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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



CALLING ALL BLUEBILLS – CALLING ALL BLUEBILLS -- please call all your Bluebill friends and ask them if they're going to the Bluebill luncheon on October 26th at the Doubletree. This will be the last time this year to socialize at a big gathering of all our Heritage Chapter members. Boeing helps by paying the cost, your dinner cost goes into a donation to our Volunteer of the Year's charity of choice. We need to make sure we have strong attendance to show the need to continue this event.

There is still time to submit recommendations for a fellow Bluebill to be your Volunteer of the Year. Nominating information was available in the August newsletter.

Don't forget that we still will have our normal meeting on the last Friday (the 28th, two days later) with a great speaker, James Raisbeck of Raisbeck Engineering and a driving force behind the Aviation High School.

You still have an opportunity to run for an office within the Bluebills, either in the Heritage Chapter or The Central Leadership Team. We have names for a single slate of officers for the Heritage Chapter but have no candidates for the Central Leadership positions. Now is the time to make your visions for the Bluebills active, you can participate in making the Bluebills future.



importance.

Last month several of us had the opportunity to attend a meeting sponsored by Ray Connor on the 13th. He brought us up to date on all things Boeing, especially production rates and what was going on in the airline business. It was hard to believe the 737 line is working to get to a 50+ airplane per month rate, I can remember back when they had trouble producing 22 per month. Bill McSherry informed us about legislative issues, with both local and national

I was very happy to find out that our members read everything in this newsletter. In last month's edition in Janice Hawes' Busy B's column she wrote about a sculpture to Master Sgt Llewellyn M. Chilson, who was the most decorated soldier of World War II. I received many phone calls about that. Most Veterans know that Audie L. Murphy (later a movie star) was the most decorated soldier in WW II. I did some research on Sgt Chilson, he had received the most medals at one time from President Harry Truman and he is considered the second most decorated soldier in WW II. So he is the most decorated from Washington state.

One thing that nobody had realized is that the dates in our newsletter for our November meetings have been wrong. The Heritage Leadership meeting is November 10th and the Chapter Monthly Meeting is November 18. The error happened back at the beginning of the year and nobody caught it.

Hope to see you all at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

Doug Hoople received calls concerning my August column where I wrote that Llewellyn M. Chilson was the most decorated soldier of World War II. The callers informed him that Audie Murphy was the most decorated soldier.

I got my information from the Washington State Soldiers Home web site. I did more research and found the following from the web site Wikipedia.

"Llewellyn M. Chilson was one of the most decorated U.S. Army Infantry soldiers in World War II. He received 12 individual decorations for combat from the Army, including three Distinguished Service Crosses, Three Silver Stars and 3 Purple Hearts. The President of the United States, Harry Truman, personally decorated Chilson with seven individual decorations for combat, after the war."

Again from Wikipedia, "Audie Murphy was one of the most decorated American Combat Soldiers of World War II, receiving every military combat award for valor available from the U.S. Army, as well as French and Belgian awards for heroism. He received the Medal of Honor, 2 Silver Stars and the Distinguished Service Cross." Another web site states that he had received 33

awards including the above. Both of these brave men are Americans to be proud of.



Llewellyn M. Chilson & Audie Murphy 1952

On a positive note, I'm glad to hear that the newsletter is being read, as well as my column, so thank you.

Back to Busy B business. We are starting to make Christmas quilts for Children's Hospital and Child Haven, as well as for Compass House. For Children's the medical dolls will be dressed in gowns of Christmas

fabric as well.

One of our Busy B's, Jean Derheim is unable to come work with us due to medical problems but she is faithfully making quilt tops for us to finish as well as crocheting baby hats. We appreciate her very much and miss her company.

Yoshi Akers brought in 30 baby hats that she made, with a few of them done in Seahawk green and blue. Those should make some new Mamas and Daddys happy.

I met Bluebill Norma Blanchard recently and received from her a lot of nice fabric and yarn that was donated by her friend Jill Ririe. We always appreciate people thinking of us when they have these items they can no longer use. We still collect stuffed animals for our Christmas give-away and can always use more of these too.

We are going to raffle a quilt again and will be selling tickets (\$1.00 each), kicking it off at the annual Craft Fair held last Friday, Sept 30th, and will be selling them at the October and November meetings and drawing the winning ticket at the December potluck. The quilt was made and donated by Lisa Nyreen and it is really beautiful with a "Seahawks" pattern.

August Picnic

By Lonnie Stevenson

At the shelter next to our BB picnic shelter, there was a Boeing group celebrating the 25th anniversary for one Randy Padgett.

At our table, Light bulbs go off . . . an instant BB pre-recruitment group was born, and descended upon the unsuspecting group. Judy Leyden, Ellie Skinner and Margaret Stone introduced them to the Boeing retiree group call BLUEBILLS, told them how much fun we have, and wouldn't they look forward to joining us in the future . . .etc. etc. etc. I asked Randy when he was planning to retire. He replied, pointing to the lady sitting next to him, 'When she says I can'. I said, 'Does that mean you have to work until you are 90 years old?' . . well, laughter and good will was had by all.



So there is our recruitment for new members for this month. You saw it in action. Good job ladies.

