Flying to New Heights: How Snohomish County’s Aviation Attractions will Share their Passion for Flight in 2013

Nestled between the marine waters of Puget Sound and the evergreen forested Cascade Mountains is Snohomish County, home to some of Washington State’s top aviation-themed travel destinations.

Each year four distinctive attractions and several events provide some 275,000 visitors a glimpse into nearly 100 years of aviation history while igniting their imagination with up-close views of and rides in one-of-a-kind aircraft.

Flying Heritage Collection • Paine Field
A new 26,000-square-foot hangar opened in early April to house more of the Collection’s historic planes and military equipment, a 49-seat theater, and a second gift shop.

Some of the aircraft, tanks and weaponry to be on display in Hangar 2 include:
- Grumman F6F-5 Hellcat (U.S.)
- North American P-51D Mustang (U.S.)
- Mikoyan MiG-29UB Fulcrum (Soviet Union)
- Mitsubishi A6M3-22 Reisen a.k.a. Zero (Japan)
• Republic P-47D Thunderbolt (U.S.)
• Jagdpanzer 38(t) (Hertzger) tank (Germany/Czechoslovakia)
• KMDB T-34/85 tank (Soviet Union)
• M4A1 Sherman medium tank (U.S.)
• Flak 37 88mm gun (Germany)

The theater will show short films about the planes and other artifacts.

The Flying Heritage Collection first opened its doors in 2008 in a hangar built in 1949. In this 51,000-square-foot facility, visitors viewed only part of the Collections’ aircraft and artifacts. The expansion to the Paine Field facility allows visitors to see more of history’s significant aircraft and machinery from the World War II era.

2013 Flying Heritage Collection Fly Days & Aircraft:
• May 18: Paine Field Aviation Day – Hurricane & Zero
• June 8: Flying Tigers Day – P-40 & Zero
• June 15: Father’s Day – P-47 & P-51
• June 29: Pacific Legends Day – Hellcat & Zero
• July 20: Allied Aces Day – P-51 & Spitfire
• Aug. 17: Luftwaffe Day – BF 109, FW 190 & Storch
• Aug. 31: Vintage Aircraft Weekend – P-40
• Sept. 7: Battle of Britain Day – BF 109 & Spitfire
• Sept. 21: Air War Over Russia Day – FW 190 & IL-2

Special note: Flying Heritage Collection Fly Days are free to watch but do not include admission to the Collection’s facility. All dates subject to weather, pilot availability, and mechanical condition of the aircraft. Please call prior to visiting.

Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day; Tues. – Sun. rest of the year. Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Ticket prices: $12 general admission, $10 military & seniors, $8 youth/student, and free 5 years and under.

Ticket sales: 1-877-342-3404 or at the door
Historic Flight • Paine Field

The Historic Flight Foundation received the 2012 Northwest Council of Air Shows Best Organization Award for its organizational excellence on March 2, 2013. The nonprofit organization acquires, restores and shares a collection of the most important aircraft produced between 1927 and 1957.

The facility, Historic Flight brings experienced aviators, historians and newcomers together to share the passion for restoring aircraft and seeing them take to the skies once again.

The hangar is home to a Beechcraft Staggerwing D-17S, Canadair T-33 Silverstar, Grumman F7F Tigercat and F8F Bearcat, North American P-51B Mustang and B-25 Mitchell, Supermarine Spitfire Mk. IXe, and Waco UPF-7. The newest addition is a DC-3, painted in Pan American Airlines’ 1950 design.

2013 Historic Flight Fly Dates & Aircraft:

- May 17: International Society for Aviation Photography – B-25, DC-3, P-51B & Spitfire
- May 18: Paine Field Aviation Day – B-25, DC-3, P-51B, F7F, F8F, Staggerwing & Waco
- May 21 – 24: EAA Aluminum Overcast – B-17 & P-51B
- May 27: Memorial Day Flights to Local Cemeteries – B-25
- June 15 & 16: Father’s Day Weekend – B-25 & DC-3 rides
- June 22 & 23: Historic Flight Day, Biplanes – Staggerwing & Waco
- July 27: Challenge Air – various civilian aircraft
- Sept. 7: Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival – DC-3
2013 Historic Flight Special Events:
- June 23: Mukilteo Car Show
- July 4: Independence Day BBQ
- Sept. 21: Historic Flight Day, Antique Homebuilts

Special note: Historic Flight Fly Days are free to watch but do not include admission to the hangar. All dates subject to weather, aircraft and pilot availability. Updates posted on website.

