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President's Message

It's a Miracle!

by Robert Hamilton



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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE May 15th Or a sign that the end of the world is near! I actually heard John Dobson say, at April's Board Meeting: "Let's make sure we get all of the dues we owe in to the state WPA". (I apologize if this is an inside joke, but I assume that many of you know that John has, here-to-fore, not been a big fan of paying money to the state WPA.)

So what has brought about this change? There are good things happening at the state level, led by the efforts of many PAE members plus fellow WPA'ers from around the state. While perhaps only symbolic, the revitalization is summed up in the new *Washington State WPA Mission Statement:*

"To advance the interests of aviation in Washington State through advocacy, outreach, education and social activities."

This is a mission statement that could accurately describe the PAE chapter for many years, and one that can help turn the state WPA into a strong leader for pilots here in Washington. But one word is missing from the statement: "food". The PAE Chapter is nothing if not all about good eating!



You don't need to look far to see a local example of an



aviation advocacy, outreach, education, social, and gastronomical activity. On May 21st we are hosting the most exciting **GA Appreciation Day** to happen in years. From static and aerial aircraft displays, to Eagle Flights, to food (lots and lots of food!), to hands-on activities, to a huge Paine Field Reunion, this is going to be the event of the year. If you want to get in on the fun, be sure to sign up with Stephanie Allen as a volunteer. (Did I mention that

there was a free dinner involved?)

The day starts out with a pancake breakfast, at lunch several charities are selling gourmet meals, and dinner features a spaghetti feed for volunteers.

My only word of advice, when flying out after GA Day be sure to re-calculate your weight and balance!
-Robert



For dinner reservations, either reserve on-line at our Website (<u>www.wpa-painefield.org</u>) **–OR-** call and leave a message on our Voice mail at: (425) 353-2110 ext 5700.

Flyouts and "Hangar Flying"

by Rebecca Lohman



Well, we are all ready for our activities to increase at "The Airport of Choice", and that is starting to happen. Many of us have/or will have/ participated in either a WINGS

program at PAE or completed BFRs to get in good flying shape by now.

We had a great turn out at a Saturday morning fly-out to Hoquiam several weeks ago. There were 15 of us and lots of planes. The food is very good at Lana's there on the field.

This was the first "long flight" for 797 since under going "her" restoration. At this writing there are a few things left to do, including the gear that needs to be removed and spruced up. As you know it's just not good for an engine to not be run for a long time, so the decision was made to put some hours on the plane, try out the new Red paint job, etc.

In May, we will have our first of the year over-night fly-outs. We will be going to Portland, via the Hillsboro airport where we will then get on the MAX train into Portland. This is scheduled for Memorial week-end and many are going down on Friday and coming back on Sunday, some are going Friday and coming back Saturday, so there are a lot of choices. I hope you will read about this elsewhere in this newsletter and plan on joining us. Last year several of us just sent down for Saturday, and the market, etc., so you can make this a one, two, or three day event.

Also, don't forget the "no fly-out" Saturday, Mary 21st, for our Annual GA Appreciation Days, here at Paine Field. If you haven't volunteered please do so, it's fun and a great way to meet new people, and as well as maybe show off you plane, or just your joy of flying.

I think we are going to have just a great spring, summer, and fall of flying ahead of us. I just found out recently that at Elma the café/restaurant, is up and running with new owners, and that the food is plentiful and good. We haven't been there for a while, so this is another place to include this year. We still really must get over to the East Side of the Mountains this year for a breakfast/lunch fly-out. This, of course, is in addition to the steak dinner cook-out at Tonasket Fathers Day weekend and the Republic camp-out in August.

Start making plans now to do your lawn mowing, car washing, and honey-do stuff during the week since it is staying light now after work, so you can join us on Saturdays for a fly-out.

As always, remember you don't have to be a pilot, nor own a plane, just join us *most* Saturday mornings around 10:00 am at Regal Air, Paine Field. We try to find a seat for anyone who wants to join us, I just ask that you help pay for the fuel, as a courtesy to your pilot. Fly Safely,

Saturday Morning Fly-outs

We meet around 10:00 AM at Regal Air, Paine Field, nearly every Saturday morning (consult our calendar on the web for special events).

All are welcome (Non-pilots as well as non-members of WPA). No "charge" - Just please help your pilot with fuel!

