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COVERAGE SUMMARY

Media Type	Placements	Impressions
Print	2	726,950
Online	29	7,809,578
Television	2	200,898
Radio	2	50,000
GRAND TOTAL	35	8,787,426

**Placements located through news monitoring services, including Cision, TVEye and Google News.*

***Impressions are estimated. Print multiplier 2.7 x Circulation; Broadcast Multiplier Audience x 3.*

PRINT SUMMARY

Date	Outlet	Headline	Impressions
8/28/13	The Seattle Times	Pilot for a Day	620,363
8/28/13	The Daily Herald	Pilot for a Day	106,587
		Total	726,950

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Reen Doser, background, hugs her husband, Don Doser, after she finished a flight aboard a 1944 Douglas DC-3 airplane on a special flight from Everett to Seattle and back on Tuesday. Reen Doser's father, a DC-3 pilot, met her mother on a DC-3 flight from Chicago.

A day with history aboard a DC-3

A flight on the airplane that defined flying in the 1930s and '40s was the prize for a select group of winners, many with a past tied to the plane.

By DOMINIC GATES
Seattle Times aerospace reporter

A 1944-vintage DC-3 airliner, painted silver in the long-gone livery of Pan American Airways System, flew from Everett to Seattle on Tuesday.

It carried just shy of a dozen passengers, some with rich historical connections to this early workhorse of military and commercial aviation.

The plane came in low over Elliott Bay, buzzed Boeing Field at a height of 100 feet, then wheeled around and headed back north over Lake Washington.

A select group aboard, lucky winners of a competition run by the Historic Flight Foundation at Paine Field, included three boys with a youthful zest for airplanes and a Boeing engineer who works on the 787.

Others had deep DC-3 connections. Ursula

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JOHN LOK / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Pilot John Sessions, left, and co-pilot Eugene Vezzetti fly a 1944 Douglas DC-3 during a trip that began from the Historic Flight Foundation.



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Trenton Slocum, 11, of Edmonds, smiles for a picture being taken by his family after landing aboard a 1944 Douglas DC-3 airplane at the Historic Flight Foundation. He wrote one of the winning essays that got him a chance to ride in the historic aircraft.

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FROM B1

FLYING BACK IN TIME ON STORIED DC-3

**Winners of flight have
stories to go with plane**

Denison was there to celebrate 60 years of freedom.

After Denison escaped with her mother and sisters from East Germany when she was 11, her first plane ride in 1953, from a West Berlin refugee camp to Frankfurt, was aboard an American military version of the DC-3.

She married an American soldier and, 20 years after her escape, became a U.S. citizen.

Fred Charles, who'll turn 90 in February, piloted the military version of the DC-3 into Tokyo exactly 68 years ago this month, ferrying communications equipment to the USS Missouri for the formal surrender of the Japanese that ended World War II.

Now unable to walk, he arrived in a wheelchair, eager to fly.

As the DC-3 took off from Paine Field, tears filled the eyes of Reen Doser, 62, who held her hand over the United Airlines captain's wings pinned at her heart.

Her father, Mac McKelvey, had flown DC-3s for United and met Doser's mother, a stewardess, on a flight from Chicago. Both are buried on Queen Anne in Seattle, with a DC-3 etched on the headstone along with the words "Together We Fly."

The competition winners aboard the first flight Tuesday morning, and a second group on another hop that followed the same route shortly after, took turns sitting in the cockpit.

In the plush passenger cabin, they sat in six large armchairs or on two long,



JOHN LOK / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Co-pilot Eugene Vezzetti, center, chats with passengers Stich Mitchell, right, and Chuck Maylin aboard the 1944 Douglas DC-3 airplane during a special flight for a select group of winners. It flies again Saturday at Paine Field.

plush benches. They had lots of headroom. Big, rectangular picture windows allowed spectacular views.

There was no more than a quiet drone from the Pratt & Whitney engines and just a slight whiff of aircraft fuel to remind one that, though the cabin resembled an elegant Pullman car from the glory days of the railways, this was an aviation fantasy.

The DC-3, built in Long Beach, Calif., by Douglas Aircraft, defined flying in the 1930s and 1940s. More than 16,000 were produced. Immediately after the war, 85 percent of all U.S. domestic flights were in DC-3s.

Sitting at an angle on the tarmac — with a small tail wheel and taller front landing gear — the plane epitomizes the lost glamour and romance that once enveloped the experience of flying.

When Humphrey Bogart said farewell to Ingrid Bergman at the end of "Casablanca," a DC-3 sat waiting for her in the background.

This DC-3, restored by the Historic Flight Foundation, started life as the plane's military C-47 version, flying supplies over the Himalayas to support the Chinese fight-

ing the Japanese in World War II.

After the war, it flew in China as one of the first airliners in the region.

In 1953, it returned to the U.S. and began a second life as an executive aircraft, owned by the chief executive of Johnson & Johnson and then a series of private individuals.

The airplane, which retains that VIP interior but is painted with its 1949 Pan Am livery, will fly again this weekend, along with 60 other historic military and civilian aircraft, during the foundation's annual Vintage Aircraft Weekend at Paine Field.

The area around the foundation's facility "will be covered with airplanes," said John Sessions, the Historic Flight Foundation's founder and the pilot on Tuesday's flights. All Saturday afternoon, "There'll be constant flying."

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Photo gallery

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Flights to suit their fancy

Winning essays land 10 people an hour-long turn aboard a vintage DC-3



Fred Charles (right) shakes the hand of John Sessions after taking a turn in the co-pilot's seat of a DC-3 while flying over Puget Sound on Tuesday afternoon. Charles was one of 10 people who won a flight on the vintage craft.

MARK MULLIGAN / THE HERALD

By SHARON SAIYER
Herald Writer

Fred Charles looked around the interior of the DC-3 in wonder and with a smile of familiarity. He hadn't been in a plane like this since December 1945.

That was the last time Charles, an Army Air Corps pilot in World War II, flew the military version of the plane, called a C-47.

His missions during 1944 and '45 — too many to count, he said — took him throughout the Pacific. The flights included destinations in Australia, Japan, the Philippines and one that regularly involved crossing over 10,000-foot mountain range in New Guinea.



Christopher Thiel, 11, takes a picture out of window of the DC-3 during the flight. He wrote in his winning essay that he wants to be pilot.

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Flights

From Page A1

What brought Charles, 88, of Seattle, to the Historic Flight Foundation at Paine Field on Tuesday was the chance to ride again in the type of plane that he had piloted throughout the war.

Charles' son had entered his dad's story in a contest that invited the public to write essays on why they wanted to be able to take a flight in the iconic plane. It also included the chance to spend a few minutes in the cockpit sitting in the co-pilot's seat.

Charles was one of 10 people whose winning essays allowed them to take one of two flights Tuesday on the vintage DC-3.

Passengers saw glimpses of the San Juan Islands, were treated to a buzz down the runway at Seattle's Boeing Field and had an aerial view of the University of Washington's remodeled Husky Stadium during the hour-long flights.

That's to say nothing of the views from an altitude



MARK MULUGAN / THE HERALD

Ursula Denison, of Camano Island, is all smiles during her ride in a DC-3 Tuesday afternoon.

Find more photos in a gallery with this story at www.HeraldNet.com.

of about 2,000 feet of Lake Washington, boats and ferries plying Puget Sound, backdropped by the Cascade Range.

The plane used in Tuesday's flights was manufactured in 1944. After the war, it was rehabilitated into a corporate aircraft for Johnson & Johnson, complete with two black telephones to allow back-of-the-plane passengers to call the cockpit to complain about turbulence.

Charles kept his pilot's eyes on the operation of

the aircraft. "I was surprised we didn't use the flaps on takeoff," he said.

The plane was one of the best ever built, he said. "They're still going; it's amazing."

He said his turn in the co-pilot's seat felt great. "It would be nice to fly again and make a few turns and dips," he said.

He summed up his experience as, "kind of a big thrill, really."

Also on board Tuesday afternoon's flight was Gonzalo Canseco, of Everett. Born and raised in Bolivia, he has lived in the United States for 15 years, earning an engineering degree and now works at Boeing.

Vintage aircraft

A Vintage Aircraft Weekend is scheduled Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 at the Historic Flight Foundation at Paine Field. For more information, check out vintageaircraftweekend.org.

For Elaine Dow, 70, of Snohomish, the flight brought back memories of when she, as a young teacher in search of adventure, took DC-3 flights in Ethiopia.

Christopher Thiel, 11, of Marysville, wrote in his essay that he wanted to be on the flight because he hopes to be a pilot when he grows up. "It was so cool!" he said of his experience.

For Ursula Denison, 72, of Camano Island, the flight brought back a flood of memories. Denison and her family left a part of Germany which became East Germany after World War II.

In 1952, fearful of the Communist takeover, her mother, Denison and her four sisters escaped to West Berlin.

Denison's father, traveling separately, was caught and put in jail, but later was reunited with his family in West Germany.

Ursula Denison, her mother and sisters spent time in a refugee camp before eventually flying to Frankfurt. From her decades-old memories, the plane on that flight looked very much like the type of aircraft she was seated on Tuesday. "I'm amazed to be in this plane 60 years later," she said.

Denison grew up to marry an American serviceman. She arrived in the United States in August 1966 with a 3-month-old baby. She became a citizen, she said proudly, in 1973.

Both during Tuesday's flight and while sitting in plane's cockpit, she said she had to fight to hold in her emotions. She reached toward her necklace, decorated with two gold bands. They were the wedding rings of her parents, Englebert and Carola Schiveter. "They are with me today," she said.

It was hard to put what Tuesday's experience meant to her in words, she said. She settled on three. "Amazing. Incredible. Thrilling."

ONLINE SUMMARY

Outlet	Focus	Date	PR Impressions
Mukilteo Beacon	Biplane Day at Paine Field	6.19.2013	25,808
South Everett Beacon	Biplane Day at Paine Field	6.19.2013	134,194
Seattle PI	Historic Flight Foundation to host Biplane Day	6.19.2013	1,321,692
Seattle PI	Win a chance to fly a DC-3	8.7.2013	1,321,692
Heraldnet	Here's your chance to 'pilot' a DC-3 from Paine Field	8.12.2013	477,866
Heraldnet	HFF is offering a tour and flight aboard its DC-3	8.12.2013	4,564
General Aviation News	Win a chance to fly a DC-3	8.13.2013	150,166
Recreational Flying	Win a chance to fly a DC-3	8.13.2013	769
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Win a chance to fly a DC-3	8.13.2013	33,131
Mukilteo Beacon	First-time pilots fly vintage plane through contest	8.14.2013	25,808
Indy Transponder Aerotainment News	Win a chance to fly a DC-3	8.14.2013	NA
AIAA	Enter to be a DC-3 "Pilot for a Day"	8.14.2013	5,843
425 Magazine	Take Flight	8.15.2013	1,388
MyEverettNews	HFF offers a chance for 12 people to become "Pilots for a Day"	8.15.2013	5,735
South Everett Beacon	First time pilots to fly vintage plane through contest	8.15.2013	5,000

Flight Journal	Last day to enter DC-3 contest	8.16.2013	14,624
Heraldnet	Deadline to enter flight contest extended	8.17.2013	293,990
Everett Downtown Storage	Be a Pilot for a Day	8.17.2013	356
SiloBreaker	Deadline to enter flight contest extended	8.17.2013	108,640
The Seattle Times	Pilot for a Day	8.27.2013	1,167,300
The Seattle Times	Pilot for a Day Photo Gallery	8.28.2013	1,167,300
The Daily Herald	Pilot for a Day	8.28.2013	477,866
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My Edmonds News	Pilot for a Day	8.27.2013	NA
Top News Today	Pilot for a Day	8.28.2013	NA
My Northwest	WWII vet flies in his old plane	8.28.2013	NA
Shoreline Area News	Pilot for a Day	8.28.2013	NA
Heraldnet	Weekend Events: Vintage Aircraft Weekend	8.30.2013	293,990
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		Total	7,809,578



Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Biplane Day this weekend at Paine Field



This week, the largest world air show is taking place in Paris, where global leaders such as Boeing and Air Bus gather to announce and celebrate the future of aviation and flight technologies.

Meanwhile – Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23 – at Paine Field, the Historic Flight Foundation will feature dozens of vintage biplanes in an air show celebrating the roots of aviation.

The biplanes are from the “Rag-and-Wood” era – similar to the ones flown by the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart.

See as many as 25 examples on Biplane Day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This event features biplane flyovers, pilot meet and greets, a barbecue lunch and, on Sunday, a vintage automobile show. Rides in select biplanes are available for purchase.

Among the biplanes highlighted will be the Historic Flight Foundation’s Beechcraft Staggerwing and the Waco UPF-7. Also visiting for the event are the New Standard, Varga, Temco, Lockheed, Cessna, Stearman, deHavilland, Fairchild, Stinson and Swift.

Demonstration flights will start at noon. At 3 p.m., world-renowned historian and aviation author, Mike Lavelle, will present a history of biplanes entitled “Biplanes: Past, Present and Forever.”

On Sunday, the historic biplanes will remain, but will move to the grass to give way to the Mukilteo Car Show on Historic Flight’s ramp. Sponsored by the Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce, the show features more than 100 rare and desirable vintage automobiles.

The show will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admissions for Biplane Day are as follows: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors/military, \$8 for youths (6-15), children (5 and under) are free. Flights in a biplane are \$75 per person.

Kilo-7 at the Historic Flight Foundation is at 10719 Bernie Webber Dr. in Mukilteo.

<http://mukilteobeacon.villagesoup.com/p/biplane-day-this-weekend-at-paine-field/1020592>



Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Historic Flight Foundation to host Biplane Day



Nearly 25 historic biplanes will fly into the Historic Flight Foundation's Kilo-7 at Paine Field in Everett on Saturday for the foundation's first Biplane Day.

The event will feature classic "rag-and-wood" biplanes, including the foundation's own Staggerwing Beechcraft Model D17S and Waco UPF-7. Both planes have been restored to immaculate condition by the foundation. The Waco began flying in 1941 and the Staggerwing started service as a reconnaissance aircraft at Sand Point Naval Air Station in 1944.

The Historic Flight Foundation has restored and made airborne a collection of aircraft produced between 1927 and 1957.

During the Saturday event, pilots and some of the owners will be available to talk about thier aircraft. Planes manufactured by New Standard, Varga, Temco, Lockheed, Cessna, Stearman, deHavilland, Fairchild, Stinson and Swift are all expected at the show.























<http://www.seattlepi.com/default/article/Historic-Flight-Foundation-to-host-Biplane-Day-4610973.php#photo-4809273>



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<http://south-everett.villagesoup.com/p/biplane-day-this-weekend-at-paine-field/1020592>



Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Win a chance to fly a DC-3



Want to fly an historic Douglas airliner? The Historic Flight Foundation plans to give 12 people the chance on Aug. 27.

The Douglas DC-3, which first flew in 1935, "made air travel popular and airline profits possible," according to a Boeing writeup (Douglas merged with McDonnell, and then McDonnell Douglas merged with Boeing). "(It) is universally recognized as the greatest airplane of its time. Some would argue that it is the greatest of all time."

It could carry up to 28 passengers, 1,495 miles at 192 miles per hour and 20,800 feet.

The 12 winners of the Historic Flight Foundation's "Pilots for a Day" contest will get to take the controls of the foundation's DC-3 and go on a behind-the-scenes tour, including an under-the-cowl look at historic aircraft and a visit to Paine Field's control tower.

People can enter by visiting the organization's [website](#) or Facebook [page](#) by Aug. 16 and writing why they should be chosen.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/business/boeing/article/Win-a-chance-to-fly-a-DC-3-4710323.php>

HeraldNet

Monday, August 12, 2013

Here's your chance to 'pilot' a DC-3 from Paine Field



MUKILTEO -- Here's a chance to pilot a historic Douglas DC-3.

And you don't need to have ever flown before.

The Historic Flight Foundation is allowing a dozen people the opportunity to fly the commercial airliner of the 1930s and '40s -- under the supervision of a trained pilot.

And they'll get a behind-the-scenes tour of the foundation and Paine Field.

People just need to write an essay on why they should be selected and enter the contest by this Friday. The 12 most creative and compelling entrants will be selected and notified by Aug. 19.

"A lot of people really have a passion for this stuff, but have never really had a chance to get up in the air in a DC-3," said Anthony Cogswell, who's working for the nonprofit on the contest.

People can enter their essays at: tinyurl.com/FacebookHFFcontest or historicflight.org/hf/pilot-for-a-day-contest/.

The winners of the "Pilot For A Day" contest will go on the tour of the nonprofit's collection, then go on a flight from 11 a.m to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 27. Historic Flight founder John Sessions will lead the group on a tour that includes an up-close look at the collection's World War II warbirds and aircraft, a chance to get the experience of an aviation mechanic and a tour of Paine Field airport and its air traffic control tower.

And then, the flight.

People who enter the essay contest need to keep their language civil: Entries containing profane or indecent language will be disqualified.

Of course, all participants must sign a waiver releasing The Historic Flight Foundation from any liability related to injury or death from the "Pilot For A Day" event.

The Historic Flight Foundation was established in 2003 to collect, restore and share significant aircraft from the period between the solo Atlantic crossing of Charles Lindbergh and the first test flight of the Boeing 707.

The general public and those who were not selected to participate in person can follow the event live through Twitter via @HistoricFlight and #Pilot4Day.

Historic Flight Foundation is at 10719 Bernie Webber Drive, Mukilteo. Enter from Mukilteo Speedway on the west side of Paine Field.

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20130812/NEWS01/708129959>



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GENERAL AVIATION NEWS

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

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The selected individuals will take the controls of the Historic Flight Foundation’s DC-3, arguably one of the most revolutionary transport aircrafts ever made. As a Pilot for a Day, participants will also:

- Explore the behind-the-scenes of the Historic Flight Foundation and all of its airplanes
- Experience hands-on demonstrations of World War II warbirds and aircraft
- Get an under-the-cowl chance to look at some of history’s most magnificent aircraft
- Learn about the art of aviation from one of the region’s most experienced warbird pilots, John Sessions
- Experience the skills of an aviation mechanic while taking a look at radial engines and more
- Receive a special, behind-the-scenes guided tour of the Historic Flight Foundation’s collection of vintage aircraft, and an exclusive tour of the Paine Field airport and air traffic control tower

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<http://www.generalaviationnews.com/2013/08/win-a-chance-to-fly-a-dc-3/>



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<http://www.aviation.siuc.edu/news/aviation-industry-news>



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<http://www.recreationalflying.com/threads/win-a-chance-to-fly-a-dc-3.65033/>



Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Enter to Be a DC-3 “Pilot for a Day” at the Historic Flight Foundation

Do you have an appetite for aviation? How about a taste for turbulence? If you have always had a fondness for fuselages and weakness for wings, then “Pilot-for-a-day” is probably for you! This August, John Sessions and the [Historic Flight Foundation](#) will give 12 people a free chance to become pilots for a day.

Click [here](#) to find out more and to enter.

<http://pnwaiaa.org/enter-to-be-a-dc-3-pilot-for-a-day-at-the-historic-flight-foundation/>



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Wednesday, August 14, 2013

First-time pilots to fly vintage plane through contest



Twelve lucky first-time pilots will get the opportunity to explore behind-the-scenes at the Historic Flight Foundation and experience what it's like to be the pilot of a vintage airplane.

The HFF is offering 12 winners of its Pilots for a Day contest the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to fly an antique 1930s airliner, the Douglas DC-3 above the Puget Sound on Tuesday, Aug. 27. As Pilot for a Day, winners will also get:

- Behind-the-scenes access to the HFF collection
- Meet experienced warbird pilot John Sessions
- Behind-the-scenes access to Paine Field air traffic control towers, and more.

To enter, visit the HFF website or Facebook page and comment why you should become Pilots for a Day.

Deadline for entry is Aug. 16 at 11:59 p.m., when winners will be selected based on the quality of their essays. Winners will be selected on Aug. 19.

The Historic Flight Foundation is at 10719 Bernie Webber Dr. in Mukilteo.

Enter the contest at: http://www.facebook.com/HistoricFlight/app_230817203715611 or <http://www.historicflight.org/hf/pilot-for-a-day-contest/>

<http://mukilteobeacon.villagesoup.com/p/first-time-pilots-to-fly-vintage-plane-through-contest/1043790>



Thursday, August 15, 2013

First-time pilots to fly vintage plane through contest



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The HFF is offering 12 winners of its Pilots for a Day contest the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to fly an antique 1930s airliner, the Douglas DC-3 above the Puget Sound on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

As Pilot for a Day, winners will also get:

- Behind-the-scenes access to the HFF collection
- Meet experienced warbird pilot John Sessions
- Behind-the-scenes access to Paine Field air traffic control towers, and more.

To enter, visit the HFF website or Facebook page and comment why you should become Pilots for a Day. Deadline for entry is Aug. 16 at 11:59 p.m., when winners will be selected based on the quality of their essays. Winners will be selected on Aug. 19.

The Historic Flight Foundation is at 10719 Bernie Webber Dr. in Mukilteo.

Enter the contest at: www.facebook.com/HistoricFlight/app_230817203715611 or www.historicflight.org/hf/pilot-for-a-day-contest/

<http://south-everett.villagesoup.com/p/first-time-pilots-to-fly-vintage-plane-through-contest/1043790>

Thursday, August 15, 2013

Take Flight



The Historic Flight Foundation is making dreams come true with its exciting "Pilots for a Day" contest, which will give 12 lucky winners the chance of a lifetime: to take the controls of a Douglas DC-3, an antique 1930's airliner.

The flight over the Seattle and Puget Sound region will take place from 11 to 2:30 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 27. All contestants have from until Tuesday, Aug. 20 to visit the [Historic Flight Foundations' website](#) or [Facebook Page](#) and tell them why you deserve this opportunity.

In addition to flying this historic aircraft, the 12 "pilots for a day" will also have behind the scenes access to the Historic Flight Foundation, including a special tour of the World War II warbirds and aircrafts in its collection.

Pilot and founder of the foundation, John Sessions, will give a lesson on the art of aviation, and an aviation mechanic will give explain radial engines and more.

The competition is open to all aviation enthusiasts, young and old.

Note: those who are not selected can still enjoy all that the Historic Flight Foundation has to offer at [Vintage Aircraft Weekend](#) from Friday, Aug. 30 to Sunday, Sept. 1.

The Historic Flight Foundation is located at 10719 Bernie Webber Drive, Mukilteo.

<http://425magazine.com/take-flight/>

MY EVERETT NEWS

Everett, WA News, Events and Updates from a guy born and raised here.

Thursday, August 15, 2013

Everett Historic Flight Foundation Offering Chance for 12 People to Pilot a DC-3



If you're a classic airplane buff or know someone who is, time is running out to be a pilot for a day in a DC-3 owned by the Historic Flight Foundation at Everett's Paine Field. Here's the scoop...

Your entry must be received by midnight Tuesday August 20th.

Do you have an appetite for aviation? How about a taste for turbulence? If you have always had a fondness for fuselages and weakness for wings, then "Pilot-for-a-day" is probably for you! This August, John Sessions and the Historic Flight Foundation will give 12 people a free chance to become pilots for a day.

The Historic Flight Foundation is home to a variety of impeccably restored vintage aircraft dating back the World War II era. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for 12 people (young or old!) to get behind the controls of an aircraft and actually fly it over Snohomish County (under supervision of a trained pilot, of course). It is also an opportunity to see the Historic Flight Foundation from behind-the-scenes. As a Pilot for a Day you will:

Arrive and explore the behind-the-scenes of the Historic Flight Foundation and all of its airplanes. Learn about the art of aviation from one of the region's most experienced warbird pilots, John Sessions. Experience the skills of an aviation mechanic while taking a look at radial engines and more. Receive a special, behind-the-scenes guided tour of the Historic Flight Foundation's extensive collection of vintage aircraft, and an exclusive tour of the Paine Field airport and air traffic control tower. And most importantly? Get behind the controls of the Historic Flight Foundation's DC-3.

The Douglas DC-3 is a fixed-wing propeller-driven airliner. Its speed and range are said to have revolutionized air transport in the 1930s and 1940s. Its lasting impact on the airline industry and World War II makes it arguably one of the most significant transport aircraft ever made.

If you are interested in becoming a Pilot for a Day, enter a brief explanation telling us why you should be selected. Be sure to be creative! It's that easy. Deadline for entry is Friday, August 16 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific. Winners will be selected on Monday, August 19.

<http://myeverettnews.com/category/events-in-everett/>

Flight Journal

Friday, August 16, 2013

Last Day to Enter DC-3 Pilot Contest



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What is a Pilot for a Day? The Historic Flight Foundation is home to a variety of impeccably restored vintage aircraft dating back the World War II era. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for 12 people (young or old!) to get behind the controls of an aircraft and actually fly it over Snohomish County (under supervision of a trained pilot, of course). It is also an opportunity to

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To learn more about the contest and to enter, click [here](http://www.flightjournal.com/blog/2013/08/16/last-day-to-enter-dc-3-pilot-contest/).

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Saturday, August 17, 2013

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And they'll also get a behind-the-scenes tour of Paine Field.

People just need to win the "Pilot for a Day" essay contest on why they should be selected. So far, more than 250 people have entered essays. The people who have submitted entries range in age from teenagers to people in their 80s.

The Historic Flight Foundation had a previous deadline of Friday to submit the essay. People can enter their essays at: tinyurl.com/FacebookHFFcontest or historicflight.org/hf/pilot-for-a-day-contest/.

The Historic Flight Foundation was established in 2003 to collect, restore and share significant aircraft from the period between the solo Atlantic crossing of Charles Lindbergh and the first test flight of the Boeing 707.



Saturday, August 17, 2013

Be A Pilot For The Day



Have you ever wanted to be a pilot? Well now you can... For a day that is. The Historic Flight Foundation at Paine Field is offering a ride aboard their Pan-American Airways DC-3 to 12 winners of an essay contest. What's even better is that they are letting each winner actually fly the plane alongside a trained pilot. Can you say adrenaline rush?

Besides being able to co-pilot the commercial airliner from the 1930s, the winners will get a behind the scenes tour of the foundation and the rest of Paine Field. But don't worry, the essay isn't anything requiring research. All you have to do is submit an essay explaining why you think you should be chosen as a winner. Whether that be your love for flying, your admiration of airplanes or your desire to step out of your comfort zone, just make it compelling! The most creative essays will be chosen and winners will be notified on August 19th.

Press Your Luck: You can enter your essay at either their [Facebook page](#) or [website](#). The tour and flight will take place on August 27th from 11 am until 2:30 pm. During the tour winners will be able to get an up close and personal look at the collection's World War II warbirds and aircrafts. How amazing does that sound? Even if you're unsure of your reasons for wanting to enter, it can't hurt to try! We wish you all the best of luck!

<http://www.everettdowntownstorage.com/be-a-pilot-for-the-day.html>

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Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Edmonds “Pilots for a Day” soar over Puget Sound Thursday in vintage DC-3



Two Edmonds residents earned the right to take the controls of a vintage DC-3 Thursday, after being among the 12 lucky winners in the Historic Flight Foundation's (HFF) first “Pilot for a Day” essay contest.

Trenton Slocum of Edmonds, age 11, was the youngest member of the group. He attends North Shore Christian Academy in Everett, where his favorite subjects are science and math. Trenton is in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program at school, and is looking toward a career in aeronautical engineering. “My grandfather is a retired U.S. Naval aviator, who flew in the Navy version of the DC-3 back in the 1950s,” he said, “and I was really hoping for the chance to do it too.”

Trenton's grandfather was there to watch his grandson's maiden flight. “I wouldn't miss it for the world,” he said.



Kent Treadgold lives in Edmonds and teaches science and video production at Explorer Middle School in Everett. “I'm always looking for ways to bring the outside world into my classroom,” he said. Treadwell shot lots of video both on the ground and in the plane, which he plans to bring back to his students.

“Explorer serves a student population where more than 70 percent receive free or reduced cost lunches,” he said. “Most of my students have never been on a plane.” Treadwell hopes that by bringing back video and sharing his experience he can inspire his students to “look up, not only literally but figuratively.”

After about 45 minutes of “ground school” at the Historic Flight Foundation where the “pilots” learned about the history of the plane, the flight plan for the day and operational procedures at Paine Field, the group left the hanger and walked across the tarmac to the Foundation's vintage DC-3.

First brought into service in 1935, the DC-3 was a landmark of design and engineering, and set the bar for many years to come. As the first commercial airliner used for coast-to-coast flights, the DC-3 was also pioneering step in commercial aviation. Even with two refueling stops along the way, passengers could travel from New York to Los Angeles in 15 hours. Even today, almost 75 years later, the DC-3 remains in commercial use in other parts of the world.

HFF pilots John Sessions and Gene Vezetti handled takeoff and landing. While in the air, each “pilot for a day” got a hand at the controls. The flight pattern took them north over the San Juan Islands, south to Boeing Field (where they buzzed the tower), and back home via Husky Stadium and the Montlake Cut. Back on the ground, the pilots feet were still at least 10 feet in the air.



“It was absolutely awesome,” exclaimed the 11-year-old Trenton. “I had about two minutes with my hands on the yoke, and it was just amazing.”

Treadgold actually got his hands on the yoke and his feet on the pedals. “We buzzed Boeing Field at a very low level. I could almost see the ants crawling along the tarmac below,” he said. “We went through the Montlake Cut very low, and I saw the Huskies running a draw play on the field. I could even read the numbers on the uniforms!”

The essay contest was open to all, and drew more than 400 responses. “Selecting the winners was very tough,” said event organizer Drew Symonds. “The essays were so heartfelt. I wish we could have accommodated everyone.”

But to everyone who missed the chance to be “pilot for a day,” don’t despair. There’s more in store.

This coming weekend the Historic Flight Foundation is hosting the sixth annual Vintage Aircraft Weekend at Paine Field. Running from Friday, Aug. 30 through Sunday, Sept. 1, the event offers vintage aircraft demonstration flights, live music, food, and a chance to win a flight in the same DC-3 flown by the “pilots for a day” winners. More information is available at the Vintage Aircraft Weekend [website](http://myedmondsnews.com/2013/08/edmonds-pilots-day-soar-puget-sound-vintage-dc-3/tn_dsc_7199/).



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The Seattle Times

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

A day with history aboard a DC-3



Reen Doser, background, hugs her husband, Don Doser, after she finished a flight aboard a 1944 Douglas DC-3 airplane on a special flight from Everett to Seattle and back on Tuesday. Reen Doser's father, a DC-3 pilot, met her mother on a DC-3 flight from Chicago.



Pilot John Sessions, left, and co-pilot Eugene Vezzetti, fly a 1944 Douglas DC-3 during a trip that began from the Historic Flight Foundation.



Trenton Slocum, 11, of Edmonds, smiles for a picture being taken by his family after landing aboard a 1944 Douglas DC-3 airplane at the Historic Flight Foundation. Slocum wrote one of the winning essays that got him a chance to ride in the historic aircraft.



Co-pilot Eugene Vezzetti, center, chats with passengers Stitch Mitchell, right, and Chuck Maylin aboard the 1944 Douglas DC-3 airplane during a special flight for a select group of winners. It flies again Saturday at Paine Field.

<http://seattletimes.com/html/photogalleries/localnews2021696672/3.html>

The Seattle Times

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Contest winners take flight into storied history aboard a DC-3



Nine winning entrants in a competition run by the Historic Flight Foundation at Paine Field got a chance to fly from Everett to Seattle aboard a vintage DC-3, the iconic propeller airliner from the 1930s and 1940s.

1944-vintage DC-3 airliner, painted silver in the long-gone livery of Pan American Airways System, flew from Everett to Seattle on Tuesday.

It carried just shy of a dozen passengers, some with rich historical connections to this early workhorse of military and commercial aviation.

The plane came in low over Elliott Bay, buzzed Boeing Field at a height of 100 feet, then wheeled around and headed back north over Lake Washington.

A select group aboard, lucky winners of a competition run by the Historic Flight Foundation at Paine Field, included three boys with a youthful zest for airplanes and a Boeing engineer who works on the 787.

Others had deep DC-3 connections. Ursula Denison was there to celebrate 60 years of freedom. After Denison escaped with her mother and sisters from East Germany when she was 11, her first plane ride in 1953, from a West Berlin refugee camp to Frankfurt, was aboard an American military version of the DC-3.

She married an American soldier and, 20 years after her escape, became a U.S. citizen. Fred Charles, who'll turn 90 in February, piloted the military version of the DC-3 into Tokyo exactly 68 years ago this month, ferrying communications equipment to the USS Missouri for the formal surrender of the Japanese that ended World War II.

Now unable to walk, he arrived in a wheelchair, eager to fly.

As the DC-3 took off from Paine Field, tears filled the eyes of Reen Doser, 62, who held her hand over the United Airlines captain's wings pinned at her heart.

Her father, Mac McKelvey, had flown DC-3s for United and met Doser's mother, a stewardess, on a flight from Chicago. Both are buried on Queen Anne in Seattle, with a DC-3 etched on the headstone along with the words "Together We Fly."

The competition winners aboard the first flight Tuesday morning, and a second group on another hop that followed the same route shortly after, took turns sitting in the cockpit.

In the plush passenger cabin, they sat in six large armchairs or on two long, plush benches. They had lots of headroom. Big, rectangular picture windows allowed spectacular views.

There was no more than a quiet drone from the Pratt & Whitney engines and just a slight whiff of aircraft fuel to remind one that, though the cabin resembled an elegant Pullman car from the glory days of the railways, this was an aviation fantasy.

The DC-3, built in Long Beach, Calif., by Douglas Aircraft, defined flying in the 1930s and 1940s. More than 16,000 were produced. Immediately after the war, 85 percent of all U.S. domestic flights were in DC-3s.

Sitting at an angle on the tarmac — with a small tail wheel and taller front landing gear — the plane epitomizes the lost glamour and romance that once enwrapped the experience of flying.

This DC-3, restored by the Historic Flight Foundation, started life as the plane's military C-47 version, flying supplies over the Himalayas to support the Chinese fighting the Japanese in World War II.

After the war, it flew in China as one of the first airliners in the region.

In 1953, it returned to the U.S. and began a second life as an executive aircraft, owned by the chief executive of Johnson & Johnson and then a series of private individuals.

The airplane, which retains that VIP interior but is painted with its 1949 Pan Am livery, will fly again this weekend, along with 60 other historic military and civilian aircraft, during the foundation's annual Vintage Aircraft Weekend at Paine Field.

The area around the foundation's facility "will be covered with airplanes," said John Sessions, the Historic Flight Foundation's founder and the pilot on Tuesday's flights. All Saturday afternoon, "There'll be constant flying."

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

Essay contest gives WWII vet a ride in his old plan, 68 years later



He was just a kid when he signed up to defend our country as an Army Air Corpsman during World War II in the Pacific, but Fred Charles remembers it like it was yesterday. And he got to relive those memories this weekend during an air show for vintage planes in Everett.

The Historic Flight Foundation held an essay contest offering a chance to ride in DC-3s at The Vintage Aircraft Weekend show at Paine Field in Everett. When Fred's son heard about it, he wrote about his father's service in the war flying the military equivalent of a DC-3: the C-47.

Fred said he didn't even know about the contest until his son told him they'd been picked to fly in the air show.

"The airplane was so different from what we flew, it was really kind of plush inside there. And it was quite insulated so the noise level was level," Fred

recounted. "The flight itself brought back so many memories that I hadn't really given much thought to for years."

Fred was part of the 317th Troop Carrier Group in the Army Air Corps. Within the group, he was in the 41st Troop Carrier Squadron, which started flying in New Guinea, then Australia, around islands in the Philippines, and finally in Japan.

Twenty-four planes were sent from Okinawa to Atsugi Airport on August 18, 1945 to deliver communications equipment for the signing of the Japanese surrender. Fred still remembers that flight 68 years ago:

"At daylight, we broke out there into the clear and there was old Mount Fuji," said Fred. "The sun was rising and that old mountain, the snow cap was up there and it was one of the prettiest mornings I remember seeing."

Dori could hardly imagine military men and women as young as Fred taking on the task of saving the world in their teens and early twenties. It's appropriate that they were labeled the 'Greatest Generation.'

"We were all kids, basically," he said. "And didn't know what the hell we were really doing, you know, flying that plane."

<http://mynorthwest.com/76/2342871/Essay-contest-gives-WWII-vet-a-ride-in-his-old-plane-68-years-later>

BROADCAST SUMMARY

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