



Future of Flight Aviation Center in Everett Celebrates Grand Opening



County Executive Aaron Reardon Speaks to the Crowd



Winners of the Art Competition Cut the Ribbon

The Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour celebrated its grand opening December 16 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by County Executive Aaron Reardon. Dignitaries included Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire and Boeing Vice President Bob Watt. "The Future of Flight is symbolic of the energy and creativity in Snohomish County," Executive Reardon said. "We are creating our future in Snohomish County."

The \$23.5 million Center was financed by Snohomish County.

The Center has been designed so visitors can create their own jet and take a print of it home; experience the next generation of in-flight entertainment systems; touch the high-tech "skin" of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner; and learn how technology and aviation will be used in the future to connect people and cultures across the globe.

The Future of Flight features a 28,000-square-foot aviation gallery, a 9,000-square-foot observation deck, a new home for the Boeing Tour Center along with meeting rooms, a theater, a restaurant and gift shops.

Boeing joined with the Future of Flight Foundation and other partners because it allowed the jet manufacturer to expand its tour operations. Since opening in 1968, the Boeing Tour Center has hosted more than two million visitors from around the globe. Annually, more than 100,000 people take its factory tour. The Future of Flight expects that number to double to more than 200,000 visitors per year.

The Future of Flight Aviation Center is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. General admission is \$15, \$14 for seniors and active Military with ID, and \$8 for children ages 6-15, and includes both the Boeing Tour and the Aviation Center. A separate ticket for the Aviation Gallery Exhibits may be purchased for \$8.00. Children younger than 6 years old are admitted free. Children must be at least 4 feet tall to take the factory tour. Visitors may not carry babies on the tour.

Advance tickets for guaranteed tour times can be purchased by calling the Future of Flight Reservation Center at 1-800-464-1476 (toll free in the U.S. and Canada) or 1-360-756-0086 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific Time, or on the web at www.FutureofFlight.org.

WPA AWARDS

Skycorp was awarded "**Sponsor of the Year**" for their contributions that helped make the 2005 GA Days an incredible event.

The **SPARK PLUG AWARD** went to **Stephanie Allen and John Dobson**. Over the last several years, they have used their "enthusiasm, talent, leadership ability, and hard work to inspire others to get involved and actively participate in the projects of the Chapter". If you don't know what they have been doing, then *you* haven't been involved enough!



PILOT OF THE YEAR goes to **Dave Wheeler**, for stepping up and not only saving *Wings*, but making it one of our most successful programs. We also thank Dave for his constant help and support of our WPA Chapter throughout the year. All pilots at Paine Field have benefited from his efforts.



Kurt Mason received the **WRIGHT STUFF AWARD** for his calm, professional flying that allowed him to walk away from his helicopter after a forced landing due to mechanical failure. Kurt is an inspiration, and a reminder, to all pilots at Paine to prepare for problems and turn them into less than tragic events. **Congratulations to all!**

Wildlife Hazard Management at Paine Field

The Airport takes great pride in its Wildlife Hazard Management Program. For the past 13 years, we have contracted with USDA-AHPIS-Wildlife Services to assist in alleviating wildlife hazards and ensuring a safe environment for aircraft operations. The FAA recognizes Wildlife Services as the leading expert in managing wildlife hazards at airports nationwide. Matt Stevens, a Wildlife Services Biologist, works at Paine Field full time and has an office in the administration building.

During his daily wildlife patrols on the airfield, Matt has noticed that birds are periodically being attracted to dumpsters that have inadvertently been left open, and that some people are actively feeding birds on airport property. We would like to remind our tenants and guests to close all dumpster lids and that Paine Field adheres to a strict, FAA mandated "NO FEEDING" policy for the following reasons:

- * *Over \$300 million annually is lost due to wildlife strikes in the United States alone.*
- * *Globally, wildlife strikes have killed more than 194 people and destroyed over 164 aircraft since 1990.*
- * *Scavenging birds such as gulls, crows, and pigeons account for approximately 30% of all documented strikes in the U.S.*

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to report a possible wildlife hazard or strike at the Airport, please feel free to contact Matt at (425) 353-2110 ext. 2237 or by email: matt.stevens@co.snohomish.wa.us.



The Everett Community College Aviation Club collected Toys for the Marine's Toys for Tots drive. Thanks to EVERYONE that donated so generously!