## Washington - Pilots Association

# The Paine Elyer October 2012



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#### Calendar of Chapter Events

October 4th Planning Mtg & dinner October 5th General Mtg: Ballooing 101

November 2nd Mtg: Year in Review

December 15th Christmas Party @ HFF

For a complete calendar go to Chapter Business on our Website

> Sno-Isle Vocational Skill Center 9001 Airport Road Everett, WA 98201

Doors open at 6:30 P.M. Catered dinner \$13 at 7 P.M., Meeting & Program @ 7:45 PM

#### President's Message by Steve Waterman

Being a builder, I spend a lot of time at Paine Field. I am one of the west hangar tenants and my hangar faces runway 11-29 which currently is filled with Dreamliners. On my way to the hangar I pass by the Flying Heritage Collection which often has a Mustang or some other warbird out on the ramp with it's rotary engine growling. Just before entering the gate I drive by the ME262 project and this summer their doors have been open much of the time. Before crossing Echo, I look over to the west side to see if Grumpy is on the Historic Flight Foundation ramp. As I look straight ahead, I see the hangar of Jeff LaVelle who is usually working on his Glasair in which he won sport class at the Reno air races. In the next row of hangars is Dr. O'Keefe who has his own Casa jet. How cool!



All over the field there are homebuilders working on or flying RVs, Long-EZs, Glasairs and various other aircraft. Besides the beautiful planes in the museums; other individuals are restoring or flying amazing and beautiful vintage aircraft on the field. I sometimes think to myself that I have become a little jaded by the abundant variety of aircraft that I have the opportunity to see on any given day around the field. These are the same planes that thousands of enthusiasts come to see every year during Aviation Day and Vintage Aircraft Weekend. It is a rich and stimulating environment and I am now realizing how privileged I am to have such a great airport as my home base. It's amazing to me that the airport staff is so accessible while managing a field that includes commercial manufacturing, general aviation, museums and multiple large public events. I don't know if I get special attention because I am such a VIP but; I suspect that everyone, who visits with Dave Waggoner's outstanding people, experiences the same welcoming attitude and can do spirit. Basically, I think that Paine Field is a really cool place to be! See you around the field.

#### October 5th General Meeting and Program: Ballooning 101 by Larry Simburger

While hot air just comes naturally to we pilots, come join us for a look at how another segment of the pilot

population actually puts their hot air to useful purposes! Larry Simburger, who began crewing at age 15 and now pilots his own balloon regularly in balloon rallies throughout the Northwest, will present "Ballooning Operations 101". Listen as Larry gives a basic explanation of ballooning operations, shares some exciting personal stories, and debunks a few of the myths surrounding ballooning — not to mention telling of some of the hair-raising events from the history of ballooning. Larry will be bringing along a member of his ground crew, who will add a completely different perspective to the sport.

RSVP by September 30th required for dnner **Wpa.painedinner@hotmail.com** 

Please Note: RSVP's dinners are paid for by WPA, whether you show or not. If you have made a RSVP and know you are not able to attend, please e-mail a cancellation notification.

#### **October 4th Annual Planning meeting**

You are invited to be part of the planning for 2012. We need your input. Dinner and beverages will be hosted by WPA.

We have 20 spots available. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:kevin.t.kelly@comcast.net">kevin.t.kelly@comcast.net</a> by September 28th

Your RSVP will be confirmed and you will then receive directions to the meeting. Cannot attend? Send you ideas and/or comments and we will present them during the meeting.

Some things to think about:

What type of events should we hold?
Are you interested in chairing a committee?
Any organized fly outs of interest?
What about that General Aviation Day?

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November 2nd Program and General Meeting: 2012 Year in Review and Elections.



## Saturday December 15th PAE WPA Christmas Party at Historic Flight Foundation





## Call for Nominations of Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2013 Director

Send e-mails to Paine-Secretary@WPAflys.org with your nomiantion or offer to serve by October 17th.

Elections and an open call for nominations will be held at the November General Meeting.

<u>Section 1 – President.</u> 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.

<u>Section 1a.</u> 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.

