

# Heritage Flight Museum

Winter 2007 Annual Newsletter

www.heritageflight.org Issue No. 005



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Lt. Colonel Greg Anders, AFRes

I'd like to start off by thanking all of the volunteers that have contributed their time, effort and talents to the museum over the years. A great deal of dimension has been added to our collections due primarily to the sweat equity of our volunteers. From those that have turned our \$10 shoe racks into outstanding displays, to those that have worked on aircraft, to those who have taken on the mantle of docent, and those that have contributed in other ways, I'd like to express my gratitude for your caring efforts to help the museum Honor our Veteran's.

Our membership is up significantly and that is another area from which the Museum draws a lot of support. If you have ideas on programs we should be doing, please bring them forward. However, keep in mind, the person most qualified to lead that charge is most likely the one advocating for it! Which is my way of saying that what we do is only limited by our current workforce. If we aren't doing it, it is probably because we lack the resources. You may be that resource, so send us your volunteer application as well as your suggestions!!

The Air Show season went well, but was lighter than last year with the P-51 acting as the real revenue work horse. We lost some shows when the Skyraider's engine malfunctioned during a Heritage Flight in Salinas. The pilot got the plane safely to the runway (Nice flying Bill!), but the airframe sits in Salinas without an engine and will be there until at least mid-December.

From all of the staff at the Heritage Flight Museum, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Keep 'em Flying, and fly 'em safely!



## Living History Project

If you've visited the Museum lately, you may have noticed the addition of our two, new Living History display boards. We are excited to finally have these completed and available for our visitors to study.

The Living History displays showcase a local veteran who took part in military aviation during WWII, Korea and/or Vietnam. With the help of our historian, David Lewis, in addition to personal stories, photos, letters and other primary artifacts we have created a visual biography from childhood to the present for the represented individual. Our target audience is, of course, our younger visitors... By seeing the transition from 'average kid like me' to 'hero figure' to 'someone that looks like my grandparent or great grandparent', we hope the display will instill not only a sense of interest and respect for one's elders, but may also be an inspiration to follow dreams, achieve goals, and live a full life.

We encourage you to inspect them yourselves... and hope too that you will see how sometimes there's more to someone than meets the eye!



## “Future Flyers Kids Area” - HFM’s New Education Program Takes Off!

Emily Thompson, Education Coordinator & Volunteer

Earlier this year the Heritage Flight Museum launched a new program at its monthly open house. The children’s activity program has gotten off to a tremendous start. Currently, activities range from airplane drawing and rocket building, to aircraft exploring and relay racing. Each activity is shaped to encourage all age groups in developing aviation knowledge as appropriate to their age level. Parental response has been favorable, as is evident by the continual participation every month. Future kids activities will include more hands-on experiences and more aviation education. We are eagerly looking forward to the summer open houses as we aspire to give each child an enthusiasm for aeronautical knowledge.

If you are interested in contributing to this program please contact us via phone (360.733.4422), email ([events@heritageflight.org](mailto:events@heritageflight.org)), or in person at an open house.



## Program Report

Kate Simmons, Director of Programs & Administration

### *Membership*

Our membership program continues to grow in both numbers and diversity. This year our membership levels grew to: Individual (\$35), Family (\$60), Student (\$25), Senior (\$25) and Military (\$25). Member continue to receive free, early admission to the open houses held on the third Saturday of every month, advance notice and invitation to all HFM events, the annual newsletters, quarterly member bulletins, and a membership card.

Membership applications are available through our web site ([www.heritageflight.org](http://www.heritageflight.org), in the ‘support’ section) or you can pick one up at our monthly open houses - we’re looking forward to making you a part of the Museum and it’s mission!

### *Volunteer*

HFM’s volunteer pool is growing by leaps and bounds! We’ve received so many applications this year, and are doing our utmost to get everyone interviewed, trained and into their area of interest! The Maintenance shop is still the most popular volunteer area, but even the less-oily, and therefore somehow less-glamorous, positions are beginning to garner some attention. We’d like to thank all of our volunteers for their dedication and donation of time, energy and talent. If you are interested in being a part of our efforts, volunteer applications are available as above - via the web site, or at an open house.