Canopy Tours NW Zipline

By Mary Ulibarri

Pictures submitted by Micki Brown



Some folks have had the experience of a zipline adventure before, but it was still something on my bucket list. So, earlier this month it was off to Camano Island for a truly exciting and fun

adventure. After a half hour of instructions and getting outfitted with helmets and harnesses, the van took six of us up into the beautiful forest and the first of six platforms.

Our attendants/instructors were extremely safety conscious and attentive—we were in good hands. The important question that morning was “who is going to go first?” The answer: we all took turns over the next two hours. Again every precaution is taken during the hooking up procedure, the ride, and the landing. It was an extra bonus to have a sense of humor for things like shrieks of terror and delight and making a three-point landing at the end of the line.



There were five zip lines, cruising across the green canopy of trees with the wind blowing in our faces, and one crossing on a plank suspension bridge with apprehension in our hearts. Fortunately, we were attached to a line or it would not have been a pretty sight had I stepped between the slats.



What an adventure the day was – thrilling and exciting, requiring guts and nerve, but rewarding and leaving us with a sense of accomplishment. Everyone ended the session on a super high with many memories to share with friends and family. Check zipline off the bucket list.

Speaker for October

By Jim Beasley



JAMES D. RAISBECK, Founder & Chairman of the Board, Raisbeck Engineering, Inc.

After serving in the Air Force as a flight engineer from 1954 to 1958, and graduating from Purdue University in Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering in 1961, James Raisbeck joined The Boeing Airplane Company as a Research Aerodynamicist.

In 1969, Raisbeck accepted the position of President and Chief Engineer of Robertson Aircraft Corporation; then decided to fly solo in 1973 when he founded Raisbeck Engineering, Inc., which—along with its subsidiary Raisbeck Commercial Air Group—continues to present day.

During his distinguished aviation career, Raisbeck has influenced many business turbine and jet aircraft designs, from the Rockwell Sabreliner 65-Series and Learjet 31s, 35s, 36s and 60s, and produced a line of performance improvement systems for the entire Beechcraft King Air Family, now incorporated on the King Air production line.

Raisbeck Engineering has also been active in the world’s commercial airline fleets, with the Raisbeck Stage 3 Noise Reduction Systems for the Boeing 727, Armored Cockpit Security Systems for Boeing 737s and 757s—a program initiated two years before 9/11—and Enlarged Overhead Bins for the Airbus 320.

Raisbeck’s numerous professional acknowledgements and awards include the National Business Aviation Association’s Lifetime Meritorious Achievement Award, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Aviation Pathfinder Award, Living Legends of Aviation’s Lifetime Aviation Entrepreneur Award, and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Fellow.

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September Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the pledge of alliance. He acknowledged the August and September birthdays – Don Hilt, Lisa Nyreen and Dorothy Slater. There were two anniversaries – the Hilt, the Leydens and the Mobergs. I apologize if I missed anyone. Things sometimes happen too quickly and the recorder doesn't catch the names.

Doug stated the Bluebills are still looking for volunteers for the Heritage Chapter and Central Leadership Councils. Also he reminded everyone there is still time to submit candidates for the Volunteer of the Year award, to be recognized at the annual luncheon on October 26. And don't forget to mail your reservation slip and payment to the office and get ready to celebrate **"Let's Jazz Up Our Community Volunteer Activity."** And a reminder there will also be the monthly meeting on October 28. Jim Beasley announced the speaker will be James D. Raisbeck, Founder and Chairman of Raisbeck Engineering, Inc., which is located in the vicinity of the Museum of Flight.

Janice Hawes pointed out the wonderful Seattle Seahawks themed quilt, made by Lisa Nyreen, which will be raffled off at the December holiday potluck. This is an annual event that helps the Busy Bs restock their quilting/sewing supplies, so step up and buy your tickets at the next three meetings.

Oscar Olague thanked the Busy Bs, on behalf of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, for the ten blankets, 34 hats and 26 dolls. Way to go, ladies.

Doug reminded folks to bring school supplies or see Fran Parker to contribute funds. Also, don't forget your non-perishable items for the food bank. He then let each of the members, who brought their arts, crafts or hobby items, give a brief description of the wonderful creations on display.

After a fun and raucous door prize drawing, Doug adjourned the meeting turning the members loose to inspect the great projects and buy some if so inclined. The Bluebills are certainly talented, creative folks and it was a delight to share their talents.

Thanks to all who participated.



Lana Mitsules



Adrian Lawler



Eleanor Skinner



Janice Hawes



Judy Leyden



Lisa Nyreen

Calendar of Events 2016

Jan 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 26	Heritage Chapter Picnic (Coulam Pk)
Sep 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Craft Fair)
Oct 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Oct 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 16	Chapter Monthly Meeting

Food Bank Schedule For 2016

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	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Open

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

October 28, 2016

10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Speaker: James Raisbeck, Raisbeck Engineering Inc.

“Aviation High School”

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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 _____

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

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(month/year) (agency name)

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(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

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions

From the **north** take 405 S
Bronson Way. Keep right
and continue on S 2nd St. to
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 to VFW.
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
turn right on 7th St and then
left on Burnett Ave S. Con-
tinue three blocks to VFW.

