



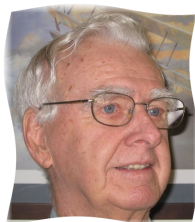
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Chairman's Comments

By Don Hilt

Monthly Chapter Meetings

Be sure to come to the monthly meetings to listen to the monthly speakers and socialize with other members. Come early to help Richard set up speakers, the projector and make coffee. You can also help us clean up after the meeting!

Richard and I are not getting any younger and it would really help us. You also run the risk of having no coffee or PA system. Do step up and help at each meeting..

Don

Dear Boeing Retiree,

Please join us on Wednesday July 19th for a virtual update to learn about Boeing's recently released 2023 Commercial Market Outlook (CMO), addressing the industry's long-term forecast of commercial air traffic and airplane demand over the next 20-years. You will also hear an overall update on Boeing's Commercial Airplanes division. Our guests will include Darren Hulst, Vice President of Commercial Marketing, and Bill McSherry, Vice President of State and Local Government Operations.

The Boeing CMO is our annual forecast of 20-year demand for commercial airplanes and services, including global and regional analysis. Since 1961 the CMO has been the industry standard for insights into the future of air travel and annually provides valuable analysis to airlines, suppliers and the aviation community. You can find the latest CMO [here](#).

If you would like to join us for this virtual update, please [RSVP here](#).

Cory Ertel
Government Operations



June Meeting Summary

By: Mary Ulibarri

Don Hilt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two members present with June birthdays – Jim Beasley and Dick Beham.

Richard announced that the Boeing IT folks finally helped Norma and Mary get access to their computers again after almost six weeks of shutdown. Now they can get back to updating the membership list. Please let the office know if you have had any changes in your address, email, phone number, etc.

It was decided there will not be a Bluebill picnic this summer--no sponsor funding. There is still a possibility of having a potluck at the August meeting. A vote will be taken at the July meeting.

The Busybees are sponsoring a quilt raffle and will be selling tickets at the July and August meeting, with the drawing being held at the end of the August meeting.



Jim Beasley then introduced Rick Faunt, Treasurer, Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), Washington State Association.

With the help of a slide presentation, Rick provided much information for hearing impaired individuals presently wearing hearing aids and in support of those who may find a need in the future.

Statement of Strategic Intent

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) remains true to its mission and to the vision of its founder, Howard E. (Rocky) Stone.

HLAA Mission.

HLAA opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy, and support.

HLAA works to make the world a better place for people with hearing loss. They advocate on behalf of not only Washington, but communities across the country.

They provide support services and up-to-date informational resources that enable people to live and work successfully with hearing loss. The chapters and state organizations provide opportunities for people with hearing loss to discover the power of self-help and to join with others in making their local communities more hearing and access friendly communities in which to live.

HLAA connects with local community resources and publishes *The HLAA Washington E-News*, keeping people up to date about hearing loss. They give complimentary memberships to veterans and raise awareness about hearing loss.

HLAA is first and foremost a consumer and advocacy organization. They represent the interests of the 36 million people (approximately 17% of the population) in the U.S.A. with hearing

loss.

Hearing loss is a major public health concern and the third most common chronic health condition affecting older adults. One in five teenagers has some hearing loss. However, fewer than 20% of those with hearing loss, who require intervention and treatment, seek help for their condition.

Untreated hearing loss has been shown to impact a person's overall health and quality of life, sometimes leading to social isolation, depression and even dementia.

Considering OTC hearing aids? HLAA's OTC tip sheet can help.

What is "mild to moderate" hearing loss? You may have mild to moderate hearing loss if...

- You have trouble understanding conversations in groups, with background noise, or when you can't see who is talking.
- You have trouble hearing on the telephone.
- You need to turn up the volume of television, or radio loud enough for others to complain.
- Your friends or family complain that you don't understand speech, and ask them to repeat often.

OTC may NOT help you if...

- You also have trouble hearing conversations in quiet environments.
- You also have trouble hearing loud sounds like power tools, or motor vehicles.
If you experience these, you should see a hearing care professional.

Important questions to ask about OTC hearing aids..

- Is there a free trial period, or money back return policy?
- Does it need a smartphone, app, or computer to install, operate, and customize to my needs?
- Is it compatible with cellphones, or smartphones?
- Does it have connectivity via Bluetooth, or telecoil to a smartphone, computer, or listening system?
- Can the hearing aid's amplification be adjusted?
- Is it water/sweat resistant?
- How does it control, reduce, or block out background, or wind noise?
- How long is the battery life? Can it be recharged?

