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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



I'm writing this while sitting in an RV trailer at Bryce Canyon National Park overlooking the horse corrals for the mules and horses used to provide trail rides to park visitors. The country smells reminds me of fond memories spent during summers with my grandparents in rural Wyoming, New York. I'm not sure if the park staff assigned me this location as punishment or to remind me of my childhood.

I'm here volunteering to support the Park's Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday astronomy programs. We also just finished a four day 15th Annual Astronomy Festival.

Seems I brought Seattle weather with me, with a little added thunderstorms and hail. Just this week the weather returned to normal and gave us a break to let the visitor explore the skies by looking at the sun during the day (with special sun filters) and stars at night.

I hope the weather back in Washington is giving you reasons to get out and enjoy nature and the great outdoors you have there.

As I approach the midpoint of my tour of duty as your Chairman, I'm looking back on what I might have done to encourage more involvement in the leadership of our organization. I'm realizing, at age 73, I'm one of the younger generation in our group.

The Central Leadership Council has been holding

meetings to look at building better relations with active Boeing employees, so they will be ready and willing to join our ranks when they retire. Not so easy a task. One arena is to have some joint volunteer work projects. One was held in late May on Whidbey Island with the Snohomish Chapter. I believe this is may be an important way to bridge the gap. Please think about joining one of the events later in the year, we will get a schedule of times and places.

I also believe we also need to do a survey of our current membership to find out their current intentions for volunteering and involvement in leadership. We last filled out an interest survey when we joined the Bluebills, but that was many year back for most readers. Interests change, health changes and our available time disappears which changes everything we do in and with our community.

As I remove myself from other volunteer responsibilities, I need to spend more time in the office. There are many paperwork opportunities available to support the Bluebills.

I hope all of you are looking forward to our annual summer picnic in August in Renton. I'll be able to attend for the first time (I'm usually off somewhere in the country at an astronomy star party).

This month I had better recognize the efforts of Don Hilt, Howard Syder and all the others who are keeping the office open and the Bluebills operating. Without them I couldn't be off hiking the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon and enjoying sharing the night sky with the visitors.

See you all at the July meeting.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

Hi Bluebills,

It was suggested to me to feature, each month, one of our Busy B's. I liked this idea and I think everyone will enjoy getting the inside "scoop" on our members. I'm starting this month with **Bambi Lee** since she is the founder of our group.



Bambi retired from Boeing in 1995 and joined the Bluebills. She was asked by Barbara Willard, the chairman at the time, to refurbish some donated dolls and the Busy B's officially

began in 1996.

The following are in her words:

From the start... meager beginnings... on a shoe string even. Before I retired I talked about how I wanted to get involved in volunteer work, not knowing what I wanted to do, just help those who needed it. But it took me a year or more before I talked Jim into going with me to a Boeing Bluebill meeting. We read about it in the Boeing newsletter at the time. We got caught up in it from the start. Barbara Willard was the Chairman at the time and she very much impressed me.

After the meeting I saw some broken dolls laying aside and Barbara told me they had been donated to be refurbished and no one took it on, so I took home some and the next meeting she was talking to me about organizing a group to work on them. I could not see myself organizing anything but she convinced me **one person can** make a difference. I later came up with the idea of making quilts. Jeanne Hasse came in one day with a crazy quilt template set and thus we got started on quilting. We all worked together making one quilt at a time.

I did not start keeping records until 1999 when we had 9 members. The long term ones were Betty Brennan, Donna Palmer and Edith Leatham and myself. In 2002 we had another burst of new members with Yoshi Akers, Belle Thomas, Mel Lundberg, and Janice

Hawes. 2006 brought us Lana Mitsules and Joyce Hassler joined in 2009. 2012 brought us Lisa Nyreen and Jean Derheim, then Sibyl Fletcher in 2015. We have come a long way.

How it all began – it started with a doll needing some TLC, then stuffed animals, which Betty Brennan took over, even keeping them at her home until the time came to give them to local food banks at Christmas. When we started we "begged", yes, I mean begged for scraps of supplies as we had no budget what so ever, not one single penny. Actually if a porcelain doll to fine to play with was donated, I auctioned it off for cash for our kitty to buy thread or what was needed at the time.

