



BIG World *Flyer* **2005**

Director's Message

2005 programs were limited to California and Southern Oregon. Again the enthusiastic and excellent help from the Brookings Flying Club assisted us in providing an educational and entertaining program for the students.

We welcome Del Norte High School in Crescent City, California. Fog prevented our demonstration fly-by but did not stop us from a high speed taxi. We had the pleasure of a Coast Guard Helicopter join us with a hover taxi as our introduction to the program.

We also welcome Brookings - Harbor Christian School and the returning Azalea Middle School.

The success of our programs is inherent in the article from the Curry Coastal Pilot on page 2 of this newsletter. Our crews hard work, professionalism and dedication is the heart of our success in bringing a high quality educational program to the students. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to a world class educational program.

Thank you,
Stephanie R. Allen
Executive Director

Still Recruiting for Executive Director

Rich and I keep promising to retire from our positions of President (Executive Director) and Vice President. Our board of advisors have voted to continue the organization at a lower level until our positions are replaced with qualified candidates. We will provide programs on request of schools or pilot organizations. We will not actively market to new areas. We hope that new directors will take our organization to the next level. Therefore, we are actively recruiting for an Executive Director and Vice President to replace these positions. The director should have project management skills, be familiar with the school systems and preferably had exposure to our program. This is a volunteer position. Business and traveling expenses are reimbursed. We are also recruiting for a Grant Writer/Fund solicitor. If you or you know of anyone that is interested, please have them send a short resume to Red.skyhawk@gte.net or 10960 Villa Monte Court, Mukilteo, WA 98275.

Sincerely,
Stephanie & Rich

The Curry Coastal Pilot, Brookings, Oregon

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The Pilot/Brian Bullock

Azalea Middle School students gather at Brookings Airport for a mini flight school.

Middle schoolers learn about flight

By Brian Bullock
Pilot staff writer

Mike Gordon is constantly scanning the horizon for ways to bring real world experiences to his Azalea Middle School technology students.

For the past four years, Big World and the Brookings Flying Club have helped Gordon show his students they can soar far beyond the boundaries of Curry County through aviation.

On Wednesday, the students landed once again at the airport for some guidance on how to let their aspirations soar.

Big World, Flight for Education, is a group of pilots who help turn local airports into classrooms. This is the fourth year the group has visited the Brookings Airport. The Brookings Flying Club is the local sponsor.

It is a flight school of sorts.

"It's truly an educational program," said Stephanie Allen, executive di-

rector of Big World. "We relate aviation to skills such as communications, decision making, listening and aerodynamics."

"We try to relate it to some of their mathematics and science," added Chris McKinstry, president of the Brookings Flying Club.

Sixty-four seventh- and eighth-graders from Azalea Middle School learned about all of those subjects and more from a handful of visiting pilots and some local sources as well.

Aviators from Big World flew three planes in from Washington to teach the students. Pilots from AmeriFlight contributed information about careers in aviation.

Local pilot Tom Moore displayed his experimental aircraft and described his effort in building it.

"I try to come up with as many activities as I can that fit into real life," Gordon said. "It gives the kids the idea there are other things besides

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— Mike Gordon

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Gordon said his objective is offer as many alternatives to his students as possible. He said in Brookings, many students don't see many opportunities beyond the fishing and lumber industries. Gordon said his job is to try to open their eyes to the possibilities.

"We're trying to reach out to a lot of the girls, too. To tell them there's other opportunities in life," he added.

A big thanks to Coast Auto Center

Darren Worman of Coast Auto Center donated a van to transport our crew through out the program. Rich and I were allowed to keep the van for the weekend so we could participate in the Brookings Airport Day.

Rich and I remained in Brookings to enjoy the Azalea Festival and participate in the Brookings Airport Day. We both donated 5 rides each for their Scholarship Program

Excerpts from the Brookings Flying Club Web Site.

Every year on Memorial Day weekend, the town of Brookings holds its Azalea Festival in celebration of a local wild flower, the Azalea. The event lasts the entire weekend with parades, music, food, and lots of other interesting activities. The Brookings Flying Club holds their annual Airport Day on Sunday of that weekend. This year it was held on May 29, 2005. The club gave plane rides to the public. Helicopter rides were provided by Air Shasta from Redding, Calif.. Seven years ago we had three T-28 Trojans arrive in formation, doing several low passes before landing and going on display all day. All are welcome. The Brookings Flying Club puts on the annual event to help promote and stimulate community interest and involvement in aviation, to promote aviation safety, to ensure the continued viability of facilities at the Brookings Airport, and to provide educational opportunities for the youth of Curry County through a scholarship program. One of the many goals of the Brookings Flying Club is to interest youth in pursuing an aviation career. Accordingly, the Brookings Flying Club provides scholarships for students seeking an education in that field.

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