Other Considerations..

- Pay attention to package warnings. If you have pain, sudden hearing changes, or dizziness, see a doctor.

- It may take time to adjust to hearing devices. If the first hearing aid doesn't work, keep trying, and you may want to seek the help of a hearing care professional to advise you.

For more information contact www.hearingloss-wa.org.

Rick concluded his presentation by answering many relevant questions from the members. Richard then conducted the door prize drawing.

Busy B's

By: Melinda Stubbs

Even though we got a late start for 2023 due to lack of badges, our group has been busy trying to catch up.

Starting with June 30 Bluebills mtg in Renton, continuing to July 28 and ending on August 25, we will be selling raffle tickets with the opportunity for one of our lucky members to win a quilt.

We hope to see you at our regular Bluebills mtgs & please purchase a raffle ticket, or two, or more.



Securing today
and tomorrow

You're Invited: SSA Information Session on Health Information Technology Partnerships

Submitted by Micki Brown

Dear Colleague,

Our health information technology (health IT) capability uses existing information systems and supports national standards, policies, and technology to share health information securely through the eHealth Exchange, Oracle Cerner, CareQuality, and others. Since 2008, we have been working with other federal agencies and private organizations to enable the electronic exchange of health information and improve the disability determination process.

We are hosting an information session to explain the collaborative opportunity and potential benefits that health care providers and the public may experience when partnering with SSA's health IT program. The information session will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from **2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. ET**, via Microsoft (MS) Teams. This is a listen and view only forum.

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If you would like to participate, please [register](#) by Monday, July 10, 2023. After registration, you will receive an email with the MS Teams link. To learn more, visit our [health IT webpage](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at oea.net.post@ssa.gov.

Sincerely,

Dawn Bystry
Acting Associate Commissioner
Office of Strategic & Digital Communications

History Links

HistoryLink.org is the continually evolving online encyclopedia of Washington state history.



Traveling by Air

On **July 9, 1949**, the **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport** opened its first modern terminal, five years after the first runways were opened in 1944. Work began on the project in 1942 when the Port of Seattle agreed to develop a new airport at Bow Lake, midway between Seattle and Tacoma, to help relieve pressure on **existing airports** caused by the demands of military aviation during World War II.

At the time of its opening, airlines still relied on propeller-driven planes to fly even such long routes as Seattle's first scheduled **service to the Far East**, which began in 1947. Boeing entered the **Jet Age** on July 15, 1954, with the launch of the **Dash-80** prototype for the 707, but Sea-Tac's runways couldn't accommodate the new planes until 1956. Like most airports, Sea-Tac has struggled to keep pace with changes in air travel through the **era of airline deregulation** and into **recent times**.

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In 1988 the Port of Seattle **released a study** concluding that the existing two runways would reach maximum efficient capacity by the year 2000. Planning began in 1992, but **Environmental Impact Statements, noise abatement studies, Clean Water Act** permits, **wetlands reparations**, and **community litigation** all contributed to delays in construction. By the time the **third runway opened** in 2008 the cost had tripled to more than \$1 billion, and a variety of expansion plans to accommodate ever-increasing passenger traffic are often discussed.

Travels Here and There

This week in 1811, Canadian explorer David Thompson was quite the traveling man. Having already visited with the **Kalispel Indians** on the Pend Oreille River a month earlier, Thompson made his way through the **Colville Valley** to **Kettle Falls** and arrived at the mouth of the Sanpoil River during the first week of July. It was here that he composed the first written descriptions of the local landscape while trying to determine if the Columbia River was a navigable trade route to the sea.

Thompson was also the first white man to make contact with and record descriptions of the **Sanpoil** and **Nespelem** Indians. On July 6 he met with the **Methow** Indians, a day later with the **Sinkayuse**, and finally with the **Wanapum** on July 8, near the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers.

He arrived at the confluence on July 9, where he planted a **Union Jack** and claimed the surrounding country for Great Britain, a claim that did not prevail. After traveling down the **lower Columbia River**, he **met up with agents** of John Jacob's Astor's Pacific Fur Company who had already **established a post** at the mouth of the river that strengthened America's claim to the region. Before returning back up the Columbia, Thompson made a visit to **Cape Disappointment** – named by English fur trader John Meares on **July 6, 1788**.

Ports of Call

In 1931 the historic frigate USS *Constitution* embarked on a national "thank you" tour for those who donated money for its restoration. After spending **two weeks in Seattle** in June 1933, the ship traveled to Tacoma and Bremerton before arriving in Everett for a week-long visit on **July 7, 1933**. While there, members of the *Constitution's* crew played a baseball game with the Everett White Sox.

