



The Best of Times!

By Robert Hamilton
WPA PAE President

Has it really been two years since I became president? Indeed; my first column was in January 2005 and was titled *The Worst of Times, the Best of Times!*

We were in the middle of an oil price increase and lamenting the impact it had (and has) on General Aviation.

But I also looked forward to some exciting new events happening at Paine Field

- Construction on the Future of Flight
- New taxiways and hangars, and
- New aircraft.

And I commented on the fact that GA has become increasing safer; a fact which does not soften the blow of losing a fellow Paine Field pilot and wonderful person, Cliff Shaw, to a fatal accident along with his wife Betty.



All in all, these last two years have had their share of excitement, joy, success, and sadness which lived up to my predictions.

Most of all, serving as President has given me the opportunity to meet all you, the members of the WPA.

Lately I have been using the slogan *You are the WPA!*

The WPA Paine Field chapter is you, and you have done a lot during the last two years.

GA Day is bigger and is becoming a major community event, and we continue to sponsor important safety programs like the Saturday Maintenance Seminars, Wings, and dinner presentations from safety experts.

We continue with some old favorite fly-outs, like Jack Pot, plus continue to add new ones like Portland and, soon to be, Ashland. And we continue to mix things up with old and new locations for our social events like the Christmas Party.

All of these things happened because you took the initiative to make them happen. WPA-Paine is a great organization because we have great people.

So my concluding comment: *Thank you for two great years!*

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Saturday Morning Fly-Outs

We meet around 10 a.m. at Regal Air, Paine Field, nearly every Saturday morning.

Consult our calendar or our Web site for special events.

www.wpa-paine.org

All are welcome -- non-pilots and non-members of WPA or Paine Field Chapter .

The fly-out is free, but please help your pilot with fuel costs.

Toy Collection and Fly Out to Bring Toys to Tots General Aviation Experience to a Marine

By Jim Davidson

WPA PAE Toys for Tots Chair

The WPA is again participating in the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign. The PAE chapter has participated in this toy drive for many years and we will again collect new, unwrapped toys to be flown to Boeing Field.

We will be collecting toys at our Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 1, as well as in the collection barrels that will be located on the field in the lobbies of Crown Aviation, Regal Aviation, Northway Aviation, North West School of Aviation, Everett Jet Center and Everett Community College.

The *Toys for Tots Fly Out* will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 16.

As in prior years, we will gather in the lobby of Regal Aviation, fly to Boeing Field (weather permitting), pick up a Marine, fly back to Paine field, load up with toys, and fly back to Boeing Field.

For many of the Marines, it will be their first General Aviation experience, so be prepared for some big smiles.

Coffee and goodies will be provided at BFI (You knew there had to be food involved).

If you would like to participate in the *Toys for Tots Fly Out*, please contact me at

206-409-6938 or
jim@ddhpcas.com

Treasurer's Letter

Bank Balance Looks 'Pretty Good'

By Dave and Kelly Van Horn
WPA PAE Treasurers

The Board of Directors thought members might like an update on the chapter's financial health for this end-of-year issue of the newsletter.

In a nutshell, we're doing OK.

As of Nov. 17, our chapter has \$9,532.15 in our bank account.

Over the last year our bank balance has been as high as \$12,000 and as low as \$2,000, with the average around \$6,000. So our present balance looks pretty good.

Our present bank balance has been inflated by some temporary factors, explained below, so we're not as flush as it looks, but we are doing OK.

There are three big cycles that influence our finances during the year. The most important, of course, is membership dues. These come in all at once around the end of the year and have started to come in now. Half of the dues are passed on to the State WPA. We owe them \$532 right now, for renewals that came in the last week, and the rest is the money we run on for the year.

Our regular monthly expenses for meetings and the newsletter trim the bank account by \$200-300 a month, plus there are other expenses that aren't monthly. Consequently, our balance declines steadily as the year goes on.

In mid-November, about one-fourth of our approximately 200 members have renewed for next year so our bank balance

has already begun to climb toward its yearly peak in January.

The other two big cycles in our annual financial calendar are due to General Aviation Appreciation Day and the Christmas Party.

Each of these is a big financial event for our chapter, with budgets over \$5,000. They don't cost nearly that much in the end, and 2006 was a good year. In 2006, both events roughly broke but our bank balance makes some wide swings because the income and expenses don't come in at the same time.

For GA Day the bills tend to come in before the payments, which pushes down our bank balance temporarily.

The Christmas Party is the opposite. The tickets are sold beforehand but the biggest bills come afterward, so our bank balance is temporarily inflated for a while, as it is right now.

It's a good thing these two events are at different times of the year as they are each about as big as we could financially handle.

When all is said and done, we're about where we should be for this time of year.

We're financially healthy, just not quite as healthy as it looks at first.

After the Christmas Party and renewal seasons are over, the bills paid and the State WPA takes its cut, your chapter's bank account will be back to where it started last year, ready to finance another year's activities.

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2007 RENEWAL APPLICATION

WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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RENEWALS ARE DUE by Dec. 31, 2006.

Remember SOONER IS BETTER!

Membership Renewals Due by Dec. 31

By **DICK KINNIER**
Membership Chair

This time of year our focus is on **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**.

We're ending the year just about 200 strong and I'd certainly like all 200 of you to renew for 2007. **SOON**.

Some members did a great job by turning in renewals at the October and November meetings.

Now, we need your help if you haven't renewed.

