

PAINE FIELD HAPPENINGS



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December's snow storms produced the most challenging weather conditions at Paine Field in over a decade. The extended low temperatures and repeated snow falls created icy conditions on runways, taxiways, ramps and roads and put our Airport Snow Team on 12 hour shifts and 24 hour coverage for about two weeks over Christmas. The bad weather precipitated shortfalls in deicing supplies and diesel fuel which were exacerbated by hazardous highway conditions that impacted resupply efforts. Our Snow Team and equipment came through with flying colors—very tired, but definitely up to the task. We received great support from the County from the Executive to Purchasing to Public Works and Equipment Repair. We also used several outside contractors in the battle with the snow. SeaTac helped out with the loan of some deicing material when we ran short. The whole storm response was conducted in the worst conditions imaginable, but it was done SAFELY! The runway was kept open for high priority operations. The Airport applauds the Snow Team for their perseverance, success, and a job **VERY WELL DONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**



Washington Pilots Association Awards



Sponsor of the Year was awarded to Russ Keyes (left). This WPA award goes to the individual, group, or company that provides the most significant contributions that assist the Chapter in achieving its stated goals. The award is based on the greatest contribution of effort, expertise, donated services or facilities and leadership training. **Congratulations to Russ!**

Sparkplug of the Year was awarded to Steve Waterman. This WPA Award is 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. **Congratulations to Steve!**

Les Smith (right) has been awarded the Pilot of the Year Award. This is the highest award from the WPA Chapter. The award is given to a pilot judged to have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of general aviation throughout the past year. Les is also the new Paine Field WPA Chapter President for 2009. **Congratulations to Les!**



Airport tenants and staff, RH2 Engineers, The Medical Examiner and Department of Emergency Management staff worked together to collect almost 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food and \$825 for the Volunteers of America and their on-going need to directly support those less fortunate. Additional thanks to the pilots, tenants and other guests that brought in toys for the WPA's collection for Toys for Tots and canned goods and monetary support for the VOA at the Airport's Annual Open House (in spite of the snow conditions)! Toys for Tots and the VOA truly appreciate this annual support.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 9 WPA Meeting
Airport update by Dave Waggoner
Sno Isle Skill Center
RSVP www.wpa-paine.org
- Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Holiday
Airport Office closed

Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour

Hours 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
(www.futureofflight.org)
1-800-464-1476

Happy New Year!!!