



# BIG World Flyer

## 2006

### Reflections of a first time BWF Instructor *By Marilyn Emery*

My first Big World Flight began on Sunday morning, when I took off from Crest Airpark in my Cessna 172, to fly to Evergreen Sky Ranch to pick up Hal Bryan. The second phase was the flight with Hal to Okanogan. I put in the GPS course, but since it went in a straight line over some of the roughest mountains in Washington, I followed Hal's directions instead of the pink line. It was like an ADF, but with Hal's finger instead of a needle to point the way.

For the next four days, I came to know the other members of the crew, and to learn how they worked, adapting to each new airport and school group.

The first children we taught were from the Indian school in Okanogan. These kids were bright and eager, but so well behaved that I let them climb in my plane and move the controls. They were very careful and did not even grab the yoke until I told them to.

The Civil Air Patrol helped us at Okanogan. They were a wonderful addition to our program. Once Stephanie knew that they would be there, she incorporated them into the program and used them very effectively. They marshaled airplanes and kids with equal facility.

Oroville and Republic were beautiful. The kids were interested. When I asked one boy how he liked the event, he said, "This was great!.....You got us out of school for the day."

What most impressed me, as a pilot, was how the group worked together to make decisions. Most of the work getting weather and deciding the route, was done by Rich and Stephanie. But there was never any pressure to fly if any one of us was not comfortable with the whole picture. The group worked in much the same way to put together a program that would work in each city. I feel that is why we were able to operate in diverse situations, and still put together a program that had both the adult chaperons and the students smiling and waving enthusiastically from the busses as they left the airfield.



Marilyn Emery  
& students with her C172

Thanks to Laura Catlett and Justin Smith. Without your assistance E. WA programs would not have been possible.

## Executive Director urgently needed to take BWF to a new level

Rich and I will retire from our positions of President (Executive Director) and Vice President at the end of this year. Previously our board of advisors have voted to continue the organization at a lower level until our positions are replaced with qualified candidates. However; in order to continue to operate, we must file two officers with the State of Washington in November. We need to fill at least one executive position. 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

**A Sample of the many thank you letters from East Omak Elementary**

May 24, 2006

Dear Big World Flight,  
 I really enjoyed learning about airplanes.  
 First, I learned that if the wind is blowing towards you it makes it easier for you to lift off.  
 Secondly, I learned that you can't have too much weight in the back or the front of the airplane.  
 Finally, I learned that inside of the airplane's wings is where they hold fuel.

Sincerely,  
 Caleb Riggs



Dear Rich,  
 Thank you for letting me volunteer with the toy airplanes  
 P.S. Lima's Hotel. That's funny right or left or, 22 right 22 left thank you again.  
 #Kindsey Hughes

Dear Big world of flight,  
 Thank you for letting us go and have fun, and showing us the airplanes and teaching us how the air planes work. And letting us touch the airplanes.  
 Marilyn thank you for letting us look in your airplane and asking questions.  
 My Marilyn, Stephanie, Rich Thank you for letting us go to the Big world of flight

Sincerely,  
 Candy  
 Badger

May 23, 2006

Dear Pilots,  
 Thank you so very much for letting us come. One of my favorite activities was the one where we got to be pilots and my nickname for my initials was Hotel Charlie! I really learned a lot from you guys!

Sincerely, Hayley C.  
 (Hotel Charlie)

May 23, 2006

Dear Big World flight,  
 Thank you for the wonderful field trip. My favorite part was the part where they first took off. I also like the first station where everyone got a nickname. I also liked when we did the math and watched the movie. I think it was very interesting and inspiring.

Sincerely,  
 Gabby King

Dear Marilyn,  
 Thank you for showing us the airplane. The airplane was cool but it was small.

Your friend,  
 Erin  
 Michael

Dear Big World Of Flight,  
 Thank you for teaching us planes work. It was really fun doing it. And thank you Marilyn for letting inside your really cool plane.

