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## Calendar of Chapter Events

June 1st General Mtg  
July 14th, Saturday Dinner  
after AWO airshow  
June 23rd Skykomish  
Workparty  
August 3rd Movie Night  
September 7th Hangar Party

For a complete calendar go to  
Chapter Business on our  
Website

Sno-Isle Vocational Skill  
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9001 Airport Road  
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Doors open at 6:30 P.M.  
Catered dinner \$13 at 7 P.M.,  
Meeting & Program  
@ 7:45 PM

For dinner RSVP by May 28th  
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## President's Message *by Steve Waterman*

Let me just say "WOW and THANKYOU!" What an amazing Aviation Day!

I got there pretty early to get the WPA tent set up and to get the sound system going. I woke everyone up with some party tunes. Then it got very busy. People were setting up. The airport staff and maintenance crew were running around like bees around a hive. Planes started arriving. So I got to do some marshalling. Runners started arriving at the fire station. I didn't get to see him but I am told that Les Smith did the entire 5K without walking! Les also got to do a radio interview on KRKO who were at the event.

Dave Wheeler arrived and started with the announcing. He had all kinds of interesting guests to interview. I got to use one of my food vouchers to down some delicious pancakes at the fire station. We had very nice weather and a great turn out. I spent a lot of time out on the ramp as evidenced by my sunburned face, but from what I could see in some of my walks around the event; everyone seemed to be having a great time. My sound duties required me to go over to the HFF side which was being expertly managed by Vanessa Dunn. Thanks to the hard work of Mark Henninger and Julie Close, lots of people were efficiently making the journey in school buses around the south perimeter road. After insuring that our internet feed was sending the Doolittle interview from the HFF side to the East side, I got to use my other food voucher to grab a cheese burger on the HFF ramp which was a little calmer but no less fun for their good crowd.

Back on our side, I got a chance to talk to the Rotary club who were one of the food vendors and they told me that they were doing very well. John Stieber and Karen Reid put together a very nice assortment of vendors and food choices. And the layout worked out by Stephanie Allen and Rich Jones worked great. It is too early to know how many people showed up. Liz Davidson said that over 5000 people went through FHC. Also Dan Thomas and his fabulous Young Eagles crew accommodated 277 kids with fewer pilots than they had last year. From our post on the north entrance to the Alpha ramp, Shane Morgan and I had a great view of our member pilots who were donating their time and money to give the kids the thrill of a lifetime. Some parents came out to the ramp to wave and take pictures while the kids waved back. It was easy to see that it would be a day that they would remember always. Who knows how many friends of aviation we won over!

There was a very nice variety of airplanes on display. The air demonstrations by Flying Heritage Collection and Historic Flight Foundation and others were true crowd pleasers! Lucia Baratta sang the national anthem as a P-3 Orion flew overhead exactly as she finished. Our own vice president Vera Martinovich, who flew earlier in the Northwest Beech Boys formation demonstration; waived to me from the left seat of Grumpy after returning from the two ship B-25 flight demonstration. John Smutny and Ron McInay ran a tight ship out on Alpha ramp but everything ran smoothly and safely. The day ended with an after Party hosted by John Sessions and catered by the airport with libations provided by Terry Wilcoxson of Castle and Cooke. It was the most fun I have ever had at Aviation Day.

Thank you first to Dave Waggoner and his staff, Bryan Johnson, Kara Underwood, Julie Close, Bruce Goetz, Marty Wray and Jennifer Eckman who put in countless hours of planning and along with the maintenance crew, plenty of overtime at the event. Thank you also to all of the WPA folks and their family members who worked along with the staff to plan and execute a safe and successful event.

Finally a huge thanks to Frank Hummel and his army of volunteers for doing such a great job of pulling off the best Aviation Days ever!



## June 1st Program: Scott Carson retired executive vice president of The Boeing Company.

Until earlier in 2009, he served as president and chief executive officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes where he was responsible for all of the company's commercial airplane programs and related services, which in 2008 generated revenues of more than \$28.2 billion.

In September 2007, Carson was appointed to the Washington State University Board of Regents by Washington Governor Christine Gregoire. Carson also serves on the board of governors of the WSU Foundation; is chair of the WSU College of Business and Economics national board of advisors; and is on the College of Engineering and Architecture advisory board. Previously, he served on the advisory panel for the University of Washington Executive MBA program and, in April 2002, received the Business Leadership award from the program. In January 2004, Carson became a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Named to that position in September 2006, Carson also served as a member of the Boeing Executive Council and as Boeing's senior executive in the Pacific Northwest. In August 2009, Carson announced his intention to retire at the end of 2009 after a successful 36-year career at the aerospace giant. He continues to support special projects, including serving as the chairman of United Way of King County's 2009-2010 annual fundraising campaign.



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## Legislative Corner

June 2012

by Les Smith

Land use issues continue to be the number one concern facing General Aviation here in Washington. We are down to 135 public use airports, having lost four since late 2008. John Dobson, Immediate Past President of WPA, is Executive Director for the Port of Shelton, is chairing the Aviation Committee of the Washington Public Ports Commission. Their agenda currently includes the topic, but is stymied by recent court findings that have called into question the authority granted to the Growth Management Hearings Board by the Growth Management Act of 1990. These recent findings illustrate and confirm the contention that our state's land use laws do not have sufficient "teeth", if you will, to protect airports as Essential Public Facilities. Watch for more on this in upcoming WINGS state newsletters.