<u>Section 2- Vice President.</u> 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.

<u>Section 3 – Secretary</u>. 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.

<u>Section 4 – Treasurer.</u> 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.

<u>Section 5 – Chapter Directors.</u> 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. (See Article VIII - Committees)

#### Call for Nominations for 2012 Awards Awards will be presented during the 2012 Christmas Party.

Section 4 – Criteria for Indicated Awards.

<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.

**Sponsor of the Year.** 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.

*The Wright Stuff*. 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.

E-mail nominations to Red.Skyhawk@Frontier.com



#### Heroes

What makes a hero is an individual judgment. Unique to each person making that judgment. What matters to one may not matter as much, or at all, to another.

Heroes are made by single acts or choices. Or by a lifetime of seemingly inconsequential choices and actions. Both with the potential for an equally profound impact on others.

Perceiving another as a hero adds substance to our lives, providing encouragement, aspirations, hopes, and dreams.

It was an afternoon on July 20th, 1969. We were gathered around our family's first television set. A beast of a black and white television box in our home's living room. With display quality that would make us cringe today. The fact that the television was on at all this particular afternoon was by itself remarkable. Strict limits were in place as to "TV time", and summer vacation afternoon viewing was definitely not one of them. We sat on the living room

floor cross legged leaning into the television's picture as man took the first step onto a celestial body other than Earth. A hero was born. My hero was born. I had just turned 11 years old.

By this time I was already obsessed with flight. I do not know why. In the years leading up to this momentous event I had already been devouring anything I could on the subject of leaving Earth's surface. Several three ring binders with pocket dividers were stuffed with clipped newspaper articles covering space flight missions. One labeled pocket for each space flight going back to the Gemini program. I can remember not being allowed to use scissors unsupervised early on and needing to fold, crease and tear out the newspaper articles for filing. It was more than 19 years ago when we packed up our previous home to move into this one that I last perused those notebooks. Now residing in the darkness of the attic. I long to see them again.

Heroes generally do not set out to be heroes. They become so mostly by happenstance. The first man to walk on the Moon certainly was competent and capable. He played his cards right. But he was also lucky, he won the lottery being so selected. None the less he became my hero and has remained so. He lived his life with honor, respect and humility. An inspiration to me to this day. My enthusiasm for my hero was also bolstered by the fact that he hails from the state of my birth, Ohio. Powerful stuff for an eleven year old. Decades later I learned that this man also worked as a test pilot for the F-106 Delta Dart. An aircraft I spent four years servicing long afterwards. An aircraft that remains one of my favorite machines of all time. An example of science, technology, engineering and art meeting as one.

In September of 1962 President Kennedy publicly established the objective of sending explorers to the Moon and returning them safely. Much has been said and written about the herculean effort of space flight and going to the Moon in particular. My favorite answer to the question of, "Why?", is, "because we decided to". When the goal to land man onto the Moon was set seven years earlier, some of the required technology to do so was not even invented yet! Imagine. Even when the time for Apollo 11's launch came, by some accounts, the odds of total failure were one in ten. Yet the explorers went.

I will forever look to the Moon and reach out to touch the essence and spirit of those early explorers that shaped my life. Mr. Armstrong, thank you.

Neil Armstrong, 5 AUG 1930 – 25 AUG 2012

Frank Hummel





#### Vintage Aircraft Weekend



Did you miss the dinner/dance. It's the best deal in town. Don't miss next year.







#### **Legislative Corner**

by Les Smith

#### Your comment helps

EAA and AOPA's joint petition to the FAA regarding 3rd class medical appears to still be open for comment despite a previously announced extension that was scheduled to close on September 14th. This writer just visited the government web site where comments can be submitted and it appeared to be still accepting comments. If you have not added your voice to this effort, please consider doing so. Click here for instructions: <a href="http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/120329tips-to-filing-comments-medical.html">http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/120329tips-to-filing-comments-medical.html</a>

#### Vista Field - on the ropes again.

Yes – it's true. Perhaps you've heard. Vista Field is managed not by the city, but by the Port Authority. Several years ago, during the last go around the Port Commissioner, Tim Arntzen, seemed supportive of maintaining the field as a viable aviation entity. WPA, with support from