Hours: Tues. – Sun., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; other times by prior arrangement
Ticket prices: $12 general admission, $10 military & seniors, $8 youth/student, and free 5 years and under.
Ticket sales: 425-348-3200 or at the door
Location: 10719 Bernie Webber Drive, Mukilteo, WA 98275
Phone: 425-348-3200
Web: www.HistoricFlight.org

Future of Flight and Boeing Tour • Paine Field
Explore the high-tech world of aviation mechanics via interactive zones highlighting materials, design and passenger experience, and flight, propulsion and engine systems. Visitors can plan, test, modify and finalize their own design schematic and print out blueprints to take home.

The Boeing Tour is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to view 747, 777 and 787 jets being assembled on the Everett product line. Each tour is approximately 90 minutes long (individuals must be at least four feet tall to take the tour). There is no height restriction to visit the Future of Flight Gallery.

After the tour, visitors can stop at the café for a bite to eat and then shop the Boeing gift shop for an array of Boeing clothing, caps and souvenirs, or the Made in Washington store for gifts and mementos of their Washington State visit.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Boeing Tour times: begin at 9 a.m., on the hour and last tour at 3 p.m.
Ticket prices:

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Future of Flight — Gallery ONLY $10.00

Boeing Tour information & reservations: 1-800-464-1476 (U.S. & Canada) or 360-756-0086, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. PST or online at https://tickets.futureofflight.org/public/waiver.

Phone: 425-438-8100

Location: 8415 Paine Field Blvd, Mukilteo, WA 98275

Web: www.FutureOfFlight.org
Museum of Flight Restoration Center • Paine Field
Dozens of planes and helicopters in varying stages of restoration stand silently surrounded by workbenches, riveters, scaffolding, expert technicians and volunteer assistants. Docents share the secrets and stories of each aircraft with visitors.

Hours: June - Aug: Tues. – Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sept. – May: Tues. – Thurs. & Sat., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ticket prices: $5 general admission, $3 youth (5-17 years of age), free for children under 4.
Ticket sales: at the door
Phone: 206-764-5720
Location: 2909 100th St. SW, Everett, WA 98204
Web: http://www.museumofflight.org/restoration-center

2013 Aviation Events in Snohomish County

- Paine Field Aviation Day – May 18
  Some 5,000 to 8,000 aviation enthusiasts and families attend this one-day event each year. Aircraft from the Flying Heritage Collection and Historic Flight fly throughout the day. Hundreds of vintage and new aircraft and “warbirds” will be on display. Young Eagles rides for children, car show, 5k road race, fire engine display, and more. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  - Location: Paine Field Airport via Flying Heritage Collection and Historic Flight
  - For schedule of events, ticket prices and more information, www.VisitPaineField.com

- Arlington Fly-In – July 11-13
  Often selected as one of Washington’s best events, the Fly-In attracts some 50,000 people each year. Activities include aircraft judging, car show, fly-mart, forums, films, workshops, and more. On-site camping for planes, RVs and tents.
  - Arlington Airport, 18204 59th Dr NE, Arlington, WA 98223
  - For schedule of events, ticket prices and more information visit www.ArlingtonFlyIn.org.

- Aviation Day / Airport Appreciation Day – Sept. 28
  A kid-friendly family event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aircraft displays, free flights for children age 8 – 17, fly overs, fire trucks, tractor rides, face painting, and more.
Flying Heritage Collection’s TankFest Northwest, May 27
Bring the family out to see restored World War II tanks, military vehicles, and artillery weapons in driving and firing demonstrations. Festivities include a parade. Tankfest Northwest showcases historic war machines from the Flying Heritage Collection and other collectors and restorers.

- Flying Heritage Collection, Paine Field, 3407 109th Street SW, Everett, WA 98204
- For more information call 877-342-3404 or visit www.FlyingHeritage.com.

Vintage Aircraft Weekend • Aug. 30 – Sept. 1
Three days of aviation fun kicks off with live Big Band music and dinner on Friday evening. Displays, guest speakers and fly-overs fill the day on Saturday. Formation clinics, rides, demo flights and a barbeque round out the festival’s activities on Sunday.

- Historic Flight, 10719 Bernie Webber Drive, Mukilteo, WA 98275
- For ticket prices, times and more information visit www.VintageAircraftWeekend.org.
- For more information call 877-342-3404 or visit www.FlyingHeritage.com.

- Arlington Airport, 18204 59th Dr NE, Arlington, WA 98223
- For more information visit www.ArlingtonWA.gov