

GENERAL AVIATION DAY

**FLYING, FUN, FOOD & CHARITY AT PAINE FIELD
Hosted by Washington Pilots Association and Paine Field**

Saturday, May 21, 2011 9:00 – 3:30

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The Washington Pilot's Association and Paine Field will host the 16th annual General Aviation Day on Saturday, May 21st. 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, Cascade Warbirds
More music!	"The Tempos" with a swinging, big band sound
More food!	Rotary BBQ, Papa Murphy's, Hawaiian ParadICE, Kettle Corn, Kiwanis BBQ, Stray Dogs Catering, Garlic Jim's Pizza and Get Distilled Water Service
More for kids!	Kid's activity tent, Museum of Flight's Robot Garage, Lions Club Golf, Everett's Imagine Children's Museum, NASA Build Your Own Glider 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 2011 season for the Flying Heritage Collection. Aircraft from both the Flying Heritage Collection and Historic Flight Foundation will fly at noon. At 1:00 p.m. Historic Flight Foundation (HFF) will open its doors to the public for its Vintage Flying Festival located on the southwest corner of Paine Field.

On the day of the event, the same signs leading you to Flying Heritage Collection and Historic Flight Foundation will lead you to General Aviation Day as there will be free shuttles from all parking locations. The morning kicks off with a Firefighters' Fly Day 5k Run (your registration fee benefits Muscular Dystrophy) 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 \$5 donation to benefit the Northwest Burn Foundation. The aviation 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, FAA Aviation and Space Education, the Ninety-Nines, Kiwanis, Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival, Museum of Flight Restoration Center, Boeing Bluebills, Christmas House, Animal Rescue Foundation of Everett, Connecting Boarders Foundation, Lions International, 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. They will offer several free seminars on *How to Get Started* earning your own pilot certificate. Discounted Introductory Flights for adults will also be offered by Regal Air.

The Food Court will open at 11:30 a.m., with great tastes available from familiar venues in and around Mukilteo such as Rotary BBQ, Papa Murphy's, Hawaiian ParadiCE, Kettle Corn, Kiwanis BBQ, Stray Dogs Catering, Garlic Jim's Pizza and Get Distilled Water Service.

At 2:00 p.m., a Parade of Vintage Aircraft will cross the field to Historic Flight Foundation (HFF) where the public is invited to the airport's southwest side for half-price admission at HFF's Vintage Flying Festival. Historic Flight Foundation will stage and demonstrate its entire aircraft collection with music, food and ride opportunities. The HFF event will conclude with a special tribute to the Spitfire on that aircraft's 75th anniversary. Throughout the day, free shuttle buses will be available to easily and quickly assist attendees back and forth between all parking lots and the two sides of the Airport. Premium parking in select lots will also be available for \$5, just follow the signs.

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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General Aviation Day is sponsored by Paine Field Airport and the Washington Pilots Association. Young Eagles flights are donated by EAA members under the sponsorship of EAA Chapter 84, Harvey Field, Snohomish.