As I'm sure you're aware, this organization is run by *volunteers*, most of whom have day jobs and other responsibilities.

We'd like to see renewals coming in now, which will give us ample time for processing, instead of a great rush of renewals in the last week or 10 days before the end of the year.

**All renewals are due by
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

Why are we pushing to get this job done earlier in 2007?

First, we'd like to get a new roster out early in the year instead of August as happened this year.

Second and even more important, quite a few of us avail ourselves to the fuel discounts from Fliteline — both at Paine and Arlington.

The only requirement for the discount is being a PAID-UP MEMBER OF THE PAINE FIELD CHAPTER of WPA.

Again, so that your volunteers have time to process your renewals and get a list to Fliteline in a timely fashion, please renew SOON.

The renewal form has been available in the October and November newsletters and is inserted in this newsletter.

I will also have copies on hand at the next meeting. (Yes the Christmas Party!)

If you keep forgetting and mislaying yours, call me and I'll personally get one to you.

If, for any reason you don't plan to renew, I'd really appreciate it if you'd call or send me an e-mail with the *WHY* so we can look at ways to make membership more important and attractive to you.

If you missed the last couple of meetings you missed a wonderful program by Robert Hamilton that included many original pictures of planes and people in the South Pacific near the end of WW II.

\$100 Breakfast

Seattle Magazine will spotlight the PAE Chapter and our Saturday morning fly-outs in its January issue. Be sure to pick one up!

Plane Collection Moving to Paine Field

Paul Allen's *Flying Heritage Collection* of airplanes will move to Paine Field. The collection will be open to the public in Summer 2007, after approximately \$5 million in renovation to Hangar 207 is completed.

In March, Allen is scheduled to be the guest speaker for the PAE General Membership meeting.

In September, some of the planes will join WPA-PAE in the Lighthouse Festival Parade of Planes.

2007 Officers

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Greg Bell, Vice President

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Dave Wheeler, 2005 Director

Susan Kennedy, 2006 Director

Gary Hill, 2007 Director

Robert Hamilton, Past President

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Kevin Kelly, Aviation Academy

Sherry Smith, Christmas Party

Jim and Marily Fries, GA Day

Robert Hamilton, Guest Speakers

Dave & Kelly Van Horn

HIO-PDX-MAX

Larry Williams & Yvonne Albert

Jackpot Fly Out

Sandy Allen, Hangar Party

Chip Davidson

Legislation & AOPA Airport Watch

Plus Skykomish Work Party

Dick Kinnier, Membership

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Jerry Blanchard

PAE Chapter Roster

Mitch Mitchell, State Roster

Jim Faustina, Safety & Education

Susan Kennedy, Saturday Fly Outs

Kevin Kelly, PAE Webmaster

2006 in Review

Programs Presented During the Monthly Meetings

January - Airport Updates
Dave Waggoner

February - Microsoft Flight Sims for Pilots
Bruce Williams

March - National UFO Reporting Center
Peter Davenport

April - Paine Tower Procedures, Your Questions Answered, Jeff Osborne

May - Flying the Pubs and Drinking the Air Museums of England

June - Engineering the SR71
Jim Goodall

October - Flying the South Pacific In WWII, Robert Hamilton

November - The Year In Review
Jim Faustina, Kevin Kelly, Greg Bell, et. al.

Special Programs

Aviation Academy - Kevin Kelly
Thank you Russ Keyes for the use of your hanger!

Aircraft Owners' Maintenance Seminars
Jim Faustina

General Aviation Day
John Dobson, Stephanie Allen, et. al.

Skykomish Work Party
Chip Davidson, et. al.

Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival Flyover
Stephanie Allen, et. al.

Dinner and a Movie
Thank you Russ Keyes for the use of your hanger

August - Swap Meet
Stephanie Allen, et. al.

September - Hangar Party
Sandy Allen, et. al.

A special thank you to those who took photos, showed up early, stayed late, cleaned up and locked up but weren't listed above because there wasn't enough space.



Special Events During the Year
Clockwise from above, planning the flight pattern for the Mukilteo Lighthouse Parade Flyover. Upper right, planes, friends and, of course! **food**, at the Hangar Party. At right, graduates of the 2006 Aviation Academy. Below, General Aviation Day at Paine Field included this display of aircraft.



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For a complete list of upcoming events and the latest information go to www.wpa-paine.org

WPA Voice Mail Extension Change

Use the same number (425) 353-2110, but now use extension "6" to leave a dinner reservation or other message.

December

December 1st

Christmas Party!

Embassy Suites Lynnwood

7 p.m. \$40 per person

2nd - Owner Maintenance Seminar

7th - Board Meeting

10th - Newsletter Ads & Articles Due

29th - January Dinner Reservations Due

January 2007

5th - General Meeting "Airport Update" Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center

6th - Owner Maintenance Seminar

11th - Chapter Board & Planning Meeting

13th Newsletter Ads & Articles Due

26th - February Dinner Reservations Due

February

2nd - General Meeting "NOAA Weather Briefing" Sno-Isle Technical Skills Center

3rd - Owner Maintenance Seminar

8th - Board Meeting

12th - Newsletter Ads & Articles Due

22nd - March Dinner Reservations Due

Owner Maintenance Seminar

Rivet/Fastener Removal and Installation will be discussed during the Dec. 2 owner maintenance seminar. Classroom discussion will be from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. with hands-on removal and installation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the shop.

Please bring approved safety classes or goggles.