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August 1st Movie Night & Pot Luck

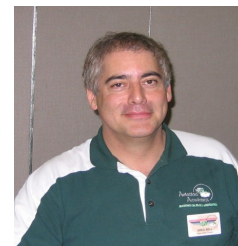
No RSVP Required

The August meeting will be a pot luck and movie night at Northwest Aviation center (hanger C3). The movie will be Cloud Dancer with David Carradie, Jennifer O'Neill & Joseph Bottoms.

Next Newsletter deadline:
August 18th
newsletter@wpa-paine.org
submission specs available on
our web site

President's Message

by Greg Bell



I hope you're all having a great summer. Thankfully the weather finally turned summerish. I just rode my bicycle from Seattle to Portland and have hit yet another newsletter deadline. My apologies to the editors for sending in my articles so late. One of the things I noticed on my bike ride was the lack of GA flights that I observed from my bicycle seat over the 203 mile route. I have done this ride for the the last four years and have definitely noticed a decrease in GA aircraft flying around this year. The STP route takes you by several airports and even though the weather was perfect I saw little activity. I noticed the same thing a few weeks ago when I went up to do some practice instrument approaches. It was a beautiful summer day but no traffic was called out by ATC because there was none. At this time of high gas prices there are less cars on the road and it's noticeable (not a bad thing if you're a cyclist, bad if you're an oil company). GA seems to be mirroring this trend. I am hoping that it doesn't keep pilots from staying proficient or cause a safety problem just due to the cost of fuel. I also hope it doesn't keep people from having fun. Isn't that one of the big reasons why we do this?

At our most recent board meeting we talked about starting a recurring section in the newsletter with a list of every month's flights. We would like to get you to write a short blurb about any enjoyable flights that you have taken in the previous month and the high points of the trip, then email them to the newsletter editor. Not a big long article or anything. Perhaps any tips or suggestions to a fellow aviator that would like to visit the place you just did. Maybe this will stimulate some interest and we can get GA operations back up to where they belong. At the least we should do our part. Any ideas on a name for the newsletter section?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to ride around with a city, county or state police officer in their squad car? It would be like being in the middle of an episode of C.O.P.S. Well sort of. Most law enforcement agencies allow ridealongs just by requesting one. How about flyalongs? Some months back we had the Washington State Patrol Aviation Division come and give a great presentation at one of our chapter meetings. I've been in touch with them and they do allow flyalongs in their FLIR camera equipped aircraft. I am in the process of scheduling a date to go flying with them and will write about it after I do. Let me know via email if you are interested in doing this yourself and I will give you the contact information.

Have a great summer,
The Prez

CESSNA PRESENTS PLATINUM AWARD TO NORTHWAY AVIATION

Cessna Aircraft Company awarded its Platinum Award to Northway Aviation for exceptional performance in the Cessna Pilot Center (CPC) network. Jim Pitman, Cessna CPC Western Regional Manager, presented the award to Jim and Jill Grant, owners of Northway Aviation, while at the Cessna Pilot Center Seminar recently in San Luis Obispo, California.

Located at Paine Field Airport in Everett, Washington, Northway Aviation has a fleet of 13 Cessna aircraft, including a new Cessna 400, and three 162 SkyCatchers on order. Visit the Northway Aviation website at www.seanet.com/~northway/index.htm.

Whidbey Tour Revue

Beautiful clear blue skies greeted us on Saturday morning, as we gathered to carpool to Oak Harbor. It was a dilemma; drive to go look at planes or just go flying on a day like this? If only we could have flown into Whidbey! But nearly forty of us were rewarded for having to drive with a wonderful tour of the Naval Air Station. In order to pass security we all had to declare our birthdates on the entry form, and in attendance were members ranging as young as three to as old as, well, I won't say, but a great time was had by all.

