



BIG World *Flyer* Spring 2003

Director's Message

Thanks to the Brookings Flying Club for helping Big World realize our goal of having local pilots participate as instructors for their local schools. Our goal of sending a staff of three or four instructors has proven to be viable. Big World hopes other local pilot groups will participate with the same level of enthusiasm we experienced in Brookings. If we continue to supplement our staff at the local level, we will be able to provide more programs free of charge to schools in the Pacific Northwest.



This seasons debriefing meeting created several tasks. The first is to improve our checklist for staging our opening station. Several items came to light with regards to ensuring safety and adequately briefing our demonstration pilots. At smaller facilities it is imperative to have plans for arriving traffic. The noise factor during our opening session is a consideration, and we will be looking into purchasing a Bullhorn. A consensus was reached that the ideal size of a student group is sixty. In the past we have set a limit of 120. Our promotional materials will be updated with this regard of ideal participation being sixty students. This does not

eliminate programs with fewer or greater attendance.

School contact was determined to be more valuable if the local pilots were responsible for this action. We will set up a task list to be part of our promotional material that is sent to interested pilots. Our material will also emphasize that we will be unable to provide our program without the return of a signed contract from the participating schools. Specific dates relative to the program date will be included in the task list.

It was noted that we need new large flight planning forms, name tags and replacements for our Big World T-shirts. The replacement for the T-shirts would preferably be Windbreakers. We will be looking into the cost for the windbreakers. Although we have been reducing costs with our reduced crew, funding is still an issue. Any donations can be deducted as a charitable donation since BWF has a 501(c) 3 designation.

Looking forward to next season,
Stephanie R. Allen
Executive Director

**BROOKINGS FLYING CLUB
BROOKINGS, OREGON**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Brookings schools students have recently experienced a trip to our local airport, where they went through a series of learning experiences designed to familiarize them with aviation. That event was rated by observing educators as much more than just an ordinary field trip. In our opinion, it was a very highly organized, professionally presented, effective, off campus learning experience. Each group of students participated in five sessions, where they were given a very thorough explanation, demonstration, and 'hands on' learning opportunity. It was very evident that these students willingly participated in and enjoyed the activities. Many expressed enthusiasm about what they had learned.

Some reasons that this program is so highly rated:

The Big World Flight for Education Staff Qualifications - The instructors are a mix of retired airline pilots, engineers, and aircraft owners. They all are very active IFR pilots who are deeply involved in the maintenance of their own aircraft. This background provides them with the experience and knowledge so important to a skilled instructor.

The BWFE Staff Teaching Skills - Even more important than organization and instructor qualifications to the success of an education program, is the ability of the instructor to relate to the students. It was evident that they possessed this attribute naturally. This important feature of their presentation may be the main reason for the success of the program.

The BWFE Staff Attention to Details - The staff has a "let's keep on learning" attitude, which is demonstrated by their "review to improve" session they hold after each days classes. Over the nine years that they have been doing this, every detail of the program has been tuned to near perfection. Their final gesture at each field trip, where the BWFE staff line up to wave goodbye to the students in the school buses as they depart, adds a closing scene that spells nothing but class.

We would highly recommend this program as a valuable experience for any school group.

Warren Glaze



Brookings Flying Club Scholarship Committee Member
Retired Educator

Planting the Seed

On Tuesday evening we met with the Brookings Flying Club membership to discuss all manner of future business possibilities. They have for several years made available an annual scholarship fund for one student seeking a career in aviation. As with most organizations wishing to dedicate funds, the selected student does not often meet expectations. What is clear is that they need to create a selection process that better demonstrates the candidate's desire.

The formula appears to be a combination of two programs. The first level of contact should be through the continued exposure to Big World Flight for Education. At the fourth through eighth grades there is a wonderful and natural world of excitement and interest in aviation. But, the next introduction to flight should require the student to demonstrate a higher degree of commitment . . . enter the WPA Aviation Academy or Civil Air Patrol.

If indeed one of the underlying goals of Big World Flight for Education is to advance General Aviation it is important to develop a flight plan at an early age. If you want to be a millionaire . . . then associate yourself with millionaires. The same applies to being a pilot. Our challenge is to create a flight plan to touch student candidates at an early age with Big World Flight for Education. And, maintain that contact as they grow up.

Thanks to Brookings Flying Club Volunteers

Pilot members of BFC that assisted with timing, tours, and instructing: Chris McKinstry, Lee Garvin, Jay Breshears, Steve Knudsen, Dale Stimson, Thomas Moore.



To all;

Just wanted to say "THANKS" in a very big way for all the hard work, as well as fun times, that occurred while presenting the BWF program to the students at BOK. I have heard all positive responses from those persons involved with the

program, whom I've encountered in the grocery store, the local restaurants, and the schools. I plan to do a formal follow-up/evaluation this week with all teachers and personnel. I will forward that feedback to you when available. Thank you again!

Chris
BFC President

Summer BBQ for all Members

4 PM Sunday, August 24th at Nancy Jensen's home on Evergreen Sky ranch. Fly or drive in and bring a salad, desert or appetizer, Big World is providing the main course. This is a thanks to all and a planning session for next season. Please RSVP to 425-750-4463 or Red.Skyhawk@gte.net. A reminder will be sent to all members in August.

Cost of Big World Programs

Thank you to Ed Lowe, Jack Fogleburg, Tom Jensen and Richard Jones for their contributions to Big World through the Boeing Employees Community Fund. The majority of Big World's funding is received through Boeings Fund. Other funding, in the past, has been through the students of Omak Grade School and grants issued by the Blue Tarp Foundation and several grants to provide programs for after school activities and to the Native American Tribes of Washington. Other support has been from GMWnet hosting Big World's web site, Hargrave Design for designing and maintaining our web site, and contributions from individuals for fuel and ground transportation. The major contribution is from our instructors and advisors that give freely of their time and efforts. Without the generous support of these individuals and companies, we would be unable to provide quality programs free of charge to the students of Washington and Oregon.



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