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## Snohomish County Airport

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**Major Kurt "Smoke" Mason,  
USMC (ret)**



**Kurt Mason left this world suddenly on January 28. He leaves behind countless friends, he was a mentor to 100s. The following words come from two of his closest comrades, Bill Loomis and Tom Cathcart.**

"I don't have the words to capture how we feel here about Kurt's passing. Our sense of loss runs deep. He was our colleague, our friend, our role model. He was an inspiration to staff and students. Over the past several years he has helped this program as an Associate Instructor, serving both as a substitute and a contracted PT instructor. His depth in aviation is difficult to equal - his versatility contributed significantly to our ability to continue to offer the best possible learning opportunities for our students, during a time when budget and staffing challenges were upon us. He never held back in bringing new ideas to the table and many of our training aids, as well as the curriculum were the better for it.

When Kurt showed up on the scene, you knew that there would be some "action". Not one to shrink from the physical side of work, he was always in the middle of things: directing, teaching, building, leading. I've worked with Kurt, off and on, for thirty years - I know the loss here in the Aviation Tech School will be felt for some time to come. We are fortunate to have had him on our team, I know he will continue to be an inspiration to us. "

**"He was a good Marine, he was our friend."**

Bill Loomis, Dept. Chairman  
EvCC Aviation Maintenance Technician School:

And, from Tom Cathcart  
Director of Aircraft Collection & Restoration  
Museum of Flight Foundation

"A dynamic and undeniable force was taken from us this week, a force that has touched almost every artifact and life within our museum restoration and airport community. We were all caught unprepared to live in a world without Kurt, a world made so much richer for his being here, and now find ourselves searching for some meaning for his early departure.

Over the 17 years that I have been here at the restoration center, I have known many men and women who have contributed a large portion of their lives for the sake of historic preservation. Kurt, like few others before him, touched much more than just the aircraft and vehicles that we attend to on a daily basis. He touched our lives and our hearts. Like a piece of candy that is hard on the outside and soft on the inside, Kurt's sometimes gruff exterior persona was but a vessel for a heart and soul the size of which we seldom are fortunate enough to experience and share."

**There will be a memorial service to remember/  
celebrate/honor Kurt at:**

**Evergreen Funeral Home and Cemetery  
4504 Broadway, Everett WA 98203  
At 1300 hours, 06 Feb 2010 (1:00, Sat, Feb 6)**

**The family is encouraging people to share their experiences and the joy of knowing Kurt at the service. The family would like those who want to share to write out their experience and bring it to the service.**

## Environmental Assessment

On December 4, 2009, the NEPA Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the proposal by Horizon Air and Allegiant Air to begin commercial air service at Paine Field was issued. Three public hearings were held in January and the opportunity to submit written comments continues until Friday, February 5.

Horizon has proposed four daily flights to Portland and two daily flights to Spokane with Dash 8 Q400 aircraft starting later this year. They project flight departures would grow to ten per day by 2016. Allegiant Air has proposed two flights per week to Las Vegas with MD83 aircraft starting later this year. They project flight departures would grow to ten per week by 2016. A modular addition to the existing terminal building would be required to accommodate the passengers. The Draft EA can be viewed at local public libraries, at the Airport office and online at [www.paineairport.com](http://www.paineairport.com). Comments on the adequacy of the draft EA can be sent to

[airserviceeacommments@snoco.org](mailto:airserviceeacommments@snoco.org) or to [cayla.morgan@faa.gov](mailto:cayla.morgan@faa.gov)

### TIME TO SIGN UP FOR AVIATION ACADEMY AT PAINE FIELD

Next class: April 19-May 15, 2010  
for students ages 13-18

Go to [http://www.wpaflys.org/aviation\\_academy.html](http://www.wpaflys.org/aviation_academy.html), or contact Academy Director, Kevin Kelly, at [aviation\\_academy@wpaflys.org](mailto:aviation_academy@wpaflys.org).

## Part 139 Inspections

The annual FAA Part 139 Certification Inspection was passed with a grade of **"Excellent with no discrepancies"**. This is the second year in a row for such high marks for the Airport. This annual three-day inspection and report card from the FAA is the main measure of Paine Field's readiness to provide safe operations for transport aircraft such as those flown by Boeing and Aviation Technical Services customers. The FAA Inspector had special praise for the airfield and Airport training records.

### Paine Field Community Council

At the Future of Flight  
8415 Paine Field Boulevard  
Tuesday February 9, 2010 - 7:00 PM  
For Agenda, go to [www.paineairport.com](http://www.paineairport.com)

## Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show

February 20 - 21, 2010

Showplex Exhibit & Conference Center

Western Washington Fairgrounds

110-9th Ave SW, Puyallup

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$5.00 for entire weekend

Free parking

*The Northwest's Greatest Aviation Event*

## Aerospace Training Grant

The WA Department of Commerce announced that Snohomish County will receive a \$250,000 capital improvement grant for its Washington Aerospace Training and Research Center located at the Airport. The Center is operated by Edmonds Community College with classes anticipated to start in the next few months. The training will assist the more than 650 companies in the state's aerospace industry.

"Continuing to train the next generation of aerospace workers in Washington will ensure the expansion of our state's aerospace industry," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. The funding is in addition to another \$600,000 received in December 2009 to fund equipment and curriculum building at both the Paine Field and Spokane centers.

### ATS Donates 767 Rudder to EvCC AMTS



Above are (from left to right) EvCC Instructor Alex Porter, ATS Business Development Mgr. Ann Roy, ATS Customer Service Rep Chris McLane, and ATS President Matt Yerbic. For more info, visit: [www.everettcc.edu/aviation.com](http://www.everettcc.edu/aviation.com)