When we finally got a budget I was allowed to buy TWO brand new sewing machines at Sears. \$99.00 each and I still sew on one of them today. We have had sewing machines donated since. We were blessed when Estelle Mead came into our lives. She has knitted to her hearts content to make beautiful pieces of art in the form of caps, mittens, scarves for children at Christmas, plus countless afghans and lap robes for nursing homes.

I would like to add here, Norma Vaughn has been of great help through the years since Barbara's death. Anything I needed help with, she was there to answer questions and help anyway she could. Thanks so much Norma.. and while thanking, will add a bit of thanks to Hubby Jim for hauling me all over the place and standing by me through thick and thin. I could not have done it without you hubby.

It's truly delightful to be able to help those who need a hand up.. We started off giving our quilts to Habitat for Humanity as a welcome to their new homes and later expanded to quilts for Veterans, quilts for Child Haven and at the present time, quilts and medical dolls for Children's Hospital.

In thinking back through the years, when I started it all and was called "The Doll Lady" to later changing the name to Busy B's for Boeing Bluebills that about covers it all and we do keep busy. I am glad Barbara Willard convinced me to

start the group, it's been a good thing and we helped many people through the years. Rest in peace Barbara. Love you!

Bambi.

As you see, Bambi has created something great and has done such a good job of organizing and record keeping, it has been easy to step into her "shoes" when she retired, again, in 2013. She is greatly appreciated and hopefully will want to remain with the Busy B's for years to come.



June Chapter Meeting Recap

Submitted by Mary Ulibarri

Vice Chairman Howard Snyder called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no new members or guests, several birthdays and one anniversary.

Howard gave an update on the volunteer hours turned in last quarter: Heritage Chapter has 8,203 hrs, with a combined total of all chapters at 14,132 hours. The number of members turning in hours averaged 90, down 25%. Please report your hours. The Olympic Peninsula Chapter (Oly-Pen) is setting up a committee to come up with ways to improve membership participation. We are looking for a representative from Heritage Chapter to participate on the committee. Contact Don Hilt or Howard for more information.

Howard also discussed the need for members to step into the duties Maybelle Brickley so aptly provided. Jim Lee has taken on the coordination with agencies looking for volunteers, but there is an urgent need for someone to help provide the link for getting the manpower needed to fill those requests.

Howard then called on Janice Hawes who recognized Bob Lambert for the many years of service on behalf of the Bluebills. Would there even be a Bluebills organization without him? More specifically, the Busy Bs want to thank Bob for all the help he has provided, such as delivering quilts to hospitals and arranging tours at various locations. The gift was beautiful, handmade quilts with a traditional red, white and blue theme -- nice work Lisa Nyreen. And a big thank you, Bob.

Lonnie Stevenson reminded the members of the need for volunteers to man the Bluebills booth at the Washington State Fair in September and passed around the sign-up sheet.

Howard then introduced the speaker, Major Carl Lindberg, whose topic was "Civil Air Patrol's History and its Unique Three Missions in the 21st Century." Here's some personal background for Major Lindberg.



Carl grew up as the son of a career USAF pilot who soloed in a Boeing PT-17 Stearman (open cockpit Bi-plane) in 1943, and later flew 20 different aircraft (including several from the Boeing family of companies; B-25 Mitchell, B-26 Invader, and the Boeing C-97 Stratocruiser) in his Air Force career.

Carl was a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadet in the late 1950s – early 1960s earning the highest national



cadet program award while a cadet in a California squadron. Before and after his active duty time in the USAF, Carl was a Senior (Adult) Member in the CAP serving as an aircrew observer, ground search team member in cadet programs and on the Wing Staff in Nebraska.

Carl served four years in the USAF with two job specialties: Air Intelligence Analyst & Air Photo Interpreter. He served in Intelligence staff offices of the Pacific Command and the Headquarters of the Strategic Air Command.