### *Outreach*

This is a new area for us, but one that has proved to be very popular. We were approached by a number of community groups (American Legion, Navy League, etc.) to give a presentation about the Museum at their monthly meetings. With the help of volunteers Kerry & Kristelle Sim, we were able to meet these demands successfully and to thrilled audiences. Kerry and Kristelle also made a special visit to the Adult Day Health center at St. Joseph’s Hospital to share the Museum presentation, and war-time memories with the WWII-generation folks there. The visit was very well received, and they have already been asked back!

### *Bellingham School District Senior Culminating Projects*

We had three senior students from the Bellingham School District create educational displays as part of their Senior Culminating Projects this year. Michael Hall designed a wing, by hand from individually crafted wood pieces, after studying the engineering of the P-51 Mustang wing. Chris Antonson used items from the Mark Berent collection to create a display about the Viet Nam conflict, while Kenny Adelstein put together a display about radio communication. All three did a great job, and provided us with wonderful new material to share with our visitors. To learn more about the Senior Culminating Project visit <http://www.bham.wednet.edu/learning/culminating-project/index.htm>.

## **“Warbird Weekend” Recap**

*Kate Simmons, Event Coordinator*

*We shifted the date one last time again this year, to the second weekend in September in the hopes that we would avoid competing with other regional air shows for aircraft attendance, and more importantly that we would be graced with fair weather. Both objectives were soundly met as we had fantastic attendance and excellent flying weather.*

*It all kicked off on Friday with aircraft arrivals and formation flight practice, followed up by our annual ‘Greatest Generation’ hangar dance. Hilltop Catering provided a wonderful, light dinner, and thanks to the donation of some fresh, Alaskan scallops by Mark Kandianis there were some delicious appetizers too! The Saltwater Octet played the music of the 50’s - this year’s theme was ‘Korea: The Forgotten War’ - and the majority of participants came in appropriate attire... yes, we had more than one ‘Hot Lips Hoolihan’! No Corp. Klingers though, oddly....*

*Saturday’s open house was staggering with almost 40 aircraft on the ramp and taking their turn in the air! There were many returns from previous years and just as many first-timers as well. Our thanks to all those who made the trip up and/or over here. I think the prize for distance goes to the guys from Teton Aviation in Wyoming - two pilots, two crew and two jets! Also in attendance were our friends from the Puget Sound Military Vehicle Collectors Club with 12 vintage military vehicles and their exhibition trailer. And last but not least, the members of the Bell-Air R/C Flyers shared their wonderful scale warbirds and civilian aircraft.*

*Of course, the event would not have gone as smoothly or as safely were it not for our dedicated and superb volunteers. From the CAP Cadets and Senior Members to our CAF Marshall and our Maintenance Crew - we couldn’t have done it without you! As a result, everyone had a great time and the sound of radial engines filled the air! Our thanks to all those that supported the event in every capacity. See a list of all of our sponsors and supporters in this newsletter.*

*Stay tuned for next years event, scheduled for 12-13 September 2008!! If you or your business would like to sponsor this event, please contact us at 360.733.4422 or [events@heritageflight.org](mailto:events@heritageflight.org).*



## **NEWS FROM THE MAINTENANCE SHOP**

Alan Anders, Director of Maintenance & Ops

John R Paden, Lead Mechanic

Without doubt, the biggest project undertaken by the Maintenance Shop this year was the Skyraider. In addition to a new paint scheme and receiving of a name, the engine cylinders were due for re-sleeving. The latter started as a seemingly simple project, and soon ballooned into a 4-month long, multiple uninstall/re-install of cylinders, leads, exhaust lines and the extensive chasing of engine ‘gremlins’. It’s no tall tale that a hefty amount of blood, sweat and probably tears too, were shed over our “Proud American”. Finally though, in June she ran clean and took to the skies once again.

When not slaving over the Skyraider, the Maintenance staff and volunteers kept up on the required inspections demanded by the other aircraft in the collection. They also completed the fabrication and production of a number of accessory items: rocket pods, helicopter litter carriers, and a number of other items.

The hard work of the maintenance staff and volunteers is an integral part of what goes on here at the Museum. They put in countless hours of time and expertise and good humor! Our Crew is made up of the following members: Charlotte Vaughn, Hal Beatty, Ralph Peterson, Don Kumm, Eric Shen, Don Liewer, Vern Vinup, Steve Kessinger, Kerry & Kristelle Sim, and Steve “Sid” Slade. Our sincerest thanks to you for all that you do!



# Thank You to all of our supporters in 2007!

The Anders Family  
Dave & Mary Lynn Courtney  
Harold Asper  
Jack Allen  
Moles Family Services, Inc.  
Dick Storgaard  
John Forgette  
Rob Sumowski  
Hubert O'Neill  
Jim Walker  
Larry Mount  
Patrick Thompson  
Paul Myers

Port of Bellingham  
Ann Grimm  
Art Choat  
Dennis Partlow  
KISM 92.9 FM  
Don Kurtis  
Allen Shaw  
KeyBank  
Mary Hudson  
GFR Technologies  
The Bergman Family  
Bel-Air R/C Flyers  
Pug. Sound Mil. Vehicle Collectors Club  
Dusty Smiley  
Chris Badgley  
Bill High  
Jeff High  
Mark Gresham  
David King  
Dale Smiley  
Bob McDaniels  
Bellingham Fuel Service - Texaco  
Civil Air Patrol, Bellingham Sqdn  
Ralph Roberts  
Chris Anders  
Jesse Bailey  
Jeff Geer  
Jim Laird  
Noah Levy  
Jesse Littleton  
Terry Littleton  
Joshua Looper  
Roman Manzhosol  
Joel Martin  
Ian McClure  
Tim CcClure  
Robert Morris  
David Nonhoff  
Erika Nonhoff  
Roger Nonhoff  
Dominic Silvas  
Charles Simmons  
Evan Spinelli

Levi Tucker  
Isaac Ungersma  
Seth Ungersma  
Curt Wolters  
Bellingham Tower Controllers  
Richard Bach  
Dave Bauer  
Vic Bentley  
Paul Cullman  
Dave Desmon  
Thomas Elliott  
Brad Engbrecht  
Carl Gustafson  
George Hewitt  
Dave Holt  
Bill Junjek  
Mark Kandianis  
David Macaluso  
Craig Nelson  
Rod Richardson  
Ray Roussy  
John Sessions  
Bill Shepherd  
Stu & Kitty Smith  
Allan Snowie  
Steve Kessinger  
Rich Sugden  
Andrew Swart  
Hal Beatty  
Michelle Becker  
Noel Cusimano  
Duane Hansen  
Alvin Jasper  
Mark Kelly & The Saltwater Octet  
Hilltop Catering - Tom Kilpatrick  
Don Kumm  
Linda Marrom  
Hampton Inn - Alex Nephew  
JR Paden  
Bergen & Co - Deana Reynolds  
Jake Schultz  
Kerry & Kristelle Sim  
Syd Slade

Emily Thompson  
Vern Vinup  
Dottie Wohlgemuth-Childs

Copy Source

Irongate Machine  
Les Schwaab - Iron Gate  
Grand View Sign & Awning  
Louws Truss Inc.  
Rob Roy - Comox Air Force Museum  
BB Lumber  
John Muzsala - Pacific Fighters  
Bruce - Carl Skinner Co.  
Pam - James G. Boone  
Art & Dotty - Banaire Inc.  
John & Morrie - Lance Aircraft Supply  
Bob Dalton - Precision Engines, LLC.  
Cindy Beck - Tri State Aviation  
Whatcom Territory Aero  
Pape Rentals - Irongate  
Jeff Abbott  
Tom White - White Helicopters

Bellingham School District Seniors  
Michael Hall  
Chris Antonson  
Kenny Adelstein



**WARBIRD WEEKEND**  
NEEDS **YOUR**  
SUPPORT!

If you, or your business are interested in sponsoring this event, don't wait! Contact us today! Call 360.733.4422 or email [events@heritageflight.org](mailto:events@heritageflight.org).

# Can you help us get items from our wish list?

## Arts & Crafts items for 'Future Flyers'

- »Glue sticks
- »Crayons, color pencils, coloring pens
- »Foam core board
- »Construction paper
- »Colored Card Stock

History Channel 'Dogfights' DVD Set (\$50)

Contributions to fuel costs (\$4+/gal)

Finish a display case (\$300)

Postage for annual newsletter (\$100)

Print costs for annual newsletter (\$100)

## Build a Flight Simulator

- »Flight Controls - Yoke, Rudder Pedals, Throttle Quadrant (\$375)
- »Software - MS Flight Sim X & Misc Flight Sim X Add-ons (\$200)
- »Computer Hardware - PC Configured with gaming hardware, graphics accelerator, dual processors, sound system, etc. Three flat panel monitors, Triple Monitor Adapter, IR Head Motion Detector (\$3,500 - \$4,000)
- »Materials to build sim cockpit (\$500)

## Sponsor a Memorial Fly-By

- »T6 - \$1500 each per local flight
- »Mustang - \$3200 local flight

## in·ge·nu·i·ty

n. pl. in·ge·nu·i·ties

1. Inventive skill or imagination; cleverness.
2. Imaginative and clever design or construction.
3. An ingenious or imaginative contrivance.

*Our Volunteers & Staff have taken ingenuity to a whole new level! From designing all of our print materials in house, to converting old department store shoe racks into enclosed display cases... As a non-profit organization that dedicates most of its budget to 'keeping 'em flying', there are few financial resources left for everything else that goes into making a Museum educational and interesting for our visitors. Consequently we do all that stuff on a shoestring, in house. Take this newsletter for example, it is laid out, written, edited and designed from top to bottom by our Program Director. Sticking with Bellingham's 'Buy Local' theme, the finished piece goes to a small, locally-owned print shop where it is mass produced. Then it comes back to the Museum where a small army of staff and volunteers fold, seal, address, categorize and stamp them for distribution. Keeping production in house as much as possible certainly helps us to keep the costs down (we 'built' our own display case for under \$300. Retail it would have been over \$3000!), but it doesn't eliminate them entirely. Your contributions to HFM not only help to keep the aircraft flying, but help us to make the visitor and donor experience better every time!*

----- Detach Here -----



*Thank you for your support!  
The Heritage Flight Museum is non-profit 501(c)(3)  
organization, your contribution is tax deductible.  
Tax ID # 91-1923298*

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We are enclosing a gift of:

\$1000     \$500     \$250     \$100     \$50     \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to send a quarterly gift of: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



Keeping History Alive...

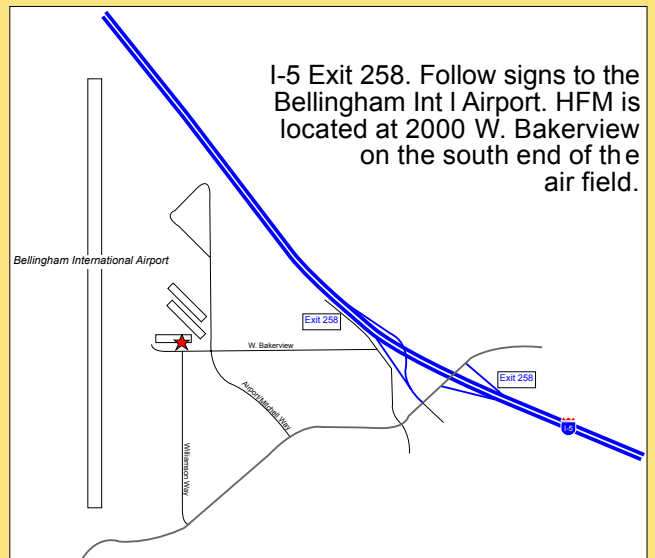
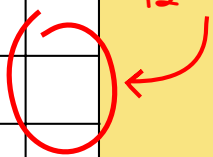
Heritage Flight Museum  
 2000 W. Bakerview Rd. Ste. B  
 Bellingham, WA 98226



## Date, Location & Contact

CALENDAR						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT

HFM Open House  
 3rd Saturday  
 Every Month!  
 12-4pm



Heritage Flight Museum  
 2000 W. Bakerview Rd. Ste. B.  
 Bellingham, WA 98226

Tel: 360.733.4422  
 Fax: 360.733.4423  
[www.heritageflight.org](http://www.heritageflight.org)