Boxing Brawl

On July 11, 1936, **Freddie Steele** defeated Eddie "Babe" Risko at Civic Stadium in Seattle to become boxing's **middleweight champion**. Known as "The Tacoma Assassin," Steele went from prizefighter to Hollywood actor, appearing in several films in the 1940s, including a supporting role in the acclaimed movie *The Story of G.I. Joe*



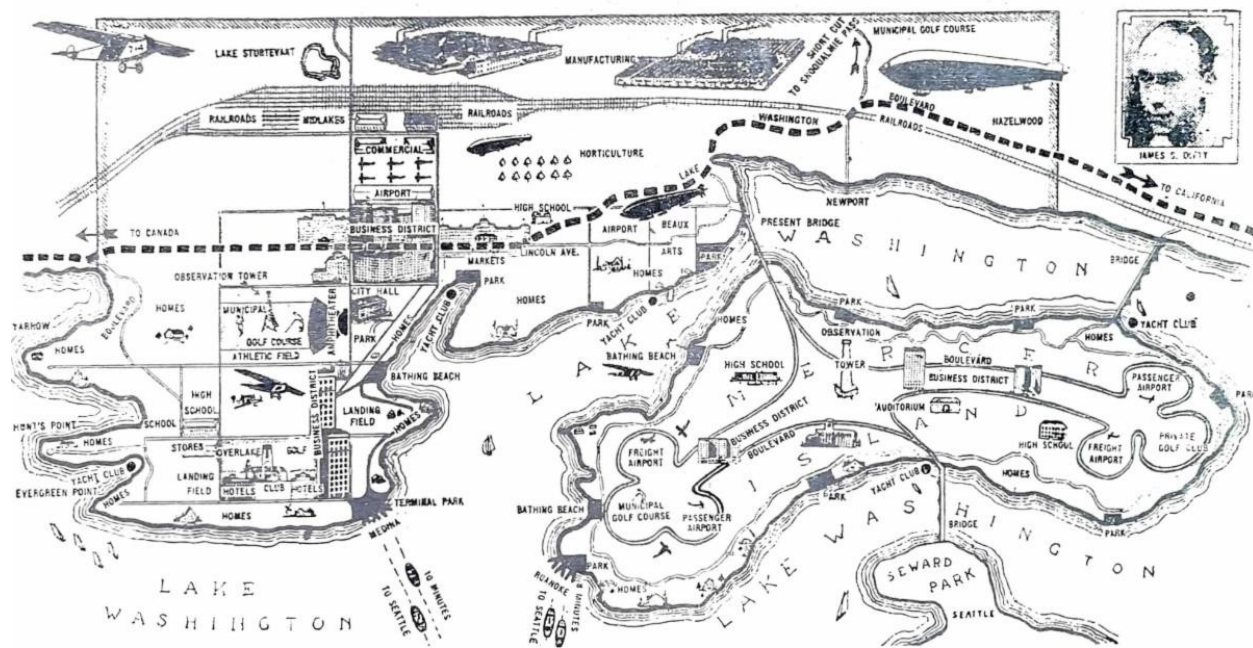
Eastside Stories

The Lake Washington Scenic Highway

By EHC Volunteer, Margaret Laliberte

W.E. LeHuquet, owner and editor of Bellevue’s Reflector newspaper liked to call it the Lake Washington Scenic Highway. The Seattle Star newspaper preferred Lake Washington Boulevard. Both were referring to the string of streets and highways eventually stitched together to form a continuous 52-mile route circling Lake Washington. In an opinion in 1919 urging readers to support the completion of a final four-mile segment between Bellevue and Newport, the Star exclaimed “Do you realize that this boulevard, when completed, will give to Seattle the most beautiful circuitous trip in the state and that it will be one of the principal scenic attractions of King County”?

A PLAN FOR THE EAST SIDE – AS ENVISIONED IN 1928



L 84.028.1 - Ditty City 1928 illustrated map of Bellevue - John Ditty's vision of the future.

The final stretch was indeed completed, and on June 5, 1920 an autocade traveled from Seattle’s County-City Building around the north end of the lake to Bellevue’s Wildwood Park near

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Meydenbauer Bay for festivities showcasing speeches by officials of the Automobile Club of Western Washington as well as past and current county commissioners. The Bellevue District Development Club had decorated the town with flags and banners, and Eastside ladies' committees served coffee, lemonade and sandwiches. The event was hosted by the Reflector.