AOPA, played a meaningful role in changing the composition of the Port Commission, assisting one candidate in winning a seat on the Commission and challenging the status quo that wanted to use the airport property to build a shopping/entertainment district. Since then, the winds of change seem to have engulfed the airport's supporters and now, once again, the Port is springing for expensive assessments from consultants likely to tell them what they want to hear – that a new shopping district would be the cat's meow. WPA's own Marjy Leggett has organized a rally that will take place on Tuesday, September 25th, 6-8 pm. Take advantage of our extended good weather and show your support by attending. It will be held at Caldwell Labs – a major through the fence business at Vista. There will be a bbq dinner after the meeting. You can reach Marjy at MarjyL@charter.net or 509-302-9624 to RSVP.

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

#### Mystery plane of the month.

Highlander, Experimental kit /LS by Just Aircraft – a plane known for its STOL capabilities (see video on website). The AC picture, sent in by George Futas, won Grand Champion at Arlington 2012. <a href="https://www.justaircraft.com">www.justaircraft.com</a>



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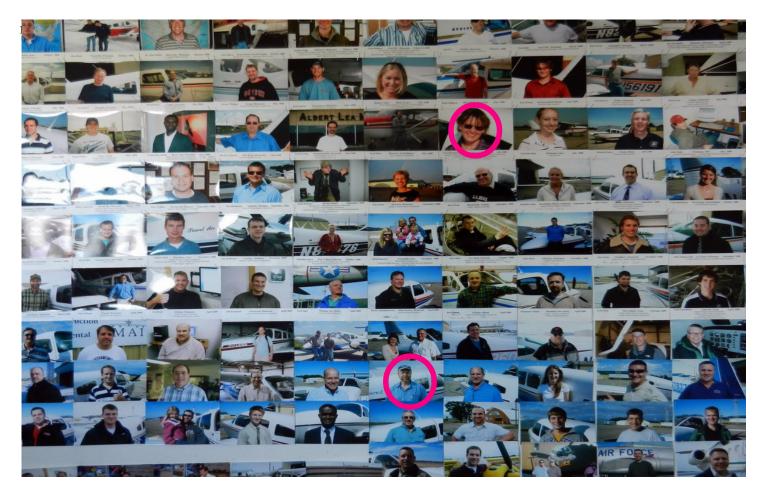
Thanks to Russ Keyes for the use of his North Condo Hangar and to Larry Steele for tables and chairs from his company, Aurora Rents.



**Lighthouse Festival Parade of Planes** 

Tigercat from HFF flown by John Sessions, C195 flown by Michael Kopp
Northwest Beechboys: Jim Posner, Doug Hougton, Ken VanWinkle, Kari Seppanen, Vera Martinovich, Rich Jones and passengers.
Our MC Les Smith was still down at the festival grounds at photo op time as well as Joe Marine, Mayor of Mukilteo, who flew with
John in the Tigercat.





## Where's Waldo This photo by Les Smith was taken on the way to Oshkosh

Here's your typical photo wall of flight school graduates sighted during a enroute-to-Oshkosh visit to MN Aviation FBO at Albert Lea Municipal Airport (KAEL) in Albert Lea, Minnesota. There are two (2) Paine Chapter WPA members in this wall of photos. Can you find our friends?

Vera Martinovich and Frank Hummel

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One half share in 1988 Mooney 252 with the engine upgrade to an Encore (220hp and increased MGTOW to 3130 lbs).

This plane is hangared at Paine Field. Photos and specs are on the link below.

Plane is a great flyer with the new Garmin GTN750 recently installed, Aspen HSI, CNX80 GPS

nav/com as the number two nav/com, GTX330 transponder with traffic information system (great for flying around here and avoiding hitting other airplanes), and TKS deicing system.

If you are interested please contact Henry Hochberg at: <a href="mailto:aeroncadoc@comcast.net">aeroncadoc@comcast.net</a>

Price now set at 90K for the one half share. Here is a website with some pictures.

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