

FLYING, FUN, FOOD & CHARITY AT GENERAL AVIATION DAY
Hosted by Washington Pilots Association and Paine Field

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The Washington Pilot's Association and Paine Field will host the 15th annual General Aviation Day with the Taste of Mukilteo on Saturday, May 15th. This event is for everyone, with lots of fun, food and activities for all ages. Admission is free.

What's new this year??

More warbirds!	Flying Heritage Collection, Historic Flight Foundation Open House, Cascade Warbirds
More music!	"The Tempos" with a swinging, big band sound
More food!	Taste of Mukilteo, Kiwanis BBQ
More for kids!	Kid's activity tent, Museum of Flight's Flying Gizmo Show, Young Eagles introductory flights

We're excited to announce that this year's event will occur in conjunction with the first Fly Day of the 2010 season for the Flying Heritage Collection. Aircraft from both the Flying Heritage Collection and Historic Flight Foundation will fly at noon. At 2:00 p.m. Historic Flight Foundation will open its doors to the public at its Restoration Center located on the southwest corner of Paine Field.

On the day of the event, the same signs leading you to Flying Heritage Collection will lead you to General Aviation Day. The morning kicks off with a Firefighters' Fly Day 5k Run which starts from Future of Flight at 8:00 a.m., and the Paine Field Firefighters follow up with a pancake breakfast at 9:00 am. The cost is a donation to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The ramp will open at 9:00 a.m., with free Young Eagles introductory flights for kids ages 8 – 17 (seats may be limited), aircraft displays and local vendors.

Come see the latest in general aviation aircraft as well as many of the airplanes owned and operated by local private pilots. Vintage aircraft and warbirds will be on display thanks to the participation of the Museum of Flight Restoration Center, the Flying Heritage Collection, Historic Flight Foundation and Cascade Warbirds. Among these will be WWII aircraft and many pre-war military and civilian aircraft. Along with these fascinating and historic aircraft, the Tyee Triumph Club will display some of their classic sports cars, and some of Paine Field's fire engines will also be on hand for kids to get an up-close look. The Blackjack Squadron will participate with exciting formation flyovers.

Local non-profit organizations will have a place at General Aviation Day such as Civil Air Patrol, Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FAA Aviation and Space Education, the Ninety-Nines, Kiwanis, Museum of Flight, Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival, Museum of Flight Restoration Center, Boeing Bluebills, Christmas House, The Short Snorter Project, Medical Reserve Corps, US Power Squadron, Everett Community College Aviation Maintenance School, and more. They will all be on hand with information booths, sharing information about their work in the community.

The Airport's flight schools will also be on hand – Northway Aviation, and Regal Air.

The Taste of Mukilteo, as well as **Kiwanis BBQ** will open at 11:30 a.m., with great tastes, available from familiar venues in and around Mukilteo. All proceeds from the Taste of Mukilteo will go to the Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund.

The event will conclude at 3:30 p.m., with a Parade of Warbirds across the field to the Historic Flight Foundation Restoration Center, at which time, the public is invited to make their way to the airport west side for the organization's Open House.

Take a flight, meet the pilots, see one-of-a kind aircraft, talk with the flight schools, enjoy some great food, and watch the thrilling flying demonstrations – all this and more!

For more info, please call the event hotline at 425.353.2110 x5, visit www.wpaflys.org or contact:

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