During the 1920s and 30s, the Seattle Star sponsored an annual 52-mile walking contest around the lake. Contestants who decided that by the time they reached Bellevue they'd had enough were offered transportation across the lake back to the City. In 1928 the male winner of the race finished the entire course in 9 hours, 24 minutes. His first-place cash prize of \$250 would be worth about \$4,000 today. The winning woman, a Monroe teacher, finished in 13 hours, 11 minutes. (The Seattle Times announcement did not mention whether she too received a prize.)

It is not likely that all the roads constituting the entire route were ever known uniformly as Lake Washington Boulevard. In Seattle the Olmsted firm laid out the section running from Montlake to Seward Park along the lake shore; it is still Lake Washington Blvd. On the Eastside in 1945 a long stretch of road called Lake Washington Boulevard ran north from Renton along the lake shore to Factoria. It turned west along S.E. 32nd (which no longer exists there) and then angled diagonally across Mercer Slough to where the Winters House stands today. It followed 104th Ave. NE to today's Main Street, where it ran west along the lake to 84th Ave. NE. At NE 28th it turned east to run along the south of Hunts Point and Yarrow Point on what is today called Points Drive to an intersection at Northup Way. Continuing north towards Houghton it was called Lake Washington Blvd until it reached the Bellevue-Kirkland boundary.



From today's perspective, one wonders why the route didn't simply run due north along present Bellevue Way/104th Ave. N.E. Early developer James Ditty thought the same thing. According to local history writer Lucile McDonald, when what later became Bellevue Way was just a "cow trail" called Peach Street in the late 1920s, Ditty bought 38 acres around today's intersection of Bellevue Way and N.E. 8th St. He granted King County an easement across his property, and in 1930 the newly paved road running north toward Kirkland was renamed Lincoln Avenue.

Ditty's property became the new nucleus of Bellevue's commercial district. But Lake Washington Boulevard continued to meander closer to the lake shore. An almost overgrown remnant of

the old paved road can still be walked between Bellevue Way and N.E. 35th Place in Clyde Hill, just south of the sound wall of SR 520. In summer prolific brambles offer up ripe blackberries for the picking.

Tahoma National Cemetery Unveiled Our Newest Monument

Submitted by: Richard Vaughn

Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 293 was an American Military charter operated on 3 June 1963 by a Northwest Orient Airlines Douglas DC-7C registered N290 which crashed into the sea off the coast of Alaska. All 101 crew and passengers on board were killed.

Flight 293 was chartered by the Military Air Transport Service of the United States Air Force to carry 95 servicemen and their families from McChord Air Force Base in Washington state to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska. [1] The DC-7 departed McChord at 07:52 Pacific Standard time. [1] The last radio contact with the plane was at 10:06, when the crew requested a change of flight level. [1] When nothing more had been heard for more than an hour, a search for the aircraft was begun at 11:16.[1] It was not until 19:22 that floating debris was seen 182.5 miles (293.7km) WSW of Annette Island, Alaska.

Approximately 1,500 pounds of wreckage was recovered, including life vests still encased in their plastic containers and extremely deformed seat frames.[2] None of the bodies of the crew or passengers were ever recovered.



Greg Barrowman worked for many years to have the people of this flight memorialized somehow. He is a resident of Kent Washington and his older brother was on the flight.

Approximately 75 people attended the dedication ceremony on June 3rd, 2023 at Tahoma National Cemetery. Many were family or friends of the passengers and crew.

Calendar of Events 2023

In Person Meetings

<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Feb 24</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Mar 31</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Apr 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>May 26</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jun 30</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jul 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Aug 25</i>	<i>Chapter In-Door Picnic</i>
<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Oct 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Chapter Holiday Potluck</i>

Food Bank Schedule For 2023

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

<i>January</i>	<i>Highline</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Bellevue</i>	<i>Doug Hoople</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Federal Way</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Maple Valley</i>	<i>Vaughn's</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Kent</i>	<i>Melinda Stubbs</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Auburn</i>	<i>Martha Battles</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>West Seattle</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Tacoma</i>	<i>(open}</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Renton</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>White Center</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Issaquah</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>

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**Don't Forget to
Report Your Hours!**

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



July 28, 2023

Social 10:00AM, Meeting 10:30 - 11:30 AM

There is no presentation scheduled for the July Meeting but it has been rumored that there are surprises in store

Come to the meeting, socialize with other members, enjoy coffee and doughnuts, and learn what our leaders have cooked up for July and August.

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

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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(month/year) (agency name)

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Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting