the support of my wife Patricia, over the years. Shift work and overtime is hard on family life however she handled it in stride and actually enjoyed aviation talk from a controller mixed with pilot conversation. Some times she would come up to the tower just to listen to our ATC and pilot transmissions. It was great. For now I'll say so long and all of you keep safe It has been so nice working with and knowing great folks like you. What a career I've had!→

Bruce Hamaker (BE)
 Retired BLI Tower Controller.



"The Northwest Conference and Aviation Trade Show was held Feb. 20-21 in Puyallup, WA."

On Final... the President's Corner

Jerry Ward – President
 North Sound Chapter, WPA

Last month was a very rewarding one for our North Sound WPA Chapter. Our Chili Cook-off and monthly meeting at Bellingham Airport and Definitive Avionics Hanger (Vaughn Burgess' company) was a huge success. We had around 14 entrants and so the Judges had a really hot time deciding who won. But, after much tasting and deciding it all came down to a 3-way tie. So we held a drawing and Ben Leischner won the top honors as the "Best Chili". All of the chili was great and there really wasn't a bad one to be found. Thanks for all who came and for all the people

that put so much effort to make the night such a success.

NW Aviation Conference and Trade Show. What began as a small collection of booths hosted during a day of safety seminars has grown into the 27th Annual Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show, was held Feb. 21-22 in Puyallup, Wash. Each February more than 10,000 aviation enthusiasts and their families flock through the Blue Gate at the Western Washington Fairgrounds for the show, which has expanded again for 2010. The Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show 2010 in Puyallup was a big

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2010 Olympic TFR is **ACTIVE!**

Flight restrictions will be in effect from **January 29, 2010** thru **March 24, 2010**.
Please remember to check NOTAMs often and fly informed!

For Complete details on restrictions, please visit:

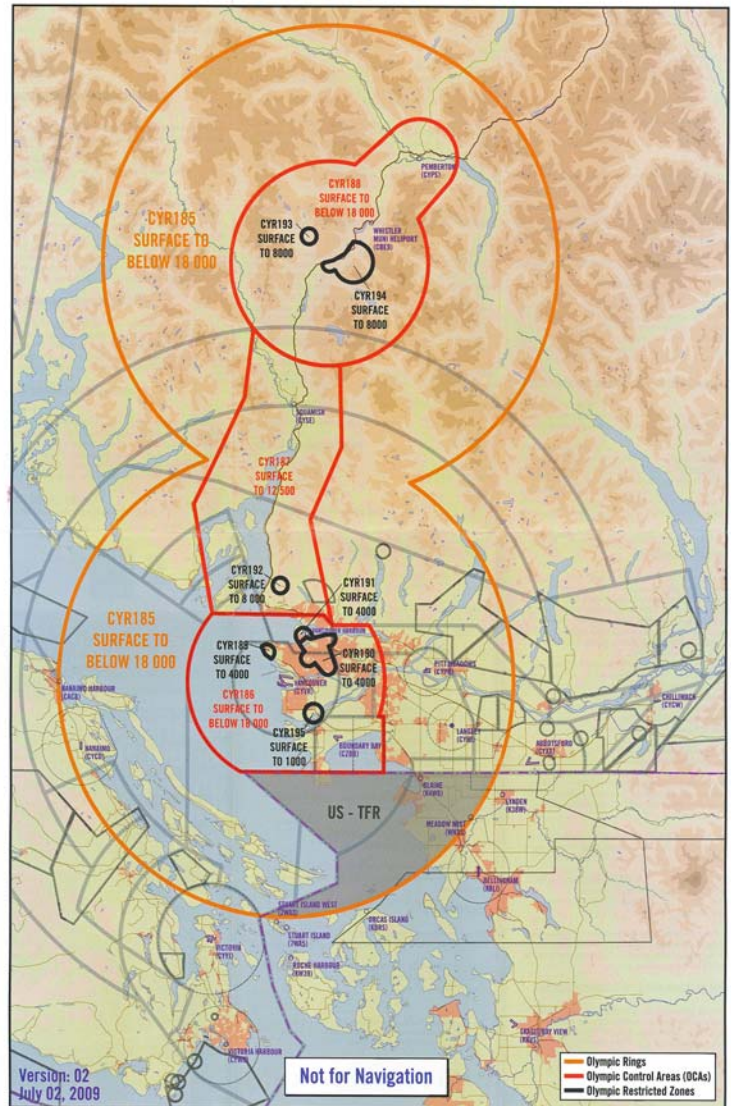
www.navcanada.ca

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

The following operations are **NOT** authorized within this TFR:

1. Flight Training
2. Practice Instrument Approaches
3. Aerobatic Flight
4. Glider Operations
5. Parachute Operations
6. Ultralite, Hang Gliding and Balloon Operations
7. Agriculture/ Crop Dusting
8. Animal Population Control Flights
9. Banner Towing
10. Model Aircraft and Rocket Ops
11. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

2010 Olympic Airspace



US FLIGHT PLANNING INFORMATION

VFR flight plans for flights departing, arriving or transitioning the 30nm radius Olympic ring must be filed with a NAV CANADA Flight Information Centre or a FAA Flight Service Station. **Flight plans filed with DUAT(S) providers in Canada or the USA do NOT meet security requirements of the 2010 Winter Olympics.**

Washington Pilots Association

NORTH SOUND CHAPTER



PRESENTS:

Special Agent **Tracy Dewey** with the DEA
(Drug Enforcement Administration)



Tracy Dewey has served with the DEA as a Special Agent for over 24 years. He will be discussing how the DEA Aviation Division serves in the war against illegal drugs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11th

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.

Classified Ads

Buy and Sell your Aviation Goods...

FOR SALE. Icom IC-5 Handheld Radio, complete with manual and charger, in box. \$99, Speaker is a little scratchy. Call Chip 360-319-9498 or kidkomet@comcast.net

WANTED. Handheld aviation GPS, color screen, bargain price. Email Ben at bleischner@gmail.com

FOR SALE. Sigtronics Transcom II Portable Intercom, 4 or 6 place, your choice. Comes with Aux. power plug-in or you can use one 9 volt battery. In the original box with manual. Aux. input and output jacks. Like new, only used a few times. Sporty's currently sells this unit for \$244, I'm asking \$99. Call or Email Chip 360-319-9498 or kidkomet@comcast.net

WANTED. FAA certified set of seatbelts with shoulder harnesses that could be adapted to fit an Ercoupe. Email Jerry at mag45tor63@verizon.net

FOR SALE. David Clark Intercom, DC-COM 2 place intercom. Aux input and output jack. It has a plug for external power or can be used with two 9 volt batteries. \$50. Call or Email Chip. 360-319-9408 or kidkomet@comcast.net

Please email classified ads to Ben Leischner at bleischner@gmail.com. Ads are posted for members at no cost.

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hit. I saw quite a few of our Chapter Members there and all seemed to be enjoying themselves. There were over 200 vendors and the presentations were really informative.

At lunch John Dobson our WPA State President gave out our State awards and also gave us an update on the situation in Olympia. The situation with the Excise Tax on our Airplanes is still grave. We all need to make sure we have written to our State Representatives, and let them know how we feel about this onerous bill – (having legal obligations that outweigh the advantages. "House Bill 3176 (Part 10 on page 69) will destroy aviation as we know it in this state" – John said.

Basically, the Legislature is proposing in Part 10 that we as aircraft owners pay .5% (1/2%) Excise Tax every year based on the aircraft's value. A \$50,000 Cessna 172 would pay \$250 every year. A new \$225,000 Cessna 182 would pay \$1,125 every year. Guess what a corporate jet would cost? What about the flight schools? And they get to decide how much our planes are worth. Everyone needs to be aware of this and let our State Government know that we are against it.

FAASafety.gov - Local Air Safety Information
"2010 Olympic TFR Fringe Airport Codes"- Notice Number: NOTC2121.

Olympic TFR. The 2010 Olympic Games TFR is now in effect in Northwest Washington State! All pilots are requested to obtain a complete preflight briefing from FSS prior to operating in the vicinity of the TFR. Pilots should request the complete NOTAM information concerning the TFR and the airport specific transponder codes from FSS, DUAT(S), AOPA or other approved flight planning service prior to flight near the TFR. Fringe airport transponder codes have been established for VFR operations at seven airports that are located in or near the TFR. These airport specific transponder codes provide advance warning to ATC monitoring the airspace of your intention to land or depart one of the fringe airports under VFR. Compliance with the TFR and NOTAM is mandatory by all pilots. Non-compliance by pilots could result in further airspace restrictions. Our Chapter Membership is still only at about 50%. If you have forgotten to re-new your WPA Membership, please try to do it ASAP. Please call any of our Chapter Officers if you need any help doing it online or off. Thanks so Much and Keep Flying Safe.→

"Legislature is proposing that aircraft owners' pay 0.5% Excise Tax EVERY YEAR, based on an aircraft's proposed value."