He is a Boeing retiree and recently became a member of the Bluebills. At Boeing, he developed manufacturing plans for various airplane programs in the Commercial Airplanes Division's Renton Industrial Engineering Orgn. Later in his career he was an instructor developing and teaching various courses around Boeing locations including: Wash DC, Philadelphia, Wichita, and the Space Center. He also served in many BEGNF campaigns including the national award-winning 1990 campaign.

After retiring, Carl re-joined the Civil Air Patrol in Washington State, first serving as the Aerospace Education Officer in the Northshore Squadron. He currently serves as the Director of Aerospace Education providing support to all 27 CAP squadrons around the state.

ism. The CAP mission has changed over the years. CAP members no longer search for Nazi submarines, but members continue to donate countless hours in community service. Today, CAP is known for its three humanitarian missions: aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services. As the U.S. Air Force auxiliary, CAP is organized following a military style chain of command.

Civil Air Patrol was conceived in the late 1930s and officially established on Dec. 1, 1941, just days before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. By the end of the war, CAP's coastal patrol had flown 24 million miles. CAP found 173 submarines, attacked 57, hit 10, and sank two. Following the war, Congress created the U.S. Air Force in 1947 and designated CAP as its official civilian auxiliary in 1948.

Today, CAP performs three main missions, as chartered by the U.S. Congress:

Aerospace Education - CAP builds enthusiasm for aviation and space through its aerospace education programs. CAP's cadets and adult members learn about aviation history and the scientific principles that make flight possible.



With the help of a power point presentation, Major Lindberg proceeded to regale the audience with many facts and interesting side stories with a personal and humorous spin. There is not enough space here to report all of the fascinating information he shared with the members. But here are the main points. He started with a bit of background regarding the history of Civil Air Patrol (CAP). It is a rich history built on the spirit of volunteer-



The public benefits from CAP's aerospace education programs as well, since CAP provides educators at all grade levels with resources to incorporate aviation, space, and technology themes into their school curriculum.

Cadet Programs - Through CAP's Cadet Program, young people from age 12 to 20 develop into responsible citizens and are inspired to become to-



morrow's aerospace leaders. The program is organized around five elements: leadership, aerospace, fitness, character, and activities. As cadets participate in these five elements, they progress through a series of 16 achievements, earning honors and increased responsibilities along the way. Adult volunteers supervise the cadets and help them develop leadership skills. CAP inspires in youth a love of aviation and strives to equip them with the discipline and skills they will need to succeed in adult life.

Emergency Services - Best known for its members' work in search and rescue and disaster relief missions, CAP is expanding its role in the 21st century to include an increasing number of homeland security and counterdrug missions and is incorporating digital imaging technology into its life-saving work.

CAP members undergo rigorous training to perform safe and cost-effective missions, serving as pilots, communicators, ground team members, and numerous other roles. Shortly after 9/11, a CAP aircrew was the first to fly a civilian aircraft over Ground Zero, providing authorities with vital images of the fallen World Trade Center. They have also been first on the scene for disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the Oso landslide.

Organization Structure - Civil Air Patrol is a private, nonprofit corporation chartered under a special act of Congress. Additionally, CAP is the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force when it performs Air Force assigned missions. The volunteer side of the organization uses a structure that is similar to a military chain of command.

Policy-Setting Boards - Consists of the CAP Board of Governors, which is accountable to the Congress and is comprised of Air Force officers and CAP volunteers. Assisting the BoG in setting CAP's goals and policies are the National Board and National Executive Committee. These two boards are comprised exclusively of CAP volunteers, except for one Air Force representative.

CAP Regions - CAP divides the U.S. into eight areas known as regions, with names such as Northeast Region and Pacific Coast Region. Regions are mostly administrative units. Their main role is to monitor and support the five to nine wings in their geographic area.

CAP Wings - There are 52 wings in CAP, one for each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Wings have operational and administrative responsibilities and normally maintain working relationships with state and local government agencies primarily with departments of emergency management.

CAP Groups - In wings that have a large geographic area or are highly populated, the wing commander may create groups. The main role of the group is to supervise and assist its squadrons.

