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President's Message: Cool Tools and Software Woes by Kevin Kelly

Military pilots and commercial airline flightcrews have been flying with the benefits of sophisticated electronic flight instrumentation and controls for years. Developments in production and availability of technology in recent years have brought those same benefits into the cockpits of General Aviation aircraft.

I recently purchased a Lowrance 600c handheld GPS. I've been wanting to get one for some time now as a backup to the GPS equipment that is installed in the airplanes that I rent. The 600c was my choice based on cost and functionality. Aside from the color screen and its size, the Lowrance comes with all the mounting hardware for both car and plane use, an external antenna, and street mapping software; most of these items would need to be purchased separately for the comparable Garmin models. Everything worked well until I had to register the GPS's memory card through the MapCreate street mapping software. My computer recognized the card, but the software would not. I called Lowrance's technical support number for help, but spent 40 minutes on hold waiting for a technician. Once my call was answered, the technician and I spent another 30 minutes trying to troubleshoot my issue. As it turns out, the latest version of the MapCreate software has problems with Microsoft's Windows Vista operating system. Fortunately, my son's computer is still running Windows XP, so I was able to complete the registration of the memory card. I asked the technician why it took so long to get my call answered and I was told that summertime is the peak season for GPS purchases by pilots, boaters, and hunters alike. I had also asked about an estimated time of a software update that would function with Vista, but received none. While the 600c is great GPS for its price, beware of support failings if you purchase one.

Another cool tool that is becoming standard in many new GA aircraft is the glass cockpit. Cessna has been installing the Garmin G1000 integrated system in its new production aircraft over the past couple of years, and Northway Aviation finally received a new Skyhawk SP with the G1000 a few months ago (they've had a Skylane with the G1000 for the past year). After writing about Technically Advanced Aircraft (TAA) in one of my recent Embry-Riddle classes, I decided that it was time to stop reading about it and actually learn how to fly with the system. I took the day-long class and made two flights with an instructor to show that I could push all the right buttons in the right sequence (no banana popped out of the panel as a 777 captain that I know likes to joke). The system provides tons of useful information on two large displays, and instrument flying seems a little easier with the layout of the flight data. With all of those buttons, practice makes perfect. Garmin has a computer simulator program that makes practice easier (and, certainly, cheaper). Vista compatibility,

though, strikes again! The current version of the simulator software will not work on Vista. I'm

beginning to wonder if upgrading my computer's operating system was a good idea after all. The lesson here: Hold onto a computer running Windows XP for a little while longer until the aviation product companies can catch up with updating their software.

If you would like to share your experiences with aircraft or aviation-related products and services with the other members of our organization, please submit your newsletter article to newsletter@wpa-paine.org.

October 5th Program back at Sno Isle "Cessna 294XY, please call ATC after parking....."

It is the dreaded call we don't want. Taxiing into the ramp you get the call from ground control or the tower. Now is not the time to panic..... Come hear Jay Jump of Jump Law Group speak about aviation law, including Homeland Security and other timely issues. Jay is a pilot and is Principal of Jump Law Group, Kent Washington.

2008 Elections, Appointments & Awards

opportunities and recognition

President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Chapter and shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. He shall, with the assistance of the outgoing President, submit a report of the operations of his Chapter for the fiscal year to the State President of the Washington Pilots Association at their first regular meeting each year. He shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees of the Chapter, sign all official documents, counter-sign all checks unless waived by the President, appoint all committees, and perform such duties as are required of this office. The President, an implied member of the State WPA Board of Directors, shall attend annual state WPA Conventions and represent the Chapter as directed by the State WPA Board of Directors. The President's convention registration fee and basic convention lodging shall be paid from the Chapter treasury.

Vice President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the Office of the President. The Vice President shall act as parliamentarian at all Chapter Meetings.

Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Chapter to keep the minutes of all the meetings. The Secretary shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the Chapter, handle all correspondence, and is custodian of all documents and records, and shall keep a current list of all members.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall notify all members when dues are payable and receive all monies. The Treasurer shall notify the Membership Standing Committee Chairperson who will notify the applicant for membership of their election or rejection. The Treasurer shall give receipts for all monies and deposit same in the name of the Chapter in such repository as shall be selected by the members. The Treasurer shall keep correct records of the financial affairs of the Chapter, making monthly reports of said finances, have custody of all funds belonging to the Chapter and disburse same as authorized by the members. The Treasurer shall collect all annual dues and issue proper receipts to the members. He shall remit to the State Secretary or Treasurer within thirty days after receipt, appropriate dues together with the current name and address of each member paying dues and a statement as to whether each member's dues are for a new or renewal of membership.

Chapter Directors Chapter Directors, by nature of their three-year term, are to provide direction and continuity to the Board of Directors. The Chapter Directors, elected by the members, and the outgoing President acting as a Chapter Director, shall each be assigned by the newly elected President to act as Chairperson pro tem for one of the four Standing Committees. *continued on page 3*

NEWS BRIEFS

George E Luck recently earned his Master CFI accreditation for the 5th time. George is an aviation consultant and independent flight instructor at Everett's Snohomish County-Paine Field (PAE). He also serves as an aviation officer in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and is an instructor with the Bonanza Pilot Proficiency Program (BPPP).

The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) takes pride in announcing a significant aviation accomplishment on the part of George E Luck, an independent Everett-area flight instructor and a resident of Everett, Washington. Recently, George's accreditation as a Master CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor) was renewed by NAFI, his professional aviation education association. He has held this professional accreditation continuously since 1999.

To help put this achievement in its proper perspective, there are approximately 91,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 600 of them have achieved that distinction thus far. The last twelve national Flight Instructors of the Year were Master CFIs while George is one of only 35 Washington State who has earned this prestigious "Master" title. In the words of FAA Administrator Marion Blakey, "The flight instructor is where the rubber meets the runway. The Master Instructor accreditation singles out the best that the right seat has to offer."

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<u>Pilot of the Year.</u> This is the highest award the Chapter may give. The nominations shall be a licensed pilot judged to have made outstanding contribution(s) to the advancement of general aviation throughout the past year. Recipient of this award shall be nominated for the State WPA Pilot of the Year competition.

<u>Sponsor of the Year.</u> To be awarded to the individual, group, or company who contributes most significantly in helping the Chapter to achieve its stated goals. This contribution should not be a financial one but rather should be based on the greatest contribution of effort, expertise, donated services or facilities and leadership training by the example it sets.

<u>Sparkplug of the Year.</u> This Award shall be given to the person or persons, who by their enthusiasm, talent, leadership ability and hard work inspire others to get involved and actively participate in the projects of the Chapter.

<u>The Wright Stuff</u>. The Wright Stuff Award shall be given in response to circumstances surrounding an incident that required outstanding flying or judgment. The criterion is that the aircraft must have been under power with a pilot in command.

Committee Appointments:

AOPA Watch Aviation Academy Christmas Party Dinner Reservations General Aviation Dav General Meeting Programs Legislation Membership Mukilteo Chamber Of Commerce Representative Newsletter Safety & Education Saturday Fly-outs September Hangar Party **Skykomish Work Party** Web Site WINGS Program

October 11th Planning Meeting

You are invited to this annual meeting.

When & Where: 6:30 PM @ Rich & Stephanie's home in Harbour Pointe.

RSVP required. RSVP to Red.skyhwawk@gte.net or 425-349-9802 We will provide you with driving and parking instructions. Carpooling is suggested.

Dinner hosted by PAE WPA

This is your opportunity to help plan activities and programs for 2008.

We need your input. All who are interested in holding an office, joining a committee or even becoming a committee chair, this is the meeting you need to attend. Space is limited, so RSVP ASAP.

high priority Nominations for Officers or awards e-mail BOD@wpa-paine.org

Hangar Party 2007, what a good time for all!

What, you didn't make it? Darn, you sure missed a nice evening. This was a purely social event with no business. First, the weather was perfect with the hangar door open the whole time. Second, the food was great - really good burgers and/or kabobs supplemented by a fine array of donated salads and desserts. Finally, the beverages provided by Richard Newman raised \$383.00 in donations for the Children's Air Corps. We invited Molly Peebles and several of the pilots who joined her in the Flight Across America (one coming from as far as Texas) for a presentation to take place the next day at the Museum of Flight. I know Kirk Kleinholtz wishes he could have been here but the trip from Berlin would have been a bit far.