Reporters Wanted! Intrigue! Romance! Adventure! For a new monthly column! The Paine Flyer is looking for reporters (that's you) to write short article(s) about fellow WPA pilot(s) here at Paine Field. For more information email: newsdesk@wpa-painefield.org

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Jackpot Schedule Change

Jackpot Nevada Fly-in to Cactus Petes, June 17th and 18th, \$69 rooms, Saturday Reception

WEEKEND GETAWAY TO PORTLAND, OREGON

Join us Friday, May 27 for a fun weekend getaway to Portland, Oregon. We'll fly into the Hillsboro Airport, walk a short way to the MAX Light Rail and get on board to downtown Portland. From there we will check into our hotels and then join up for sightseeing, happy hour or dinner depending on our arrival time. Saturday holds many possibilities including the Saturday Market arts and crafts fair which is located right next to the Waterfront Park that extends along the river. There are many other options as well including the Pearl District to check out some art or glass galleries, browsing Powell's Bookstore (the largest independent used and new bookstore in the world), walking trendy Northwest 23rd Street, seeing the Chinese Classical Garden, and certainly some shopping (remember, our southern neighbors don't charge sales tax!) Whatever you choose, we'll meet up again for cocktails and dinner in the evening. Leave Sunday open for breakfast and any other sightseeing you still have left. You may want to leave time for a small diversion to Scappoose Airport for some inexpensive fuel on the way home.

We can recommend a few hotels for those wishing to stay overnight. You may choose to be in the heart of downtown (more expensive) or just across the river (less expensive) near Portland's largest mall. For those just wanting to go for a day trip, feel free to join us on Saturday.

If you are interested, please RSVP to Dave or Kelly Van Horn at 425-820-7279 or Dave@VanHorn.com. Hotel information will be provided – let's book before they fill up!

May Program

May 6th brings us two venues. Dave Strand will present a short presentation on the upcoming Jackpot Fly-in. If you are considering participating in the fly-in, this is a presentation you should attend. Then, the Paine Field Airport Office staff will present PAE Airport Issues, including the Future of Flight and Hilton Garden Inn, and hot topics such as regional service.

YOUR FRIENDS AT WPA-PAE

By Freddy Flyboy

This month Freddy found a "newbie" to pick on. **Greg Bell** earned his private license in 2001, followed quickly by his instrument ticket in 2002. But it wasn't until just a few months ago that Greg achieved the pinnacle of pilot prestige by joining the WPA, PAE Chapter! Welcome aboard!

Like many of us Greg got hooked on flying at an early age. On Greg's 10th birthday his Grandfather treated him to a scenic flight from an FBO at the Bellevue Airfield. Unlike the airport, Greg is still hanging around. His office at Verizon, where he is a Systems Performance Engineer, actually sits on the airport site. (Greg says that vestiges of the tarmac are still visible, but he is not tempted to try landing there.) Greg now has 250 hours under his belt. He is a home grown flyer at Paine, and Jim at Northway is the grateful provider of all



that time in his 172's and 182's. While Greg is happy to report he has never had an accident in an airplane, he does miss N5183G, formerly Northway's 182 which sank off of Hawaii. Greg will be one of the first PAE flyers to use the Garmin G1000 glass panel, flying a brand new Cessna 182.

Greg's favorite trips are vacations with his family. His wife Lori, daughter Julianne (14) and son Matthew (12) often accompany him to the San Juans, Oregon Coast, or Northern California. For their next adventure

they plan to visit Sunriver Resort in central Oregon.

Greg hopes to own a plane someday. So say hi to Greg and Lori at the next WPA meeting, and help them choose whether a Cessna 182 or a Lancair 400 is in their future!

-Freddy

GA Days May 21st - Our Biggest Event Ever

Have you already volunteered to help, fly Young Eagles or display your aircraft? If not, there is still time to commit. What do you get in return? Camaraderie, a great time (bring an umbrella), and a free dinner. WPA is picking up 100 Spaghetti dinners as a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters. The dinners are donated by Bucca di Beppo, deserts compliments of Food Emporium and beverages compliments of PAE WPA. To obtain you free meal, you must register to help, fly or display. Not available during the day? Dinner starts at 5 in the Skycorp hangar and is open to the public for a \$5 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters. So come anyway and bring the family and your friends. Don't forget the pancake breakfast open to the public at 9, earlier for volunteers and only for a \$4 donation to the NW Burn Foundation. Need more incentive to come? Meet the Everett Hawks, feast on the Taste of Mukilteo, see one of a kind aircraft, listen to music, enjoy the formation fly-overs. Have kids? Bring them to the Flying Gizmo show at 9:30 or 1:30. Need more incentive, check our web site www.wpa-painefield.org and take a look at the pariticipating vendors, print flyers and give them to your friends and neighbors. Rain or shine the show will go on.

Register to help at <u>pink.bonanza@verizon.net</u> or 425-349-9802. Leave name, contact phone number and/or e-mail address and your preference to fly YE, display, help Ramp control, help security, WPA booth etc.

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY May 6, 2005 Sno-Isle Tech Tng Ctr 9001 Airport Rd Everett, WA 7:00 P.M. The Paine Flyer PO Box 14001 Mill Creek, WA 98082-2001

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 6th Jackpot NV, Travel Log & Airport Issues June 3rd **State Airports** NFIC Pre-Open Tour July 8th Swap Meet August 5th September 9th Hangar Party Garman Avionics October 7th November 4th Year in Review December 2nd Christmas Party

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