From,  
 Kennedy Dork



## THE FLYING CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

Republic, Washington May 25th, 2006

In spring, Washington's Inland Empire is blossoming, with just enough moisture to keep the grass a vivid green in the upland meadows scattered like giant emeralds among the tall conifer forests. The Big World flight of three aircraft work their way northward up the narrow Sanpoil River Valley, passing the little town of Republic en route to Ferry County Airport. One by one, they make their downwind arrivals over Curlew Lake and begin their right turns to land south on the 3500' runway. In what has now become an annual event, the Big World Flying Circus has come to town!

Beginning in 1991, the Big World Flight for Education, the brainchild of young Boeing engineers, in cooperation with local school districts, has been entertaining children in grades 4 through 6 with their exciting flight demonstrations, their ground school courses in Flight Planning & Map Reading, Airport Communications & Traffic Patterns, Aircraft Pre-flight Inspections, and an Airport Tour of their local facilities, explaining employment possibilities in the aviation industry. The presentation, by now highly choreographed to pack the most information into the limited school bus schedule, is just 2 1/2 hours in length, beginning at 9 am and finishing at 11:30. For the pilots, who meet the buses, the most important skill is communicating their expertise in such a way as to capture and hold their students' attention during the short, 25 minute classes, called "rotations". Since the program is essentially a school "field trip", a way had to be found to utilize the buoyant "out of classroom" mood to good advantage. After some experimentation, this was accomplished by starting with the flight demonstration, where two Big World aircraft start their engines and proceed to the takeoff as soon as the children are off the buses. The low and high speed passes over the runway are sufficient to rivet their attention, and when the pilots are briefly introduced as they exit their aircraft, students listen intently to their safety briefings.

Once they are briefed on the rotations, the children are divided into 4 groups each led by a pilot instructor. Big World requires at least one teacher or parent chaperone, who are briefed separately, for each rotation. By 11:30, children have attended all 4 rotations, had their questions answered and a group picture taken with the Big World banner. The finale has the buses departing, seen off by the Big World crew, who line up to wave goodbye. The 2006 "Circus" has been a great success, and Big World is always impressed with the politeness of teachers, chaperones and children from small town environments. This was highlighted for me, when a young girl motioned me over to her group at the end of the program, then, pointing to her sandwich, asked me to wait a moment. Shortly, she said, "I wanted to thank you for an exciting day, but I didn't want to do it with my mouth full."

How could we not return next year?

*Thank you, Republic Hal Bryan*

**Microsoft donates Flight Sim to schools  
and CAP participating in this seasons Big  
World programs.  
Thank you Little Hal!**



Thanks to Art Dykstra of  
Minuteman Aviation  
out of Missoula for helping  
with our Republic Airport  
tour.

### Big World Crew assists Brookings Flying Club in presenting BWF programs



Nancy, Tom, and Mike,

I want to thank you sooooo much for coming once again to Brookings to present the BWF program. Anyhoo, I could never have done it alone, and it was nice to have the support of the founding organization. It was very nice to see you again, and meet Tom and Mike. I had a great time!

As I listened to the students talk both during and after the fly-by, I know they had a good time, too. The fly-by was especially nice. I heard lots of students comment on the fact they did not realize two aircraft that looked alike, seemed alike, could fly at two totally different speeds. I think the helicopter was a great addition, and we can act as if we planned it that way? Thanks to all of you, Mike especially, who cut their station information session short to accommodate the viewing of the helo

*From Chris McKinstry, The Brookings Flying Club*



## Welcome Oroville to the Big World Flight Team

Big World Flight for Education thanks the City Council of Oroville, their staff, the Oroville Booster Club and the airport bunch for your generous donation. Around fifty fourth grade students participated in our educational programs. Our crew was over whelmed with the hospitality and assistance received during our program. It is with this type of help and generosity that allows us to bring our programs to schools free of charge.

Thanks to Steve Johnston, Dorothy Scott Airport Manager, and his wife for their assistance in finding, lodging, transportation, good food and assisting with our program.



## Okanogan CAP Assists with BWF presentation @ Okanogan

Please thank Capt. Vickie Scholla, C/Major Sabrina Scholla, C/T Sgt. Desirae Scholla, 1st Lt. Charles Hammer and C/Cm Sgt. Jake Hoffman. They were of great assistance in having our program run smoothly and interesting. I especially worked Desirae into exhaustion as our timer.



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