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Chairman's Corner

We had a benign start to 2012 but it lulled us into a state of false optimism that we would have a mild winter this year. I hope everyone stayed safe and has now recovered from the Triple Whammy Storm of 2012. The snow, the ice and finally the wind did a great deal of damage. South King County seems to have been hard hit with numerous lengthy power outages, downed branches and large trees split asunder by the ice build up. Jean and I have been having a family time as our daughter and family have been staying with us as their power was off for several days. Fortunately, we had power during the storm. It is ironic as our son in law is a Puget Sound Energy employee. It did show how much we rely on our electronic devices as people lost the cable TV and Internet making it difficult to communicate although the old fashioned landline telephone seemed to be unaffected.

The Red Cross set up several temporary shelters and I think several of our Bluebills helped to man them.

Let's hope we have seen the last of this extreme weather and we can now return to our familiar rainy days with the prospect of an early spring. At least it will give the landscapers and the tree service companies a lot of business in the coming weeks.

This year I would like to set a goal for the Heritage Chapter to report 65000 volunteer hours. Last year everyone made a great effort. Total hours for December were 6244.5 for a total of 67488.5 volunteer hours for the year 2011. So keep sending your monthly reports to the office.

Howard

January Monthly Meeting Recap

The January 2012 meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerry Durbin. Following the pledge, our new Chairman, Howard Syder, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2012 and began introducing visitors. Thanks to the speaker, Bob Bogash, and his topic, "In Search of an Icon", an hour of incredible information on locating Boeing's Clipper ships, we had a banner turn out with sixty-seven (67) members along with ten (10) visitors who came to enjoy – and share – their memories of knowing these incredible "flying boats". Howard then continued by introducing those who were celebrating birthdays and anniversaries – with the usual hilarious commentaries – some folks said they were nearing 100, and others saying they were over 21! For wedding anniversaries, Howard and his wife will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on Monday, Feb. 27th – congratulations!

Dick Cihak announced that The 95th Bomber Group's newsletter had an acknowledgement of the wonderful things that happen to them here in Seattle in October 2011 when they met for their annual reunion. These veterans flew B-17's over Germany during WW II. In particular among Seattle's Best was The Best Reception. "*The Bluebills, Boeing's retiree group, gave us a hearty welcome when we arrived at the airport, as well as serving as excellent tour guides of their outstanding museum.*" There were quite a few people from the Heritage Chapter who took part in that welcoming committee and Dick received rave reviews. The Bomber group thought this was the first time the participants had ever received that type of

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welcome. He ended with a thank you to everyone who took part in this – and kudos to Dick for his organizational efforts!

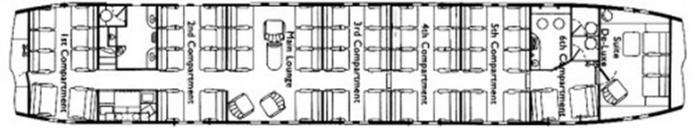
Howard extended the “opportunity” (*wait ... isn't that what we call “volunteering”?!)* for anyone who would like to contribute items for the monthly door prizes please contact the Bluebills office (206-544-6286, or bluebills@boeing.com).



The framed copy of the Boeing Bluebill plane presented to Downtown Harley-Davidson's at the December 2011 meeting was displayed in the meeting room; you'll notice it over the shoulder of our speaker in his photo. It's a nice tribute to both the Bluebills and to the Downtown Harley-Davidson dealership.

Jim Beasley introduced our speaker, Bob Bogash, who is working on a project to raise a Model 314 Pan American plane from the ocean. He has been deeply involved in acquiring and restoring historic airplanes, including the prototype 727, 737 and 747 airplanes, a Concorde and most recently a Lockheed Super Constellation. He has a rather understanding wife who seems to have allowed him to continually add to his “bucket list” of projects!

The Hunt for a Boeing B-314 Flying Boat, Pan



American NC18601 – The Honolulu Clipper

(Photos copied from <http://www.clipperflyingboats.com/pan-am/boeing-b314>)

Bob began by thanking Carmel Camerini who returned home and provided a PC so that he could present his PowerPoint presentation ... we all benefitted from her efforts ... thanks Carmel!

Bob gave us some background on Pan American, including their founder and CEO's family naming their planes *clippers*, which came from the Pan Am family's background of actually running clipper ship sailing vessels, thus the naming of their airplanes. Everything about Pan Am was very nautical and they felt the B-314 flying boats were the new means of transportation, traveling further and faster.

Boeing built twelve of these airplanes and Bob's goal today was to answer the question “where are they?” Originally Boeing chose “no bid” to contract for these ships. But a Boeing sales-engineer, Wellwood Beall, thought it was an airplane that they should build, so despite the fact that his bosses said they were not interested, he went home and designed the 314 on his kitchen table. His wife was an interior decorator, so she designed the inside. He took the wings, engines, propellers and tails of an experimental XP15 and decided all he needed to do was design a new body for the plane. He took the idea to Pan Am and offered to build and sell them six airplanes. Guess what; they said build it! (That process most likely wouldn't fly at

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Boeing today!) He then had to go tell his bosses that he'd sold six airplanes.

There were twelve of them built and ten of them are gone. The *Honolulu Clipper* is off Hawaii. Where's the other clipper? The *Honolulu Clipper* was the first of the great Boeing 314 flying boats built - the *Cape-town Clipper* was the twelfth and last. Efforts were made to rescue the passengers and planes, but during the process the planes were extensively damage and orders were made to sink it as a menace to navigation, due to its location in the shipping lanes and the *Cape-town Clipper* was likewise sent to the bottom. So, when viewed in this light, it's a good thing

they were sunk, for now they remain, however fragmented, and however scattered, for us to search for, find, and hopefully recover.

(Editorial note: it is particularly difficult to capture such an intense presentation and condense it to a short article for our newsletter. For those of you who are as intrigued as the audience today, you are encouraged to visit his website <http://www.rbogash.com/B314.html> to enjoy his journey in locating these remaining planes.)

Bob entertained several questions from the audience and closed his presentation with a resounding round of applause from the audience.

Howard closed the meeting with the drawing for door prizes and encouraging attendance for next month's meeting. -Micki Brown Co-Editor



BUSY B'S BUSY B'S BUSY B'S

We are finally back again at work, like most everyone else we were rather "forced by Mother Nature" to

take off the 3rd Tues of January, due to weather condi-

tions. But now we are coming back strong to start all over again. With smiles on faces and busy hands.

Welcome back Joyce, it's so wonderful to see your smiling face again, we did so miss our cheery friend. We are so happy you are back again dear lady.

Gee, it's a bit hard to get back 'in the saddle' again, back into routine and we sort of got spoiled having time off, being at home, but even with that said, some of the members, continued to working at home during the time off. Thanks ladies for your dedicated time put in, much appreciated. Trust me it is.

There's not a whole lot I can say at this time, except everyone is busy working on something. We are going to be making craft aprons for *ChildHaven* real soon now. That will be something different for us to be doing, as well as activity mats covers, which amount to way long over sized pillowcases. that can be removed and washed many times over.

We sincerely hope that everyone reading this now has power, phone, cable and all back again and in full force. That was something else, that freezing can do great harm, so sad... so much damage done.

Until next month folks, stay warm and healthy.

GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL. -Bambi

RAPCO

Thanks to you Bluebills, Children at Fred Hutch, and Children's Hospital, have something to help them fill their day. The elderly in the nursing homes have something to cheer them up. (books, stuffed animals, playing cards pictures, candy etc.) These things make their life a little happier.

The children of *ChildHaven* also have something new, toys, book, game or clothing.

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And due to so many of you people donating to the Salvation Army's call for *Toys For Tots*, a lot of kids have new clothes, toy's, school supplies, games, books, even new tooth brushes & toothpaste.

Now its time to get back to work trying to make life a little happier for our nursing home friends, home bound shut-ins, and the joy of working with fellow Bluebill's friends in this New Year.

Prayer list for the Month of February

Get well list for this month are:

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| Barbara Adamson | Dick Beham |
| Karen Fields | Tom Gangwish |
| Marge Hardaway | Roland Machado |
| Joyce Hassler | Pat Itzen |
| Ken Porter | Merv Shetler |
| Denise Stone | |

Our Condolences to Wally Alder...on the recent loss of his wife.

Hopefully all you Bluebills have your electricity back on and your home in once again warm.

Thanks to you kind hearted folks, many toys have happy new homes. Fran Parker donated a large collection of teddy bears to needy children. Maybelle Brinkley, Fran Parker, Don Hilt and others working in Bellevue were responsible for children receiving much needed books, toys, games, crayons, coats, jacket, etc. Because of your kindness many adults in nursing homes and the kids in *ChildHaven* also received gifts. A poor school also received a load of toys, books, etc. You all did a great kindness to so many. Thanks also to Zip Zuther being aware that there was a very sad situation of a family being burned out of their house, We were able to help them have a happy time with your donations delivered by Zip &

Heinz.

Now we have to think of ways to help the food banks, due to the storms and people being without power.

We will also be collecting blankets and lap robes for the nursing homes. Due to the cold weather, those will be much appreciated, -Eileen Bear

Volunteer Opportunities

Bluebills have once again been invited to participate in Overlake Hospital's 2012 Active Senior Fair. The fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th (the second Saturday of March) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Westminster Chapel of Bellevue. The church lay out works well for the fair and has wonderful accessibility for the senior population. Vendors will be located in the gym with the entertainment in the sanctuary across the hallway and the lectures will be near the entrance. The gym has good accessibility from the north parking lot so access for the participants is fairly easy.

We need volunteers to staff the Bluebills table for two hours or more at a time. Last year approximately 1,350 to 1,500 seniors attended and they anticipate as good a turn-out this year. The fair is an excellent way for Bluebills to get the word out about our organization and hopefully recruit some new members.

If you would like to volunteer for this activity, please contact the office at 206-544-6286 or e-mail bluebills@boeing.com. We will then contact you with final details. Thank you for your support!

February 24th Chapter Monthly Meeting—Speaker: Kirk Larson—Subject: “The Center for Disability & other subjects of Social Security”

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Kirk Larson, Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration, has worked with the agency for over 19 years in both technical and managerial roles. Kirk has presented Social Security information in Washington and California. He has had numerous articles published, and has appeared on TV and radio shows to discuss various Social Security issues. The Social Security Administration and other Federal Government organizations have recognized him for his outstanding public service. Kirk has a degree in Business Administration from California Polytechnic University at Pomona.

In addition to speaking about the Center of Disability, Kirk will talk about ...”How Survivor Benefits can help Your Family”, “What the future holds for the Agency”, “How to get the most from your Benefit”, and SSA Online Services—www.socialsecurity.gov”

We're Not Alone!

Have you wondered what other Boeing Employee and Retiree Volunteers are doing? Well you can find out by going to our BLUEBILL Web Site at <http://www.bluebills.org>.

Not only can you learn what other BLUEBILL Chapters are doing but also current Boeing Employee Volunteers, Boeing Retirees of California, Rockwell, Boeing Retirees-Georgia Chapter, Sages of St. Louis, Missouri, and Desert Sages of Mesa, Arizona. You can also find out about the latest Retiree Travel Opportunities via the Boeing Employees Travel Club or read this and other Chapter Newsletters in full color.

That is just a sample of some of the things you can read, learn, and research, by browsing your BLUE-BILLS Web Site. **Check it out at <http://www.bluebills.org>!**

The Museum of Flight—Future of Spaceflight Exhibit and Charles Simonyi Gallery Preview

The Museum of Flight is opening its new Charles Simonyi Space Gallery early with a temporary exhibit on the future of human spaceflight and a preview of the permanent exhibit being developed around

NASA's Full Fuselage Trainer.

The temporary exhibit explores the exciting developments taking place as America's commercial spaceflight industry works to open up access to space. To date, just over 500 people from 38 countries have traveled to space – the majority of those on the Space Shuttle. The end of the Space Shuttle Program brings a new era in human spaceflight, particularly for the United States. As NASA changes its priorities to focus on interplanetary spaceflight, it is partnering with and looking to commercial companies to take the lead in launching people and equipment to low Earth orbit.

The display also includes an exciting preview of the upcoming permanent exhibit, titled Spaceflight Academy, which centers on NASA's Full Fuselage Trainer. The exhibit, which is scheduled to open in June of 2012, tells the story of how astronauts train for their mission and how the knowledge gained during our first 50 years of spaceflight has helped prepare us to explore farther into the solar system.

To learn more go to <http://www.museumofflight.org/>.

Humorous Quotes

- The surest sign that intelligent Life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us ~ Bill Watterson, *Calvin & Hobbs*
- I have six locks on my door all in a row. When I go out, I lock every other one. I figure no matter how long somebody stands there picking the locks, they are always locking three. ~ Elayne Boosler
- Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes ~ Jack Handey
- A compromise is an agreement whereby both parties get what neither of them wanted. ~ Author Unknown
- The large print giveth, but the small print taketh away. ~ Tom Waits, *Small Change*

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Food Bank Schedule For 2012

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Mrian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Bob Lambert
October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz

Calendar of Events 2012

Jan 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
June 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
June 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
July 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
July 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug ?	Picnic
Sep 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov ?	Annual Dinner
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Christmas Potluck

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Monthly Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson
3715 East Valley Road
Renton, WA

February 24, 2012

Social: 10:00 to 10:30 AM Meeting starts at 10:30 AM

Speaker: Kirk Larson

Topic: “The Center For Disability”
and other general subjects concerning Social Security.

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Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the Downtown Harley-Davidson building at 3715 East Valley Road, Renton, WA. The door on the North side of the building is opened at **10:00 AM** sharp. Please enter the building only on the north side. We meet on the 2nd floor — there is an elevator on the right as you enter. The Social hour begins at that time. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER BUILDING PRIOR TO 10:00 AM.**

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ Hours worked _____ For _____
(month/year) (agency name)

_____ Hours worked _____ For _____
(month/year) (agency name)

_____ Hours worked _____ For _____
(month/year) (agency name)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting



From the **north** take Highway 167 south to the SW 43rd St exit, turn right on SW 43rd St to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. From the **south** go north on Highway 167 take the SW 43rd St exit and turn left back over the freeway to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, Go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. The meeting is in the Downtown Harley-Davidson building, 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

