

The Cascade Flyer

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Club Event: Seattle TRACON

by Beth Chapple

Club member Tim Walsh arranged a visit for us to the Seattle Terminal Radar Approach Control facility. On Saturday, August 29, controller Karen Mitchell guided seven Cascade Flyers and our guests to a conference room, where she explained the north and south flows and VFR transitions in Class B airspace. Among other tips, she reminded us that if Seattle Approach is really busy when we want VFR flight following, start with who you are, where you are and add "with VFR request."

We then got to observe the dark radar room itself, where one specialist showed us how

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Seattle TRACON: 206-214-4600
Normal hours: 7:30 am - 4 pm

Seattle traffic fits into the larger national pattern. Karen made an entertaining guide. She encouraged us to pick up the phone and call ATC if we ever have a question or problem. A long-time pilot, she also instructs in float planes part time at Kenmore Air.

Contribute your news!

E-mail

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[Submissions may be edited for length, content, and clarity.—Ed.]

Flying Tips

We pilots always add the search for an emergency landing spot to our normal scanning for other traffic. An instructor once told me to pretend that I'm the Jolly Green Giant

walking across the landscape and to always know where I'm going to put my foot down next. Another benefit, along with enhancing safety, is that it makes you feel really big.

Contributed by Gary O'Donald.

If you have any tips that have worked well for you, please pass them along so we can share them with the club.

Aircraft News

August maintenance

The transponder in the Cessna 172 had to be repaired. Tory's quick scan of the logs showed no repairs over at least the last ten years.

At the 182's 50-hour inspection, Regal found a hole had chafed through the right-hand induction elbow and repaired it with a weld. The left tire was replaced, too. Also, the right-side fuel tank in 08R had to be opened up and

the 26-year-old bladder removed and replaced. Tory reports: "With the left bladder replaced two years back we should be OK on that front for the next couple of decades, maybe..."

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Our next **board meetings** are October 7, November 11, and December 9 at 7:30 pm in the PAE Terminal Building.

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Upcoming Aviation Events

October 7 "It's Only 1,422 Flight Miles from KBVS to KOSH"
6:30 pm Tips about flying in to EAA AirVenture, by pilot Rick Jiles
Skagit Regional Airport, Port Hearing Room, 15400 Airport Drive, Burlington, WA

October 10 Mountain Flying Clinic
10:30 am Techniques for flying in the mountainous areas of the Northwest
by Dr. Amy Hoover, author of *Mountain and Canyon Flying*
Yakima Airpark - Yakima Air Terminal, 2401 21st Ave., Hangar 1, Yakima, WA

October 21 What Went Wrong?
7-9 pm General aviation accidents through the eyes of the investigator
Air Safety Foundation seminar, Museum of Flight, Boeing Field, Seattle, WA

➤ The FAA Safety Team lists events at <https://www.faasafetv.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>

Member News

Suni Tolton, Club President **Tory's** wife, brought a healthy baby boy into the world on September 28. His name is Spencer. We wish the young family all the best!

Club Resources

Last spring the club created handsome vinyl banners that can be used whenever the plane is displayed. You'll find one banner in each hangar.

Hangar Party

Club members enjoyed the warm weather for the first hangar barbecue on July 26—so much, in fact, that the planned plane wash didn't happen.

Cascade Flyers, our annual meeting is coming up. It's traditionally held on a Saturday morning in November. The exact date, place, and agenda will be set at this month's board meeting, October 7th. Hope to see you there!

Club Banners

Annual Meeting