CAP Squadrons - The squadron is the community-level organization of CAP and the heart of the organization. In CAP, the basic operational unit is the squadron. All other echelons work to support it.

Wing commanders may activate squadrons whenever there is a minimum of 15 members in a unit, three of whom must be adult members. There are approximately 1,500 squadrons in CAP nationwide.

CAP National Hdqrs. at Maxwell AF Base, Alabama, assists the volunteer leadership at the national, region, wing and unit levels in carrying out CAP's missions. A staff of approx. 150 civilians supports the more than 55,000 volunteers throughout the nation.

Carl concluded by stating there are many strengths in CAP's missions & organizational structure. As a result, new members have unlimited opportunities to gain knowledge and experience across a wide spectrum of interests in an atmosphere of teamwork and mutual respect. They can

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Fellow Bluebills: Thanks for letting the Olympic Chapter have some room in your newsletter. I hope you can support our golf tournament.

For the past three years, Olympic Peninsula Bluebills have helped Jefferson County Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault by holding a benefit golf tournament. These golf tournaments have raised over \$33,000. The money provides lodging and critical items to those women and children who just show up at the shelter and need help.

The Olympic Peninsula Chapter is asking all Bluebill golfers to help make this tournament a success again in 2015 by joining them on the golf course in Port Ludlow. We have a good sponsor base for the tournament and most of the profit comes from that..BUT, we cannot have a golfing event without players. And there are no golfers we would like to see more than fellow Bluebills.

For spouses who do not play golf, or for anyone who just wants to have a day out on the peninsula, the Chapter has arranged a day of shopping in Port Townsend, ending up at the awards ceremony and cocktail party at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow.

Here are all the details:

Golf Tournament Information:

Date: Friday, September 18, 2015

Location: Port Ludlow Golf Course

751 Highland Drive

Port Ludlow, WA , 98365

360 437-0272

Time: 12:00 Shotgun start. Registration begins at 10:30 am.

Come early: there are free driving range balls, raffle prizes, putting contests and various games to test your skills.

Format: Four person scramble.

Form your own team or we will pair you. There is a men’s flight, a women’s flight and a couple’s flight. If you want to play we will find a place for you. Awards for each flight.

Cost: \$100 per player. This includes:

Green fees

Golf cart

Range balls

Box lunch



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become rated or certified in numerous specializations and can pursue opportunities to serve at a staff level. Members at every level have a true sense of loyalty and ownership in CAP. New CAP members can be proud to be part of an organization with such a rich heritage of national, state, and community service.

Carl opened the floor to many questions and offered brochures and business cards to those who were interested in more information.



Howard concluded the meeting with the door prize drawings.

Boeing Store Notice to Retirees

“The Boeing Store is now offering its annual employee discount to Boeing Retirees. As a retiree you may choose one day each year to receive a one-time 30% discount on all regular-price items in your order – a special offer that is not available to the public. Visit your local store or Boeing-Store.com to redeem. You’ve earned it. Shop any time at www.boeingstore.com.”



Looking Ahead

HERITAGE CHAPTER PICNIC AUGUST 28TH

This year’s picnic will be held at Gene Coulon Memorial Park Renton, Shelter 1 (South End of Park). Competition: “Best Soup”, bring enough to share. Fried Chicken, Soft Drinks, water and Ice provided. Power hookups available.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR SEPT. 11-15, 2015

BB Booth at the Fair IT’s Tradition !

We will be manning a booth at this coming **Washington State Fair September 11th – 15th** in conjunction with the Museum of Flight. **A huge THANK YOU to all who signed up for shifts during our June 26th meeting.**

It would be nice to have at least 2 people on a shift.

So,....please review the following six openings:

Saturday: 9:30 – 2 pm Need 1; 2 pm – 6 pm Need 2

Sunday: 2 pm – 6 pm Need 1; 6 pm – 10 pm Need 1

Tuesday: 6 pm – 10 pm Need 1; *also to help Doug Hoople pack up for departure.*

At the **NEXT BB General Meeting, July 26**, I will be seeking final commitments for any remaining open shifts.

A special Thank you to Jim Bunt who will help me with setup at ‘oh-early’ on Friday, opening day.

