



PAINIE FIELD

Snohomish County Airport

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Farewell to a Friend.....



Bernie Webber 1923—2006

Bernie Webber will always be remembered for his smile and quick wit. He was an artist extraordinaire, doing many, many murals of the area, as well as thousands of fine watercolor paintings. His original watercolor mural of Paine Field (see above) hangs in the Airport Office and prints are available.

Bernie served for many years as a member of the Snohomish County Airport Board of Commissioners. He always referred to Paine Field as his airport (he flew out of Paine Field as an Army Air Corps pilot during World War II) **He will be greatly missed!**

Skycrane to the Rescue



This Helicopter flew in to assist in emergency repairs for the Big Gulch Sewer Line.

Santa and Mrs. Claus Arrive at the Future of Flight



What a Surprise to see Santa arrive in one of the College's planes!!! He must have known that everything was free at the Future of Flight that Sunday, so lots of kids would be waiting there for him.

The Everett Community College plane was the first to travel on the new Taxiway.

THANKS FOR OUR HOLIDAY CHARITY DRIVES!

The Airport supported two charity drives in December: Toys for Tots and The Giving Tree program, a community based volunteer program that supports abused and neglected children that have been put into foster homes.

We want to thank Airport staff for their support of both programs! A number of toys and gift certificates were collected. In addition, special thanks go to two of our tenants: Barb Kajiya and Donald Ehr. Barb and Donald both supported the Giving Tree program and their donations supplied a number of gift certificates on behalf of the teenage foster children!

At our annual Holiday Open House, the Airport requested toys from our guests and they were very generous. Thanks to the pilots, tenants, County staff and other guests that brought in numerous toys to support the programs. The toys were divided between Toys for Tots and The Giving Tree program! We all assisted in providing a happy holiday season to a number of children!

Washington Pilots Association Awards

Robert Hamilton was chosen Pilot of the Year by the Washington Pilots Association (WPA) for his service and contributions as President of the Paine Field Chapter for the last two years. He has proven himself a capable and enthusiastic leader.

Dave Van Horn received the Wright Stuff Award for his calm, deliberate and successful response to an engine problem while flying over ice-laden clouds above Oregon.

Dave Wheeler was given the Sparkplug of the Year Award for cheerfully volunteering to do some of the chapter's work and for being the Chairman of the annual Wings recurrency training program for the last two years.

Larry Steele (Aurora Rents) was this year's recipient for Sponsor of the Year. Larry supports nearly every significant event the Chapter hosts with generous contributions of equipment.

Congratulations to each of these very deserving Award winners!!

MRD Review Panel

The year long process of reviewing the Paine Field Mediated Role Determination (MRD) concluded with the final meeting of the County's MRD Review Panel on December 14th. The MRD has been the County's policy statement on the role of Paine Field since 1978 but it has been the subject of various interpretations and representations of what aviation activities are encouraged and discouraged in the policy. The County Executive appointed the panel to add clarity to the policy. The diverse 12 member MRD Review Panel was split on their recommendations to the County Executive and County Council. Some panel members recommended retiring the MRD as a historical document and that the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan and Snohomish County Airport Master Plan should be relied on as the documents to guide the future development on and adjacent to the Airport. Other panel members recommended that an edited and updated version of the 1978/9 MRD with no substantive changes continue to be the County's policy statement on development of the Airport. Staff will be completing a summary report for the County Executive containing the positions of all the review panel members. The report will be posted on the web at http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/County_Services/MRD.