Organized by the base PR Director Tony Popp, we first were shown through the P-3 Orion anti-submarine aircraft. You certainly build up hours fast flying patrol missions; the young sonar operator who escorted us through the ship already had 2,500 of flight time in just the past couple of years. He has flown missions in such diverse areas as Guam, Japan, and Iraq, as well as the North Pacific flying out of Whidbey. Apparently the thrilling part of the job is skimming above the waves at only 250' elevation. He was patient with our many questions, although some were answered with only a grin when classified information was involved.

Our next stop was the control room in the tower. NASW is the busiest Air Traffic Control facility in the Navy, because it handles both military and civilian aircraft. Their airspace extends from Victoria to Paine, up to 9,000'. Their equipment is not typical compared to most ATCs, in that they have both FAA type radar plus complete aircraft carrier command and control. They can guide and even remotely control Navy aircraft all the way down to the deck. The only thing they don't have is a deck that heaves 12' at every wave, but I suppose if you are a new pilot just hitting the runway is thrill enough.

Evident on the ramp were two new EF-18 Growlers, sitting next to the EA-6B Prowlers they are replacing. Our host Tony warmly invited us back to see the complete Growler Squadron when all the planes arrive, and also to come see the new 737 derived replacements for the P-3 Orions.

To complete the visit we all had lunch at the Flyers restaurant in Oak Harbor, with good talk and good food. A return visit to NASW is something to look forward to.



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September 5th Hangar Party At Northwest Aviation Center

The food will be hamburgers and skewers for a cost of \$6.00. People attending the party with in last names beginning in A-L bring salads, chips, etc., and for M-Z bring a desert. Will also need at least 2 people to help with buying the food and cooking.

your Hangar Party Chairman Sandy Allen



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!



Gary Hill, PAE WPA Director by Freddy Flyboy

>> How and when did you get interested in or into aviation?

About 1970, I started to get my license in 1973. A good friend of mine helped me to get the license. I soloed in an Aeronca Champ



>> What aircraft have you owned and if you own one now what model?

Cessna 180, Cessna 182P and a Jabiru light sport plane

>> What non-owned aircraft have you flown?

Aeronca Champ, Howard DGA 15, Boeing B 17, Grunman Goose, Cessna 210, Cessna 170



>> Are you involved or have ever been involved as a volunteer in any other aviation related organization?

B17 owners and operators association

>> What is/was your career?

I repair heating plants, both home, commercial and district systems

>> What inspires you about aviation?

There is always an action and a reaction when flying. Being bored for awhile always ends. You must stay sharp to fly airplanes. The pilots always have plenty of opinions, which makes the entire group a fun place to be.

>> Why are you a member of PAE WPA?

What a great place to be a member. Saturday morning get togethers with people who have the same interests that you have.

>> Anything else of interest would you would like to share?

As a group, we always seem to get great projects together. Everyone has some talents and need to step in so we can continue to have this great organization.

What does a Director do?

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.

Want to participate but not sure how? A Director position is the place to start. Each year one Director is elected to serve a three year term. Elections are in November and terms start in January. Directors are required to attend the monthly Board meetings. Interested? E-mail Bod@WPA-Paine.org or come to one of the Board Meetings. Dates of the Board meetings are on the Calendar and held at the Paine Field Airport Conference room starting at 7 pm.

Tonasket Father's Day BBQ



**Next Meeting
August 1st
Northwest Aviation Center
!!! Movie Night !!!**

**The Paine Flyer
Snohomish County Airport Paine Field
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Everett, WA 98204
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August 1st General Mtg, Movie Night
August 7th Chapter Board Meeting
September 5th Hangar Party
December 12th Christmas Party

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Avionics for Sale

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Contact: Jim Smith, CFI CFII

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Hangar space available in 201 Call Tim at 678-472-4633



Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival Parade of Airplanes, Saturday, September 6th at 2:00 pm over the festival grounds.

Wanted: MC for the main stage at the Festival Grounds at Rosehill Community

Center. We have the stage from 2:00 to 2:30. The MC will receive 2 tickets to that night's VIP tent which includes a catered dinner by Arnies and a front row seat to the fireworks. Contact Stephanie Allen at 425-349-9802 or Red.Skyhawk@gte.net