If you want to sign up for any of the six shifts above, call or email me . . with your name and phone number.

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Sincerely,

Lonnie Stevenson

SEPTEMBER - HOBBY AND CRAFT FAIR

The Heritage Chapter has many gifted hobbyists and crafters who make lovely and interesting items. We would love to see what you create in your spare time. Please bring your “show and tell” items to the September 25th monthly meeting. If you would like to sell any items, that will be okay, too. We look forward to a big turnout for this fun event.

Calendar of Events 2015

Jul 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting

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Food Bank Schedule For 2015

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

Month	Location	Coordinator
July	West Seattle	Marian 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
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

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



July 31, 2015

**VFW Post 1263
416 Burnett Ave S
Renton, WA**



10:00 AM Social 10:30 AM—12 Noon Meeting

Speaker: Mike Luis

Topic: "The Center for Wooden Boats"

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

Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

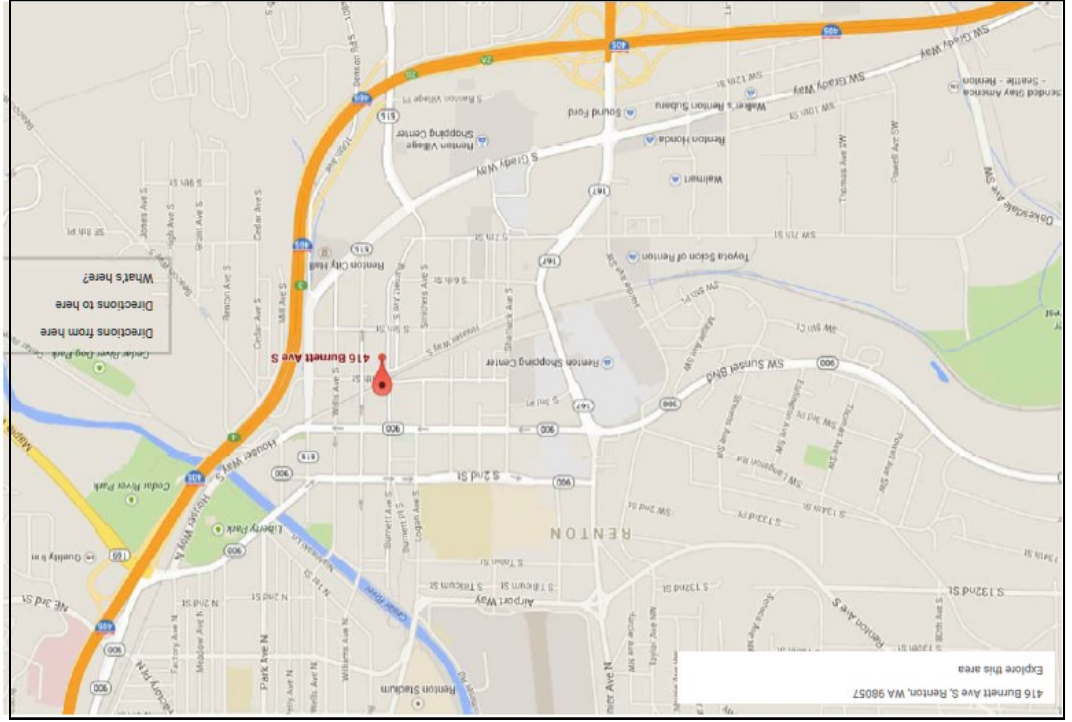
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting: 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton WA 98057



From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to Bronson Way. Keep right and continue on S 2nd St. Turn left onto Williams Ave S. Turn left onto Williams Ave S and turn right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto Burnett Ave S. Go one right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto Burnett Ave S to VFW. Directions from here

Directions to here

What's here?

From the **south** go north on Highway 405 to Exit 2 Hwy 167 Rainier Ave S. Go north to S Grady Way. Turn right on S Grady Way to Talbot Rd (3rd light) turn left on Talbot Rd. One block left on Talbot Rd. Turn right on 7th St and then left on Burnett Ave S. Continue three blocks to VFW.