While I'm sure to miss somebody, a note of thanks for such a fine evening goes to Dave Wheeler for a great venue (his hangar), Larry Steele for all the chairs and tables, the folks who cooked and sliced onions and tomatoes for the burgers and anyone else who had hand in providing food and drink. Most of all thanks to Sandy Allen who organized the whole affair and stationed a great gatekeeper (son Jordan) at the door to make sure everyone came up with their modest \$5.00 entry fee.

I'm sure those who missed the fun will want to make it next year, so as soon as you get going on your 2008 calendar mark Sept. 5th.





Lighthouse Festival Parade of Airplanes:

Thanks to the Blackjack Squadron, The Northwest BeechBoys, the High Wing Flyers and the individual pilots that participated including our photographer, Kevin Kelly and MC, Rebecca Lohman. Individual WPA Participants: Gary Hill, Dick Kinnier, Alan Negrin, Jim Faustina and Dave Deaver. Also our members in the formation groups: Rich Jones, Stephanie Allen, Vera Martinovich and Kari Seppanen.

Membership

According to the calendar, there are still 30 days of summer left, however, our task master of an interim newsletter editor has asked for Oct. input SOON. So, here it is.

First, I'd like to remind everyone that all of your Officers, Directors, and Committee people that make the Chapter run are VOLUN-TEERS. Anything we can do to make their jobs easier by giving a helping hand is greatly appreciated. With that in mind, this is the first notice for 2008 renewal. Remember, we don't invoice members for renewal, we just keep reminding you that renewal is due and provide you with a form to use (see 2008 renewal form enclosed in this newsletter.)

My fellow Luddites who prefer a paper record like me can use the form and mail it in to the address shown at the bottom. This year we are attempting some changes and those who prefer can pay on line by credit card. Simply go the State website, click on membership, drop down to" pay on line" and the self explanatory form will enable you to do so. It's important that you properly complete the first item showing renewal and identifying Paine as your affiliation. We are encouraging all those who are renewing and new members to submit their payment directly to the state which has completely revamped its program.

The sign-up period runs from 10/1/07 to 12/31/07. After the latter date you are OVERDUE. If everyone waits until the last week or two to renew, it places a significant burden on those volunteers that deal with the operation. Whether you submit your renewal application on 10/1 or 12/31 you're getting the same year of membership, but,

<u>Earlier is better</u>. Please consider getting this little chore out of the way as soon as you receive this newsletter and you won't have to worry about" Did I or didn't I renew?" Your volunteers will be grateful.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I surely did with a three week trip to the east coast in June to see family, (especially our great –granddaughter, Emma Grace.) In July, thanks to Rich and Stephanie Jones it was back to Oshkosh for the fifth time with the joy of seeing one of our own with a red Skyhawk bring home a silver LINDY and finally an annual camping trip to the Oregon coast with our Portland family. Any membership questions, feel free to call (206-546-3634) or e-mail me at djkinnier@verizon.net

by Dick Kinnier, Membership Chairman

2008 RENEWAL APPLICATION WASHINGTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION PAINE FIELD CHAPTER

INSTRUCTIONS:

If there has been no change in any of the information you provided in the past, simply fill in your name and enclose your check for the proper amount. If there has been a change, or you're not sure that our data base is fully up to date in your case, complete the items that have changed. However, *if in doubt, fill it out* completely.

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Renew on line and your renewal is effective immediately, no benefits lost such as fuel discounts, newsletter etc. Renew by snail mail, expect some delay, so mail your renewal early. Page 6

Next Meeting: October 5th Sno-Isle Vocational Skill Center 9001 Airport Road Everett, WA 98201 Catered dinner (\$10 per person) at 7 P.M., Meeting at 7:45 P.M., Program at 8:00 P.M. RSVP required for dinner

October 5th General Meeting October 11th Planing Meeting & Board Meeting November 2nd General Meeting: Elections and Year in Review November 8th Board Meeting December 7th Christmas Party @ Embassy Suites December 13th Board Meeting January 11th General Meeting Airport Issues The Paine Flyer Snohomish County Airport Paine Field

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