2010 North Sound Chapter Membership

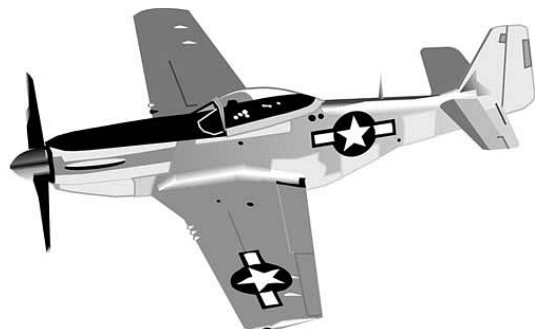
Howard Andreason
 Kenneth Blackmore
 Doug Broersma
 Michael Bucove
 Ian Casey
 David Courtney
 Edward Crasper
 Joe DeMarsh
 William Dodge
 George Edmundson
 Christopher Evans
 Douglas Fenton
 Jay Findlay
 Edward Fosler
 Robert French
 David Grant
 Maureen Griggs
 Bennett Harris
 Martyn Harris
 Evan Haskell
 Fred Haskell

Jack Herrick
 Jack Highlander
 Terry Hindman
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 Scott Hume
 Friedrich Juhle
 Laurie Keleman
 James Laird
 Wayne Landis
 Cal Leenstra
 Benjamin Leischner
 Daniel Looker
 Jeffery Lustick
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 Jeff Marr
 Corley McFarland
 Jayne Mickas
 Donald Muir
 Riggs Nelson
 Gary Oaksford

Richard Paulson
 Erin Recke
 Lauren Rice
 Les Seelye
 Bailey Shewchuk
 David Siden
 Allan Snowie
 Jacquelin Sorel
 Bertil Van Boer
 Del VandeKerk
 Rashelle Vandenberg
 Richard Wakefield
 Jerry Ward
 Paul Zosel

***All members listed above are
 PAID IN FULL for 2010!***

If your name is not listed and you would like to renew your WPA membership for 2010, or join the North Sound Chapter of WPA, please contact NSC Treasurer, David Grant (4dmgrant@comcast.net) for renewal membership information. Also, renew your membership online in 3 easy steps at www.wpaflys.org.














LOCAL FUEL PRICES AS OF MARCH 01, 2010

100LL

\$4.40—\$5.29
average \$4.85

Information from www.airnav.com

Airport / FBO

<u>KBLI</u>	Bellingham International Airport Bellingham, WA	 <p><i>Bellingham Aviation Services</i></p>  <p>Bellingham Fuel Service Come Fuel With Us 122.95 360-671-1600</p>		<u>SS</u> \$4.68 <u>FS</u> \$4.90	<p><u>GUARANTEED</u></p> <p><u>GUARANTEED</u></p>	
				<u>SS</u> \$4.71 <u>FS</u> \$4.93		
<u>38W</u> 10 NNE	Lynden Airport Lynden, WA	 <p><u>City of Lynden (self-serve fuel)</u></p>		<u>SS</u> \$4.70	23-Oct-2009 update	
<u>KORS</u> 16 WSW	Orcas Island Airport Eastsound, WA Aeronautical Services			<u>SS</u> \$5.25	15-Aug-2009	
<u>74S</u> 18 SSW	Anacortes Airport Anacortes, WA San Juan Airlines			<u>SS</u> \$4.75	25-Nov-2009	
<u>KBVS</u> 20 SSE	Skagit Regional Airport Burlington/Mount Vernon, WA			<u>FS</u> \$5.15 <u>SS</u> \$5.15	<p><u>GUARANTEED</u></p> <p><u>GUARANTEED</u></p>	
		 <p><u>ViaJet Aircraft Management L.L.C.</u></p>		<u>PS</u> \$4.75 <u>SS</u> \$4.75		
<u>KFHR</u> 25 SW	Friday Harbor Airport Friday Harbor, WA Aeronautical Services			<u>SS</u> \$5.29	14-Oct-2009	