There are reports of the WA Department of Revenue contacting informal flying clubs, investigating the financial arrangements whereby there might be uncollected taxation opportunities. If you are a member of a flying club or group that has been contacted by the WA Department of Revenue, State President Dave Lucke would like to hear your story. Dave's contact info can be found on [wpaflys.org](http://wpaflys.org) under Contacts/State Officers. If you have a background that would help in formulating a WPA position paper on this subject, Dave would also appreciate hearing from you.

Yours truly served as a representative for the WPA state-wide in a recent series of three Workshops organized by the Aviation Division of WSDOT, to provide stakeholder input to the decision process at the WSDOT level on a location decision for the Aviation Division offices. This is necessary as a result of Executive Order 1079, initiating a state-wide effort to reduce costs and utilize state-owned properties. The workshops concluded on April 20th, with the group's list of considerations to be fed to the State Transportation Committee to be used in their decision.

President Waterman recently reported that pilots in Washington State have a new resource for demonstrating the critical contribution aviation makes to their communities, and beyond. According to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Division's newly released [2012 Statewide Aviation Economic Impact Study](#), airport-related activity generated by the state's 135 public-use airports creates 248,500 jobs, provides \$15.3 billion in wages, and sets \$50.9 billion in total economic activity in motion. As pilots you are encouraged to familiarize yourselves with the report's findings, and share them. Educating decision makers about the value of general aviation is our best tool in advocating for sound aviation policies.

Enjoy the freedom of flight, and remember that your freedoms come from the actions of the citizenry!





**Greetings Volunteers,**

Whew, the day is done. I think it went well. I could talk about how wonderful the day was but I would like to talk about something else. People.

The airport staff worked their fingers to the bone. There is a big difference in working with people who are doing what they “have to do” versus working with those that “want to”. It is my observation that Bryan, Kara, Julie, Jennifer, Bruce, Marty, Debbie, maintenance staff, firefighters and others at Paine Field “want to”. Dave W., the airport boss, clearly created an environment where they “want to”. We don’t have attendance figures yet, but I do know from a volunteer perspective it was larger than last year’s event. We learned a few things today, received some good feedback, and hopefully will be smarter here and there next year. Approximately 200 volunteers participated in Paine Field Aviation Day 2012, and that does not include the Historic Flight Foundation and Flying Heritage Collection volunteers.

There were many returning volunteers this year and quite a few new faces, both individuals and groups. Octogenarians and 13 year olds. I had the opportunity to work with some of our younger volunteers today. Was not sure exactly what to expect. In my little corner of responsibility as these young volunteers came to work they quickly learned what needed to be done and how to do it well. Inside of a few minutes I was standing aside just watching, amazed at how they processed other volunteers, the public and challenges. A couple young volunteers assigned to redirect misguided visitors relayed that a few weren’t very considerate of what they were being told, “but we were always nice”, I have no doubt. Another young lady told me that she decided today, “I am going to be a pilot”. My experiences today with our younger volunteers left me both humbled and inspired.

And there were so many of you that just kept coming back after an assignment asking, “what else can I do?” There were those of you that stayed on station well past your assigned shift times. I was overwhelmed today and I am not talking about the work. I am talking about all of you. Your willingness to do whatever was required. Your pleasantness, politeness and professionalism were witnessed in abundance. By myself and others. I lost count how many times I was stopped by strangers at the sight of my volunteer badge to say, “thank you for volunteering”, or after asking, “may I help you?” Think about that, how often does a stranger make it a point to say thank you?

You all contributed. This is clearly a case of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. Volunteers, you should be proud of our accomplishment today!

Thank you and very best regards,

*Frank Hummel*  
2012 Paine Field Aviation Day – Volunteer Coordinator

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**Steve, what a wonderful Paine Field Aviation Day we had!** Not only was it successful in terms of attendees, but it was also fun (in a sick sort of way!), which was due in large part to the support and enthusiasm of the WPA. The crew that runs this event really is the best and most skilled at making things happen efficiently, smoothly, and in a friendly way. Fortunately for the Airport, we get many of the WPA folks returning each year to help run the event, which makes things quite a bit easier. The number of returning volunteers should be a testament to how much all of the WPA folks enjoy planning and running this event, which I hope continues for many years to come.

This event has grown dramatically, and the coordination, time, and dedication it requires has also grown dramatically. The WPA group stepped up, took on the challenge, overcame the tough adversities we had this year, and made the event extremely successful and fun. We understand that all of the WPA folks that participate are volunteers and are giving their time to make this event happen. This is a big commitment you all make, and we can’t thank you all enough for what you do.

Thank you.  
*Bryan Johnson*  
Operations Supervisor, Snohomish County Airport

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Photos submitted by Les Smith

More of Les's photos <http://tinyurl.com/cdt36ad>





**Photos on this page and following pages submitted by Dave Wheeler and Gary Evans**







## Mystery plane of the month What is it?



It is the largest amphibious airplane in the world (at the time- 189,000 Lb MTOW) - a Soviet Beriev A-40 Albatros,

First flight was in 1986, then the Soviet Union fell apart (1989) and production stopped after the second one was built. In 2002 the Russian Navy announced an upgraded design would commence, the A-42 Mermaid for Search & Rescue.

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