



BIG World *Flyer*

2007

Big World at Brookings

by Hal Bryan

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In the sixteen years the Big World Flight for Education team has operated in the Pacific Northwest, we have been privileged to find support from local aviation communities and have acquired many friends along the way. There are, of course, some towns that go all out in this respect, and one of these is Brookings, Oregon, where the level of participation continues to amaze us.

Consequently, when, like migrating birds, we return each year, it is with great anticipation, as their enthusiasm inspires us to stage the best event possible for their school children, notwithstanding the somewhat unpredictable nature of the weather along the Oregon Coast.

By now, we are so used to working with the Brookings Flying Club, that our arrival is more like a meeting of old friends than a formal briefing. We learn of airport modifications and changes in flight scheduling as a by-product of personal conversations and we inquire after the health and activities of locals by their first names.

Our program, a combination of demonstration fly-bys and a series of mini-ground school classes, is highly choreographed to fit the tight school bus schedules, and we can always count on the versatile Brookings folks to blend in where needed and become indistinguishable from our own instructors. If a tardy bus results in a late start, a single phrase, "20 minute rotations!", is all that is necessary to inform our Brookings timekeeper to adjust the schedule accordingly.

Once they see the program in action, even transient commercial pilots join in to tell the children of career opportunities in aviation and offer to show them their aircraft. Brookings Flying Club is a stand out in a number of areas, including providing hangar space for our indoor classes and moving aircraft out for static display. They also participate in our post-event debriefing, offering helpful suggestions to further refine our presentation.

In the end, of course, it's all about the children, and the attempt to inspire them to that greater effort in the school classroom necessary to equip them for a world grown more and more competitive. The level of support for their children is evident to us in the behavior of the students who transit the Big World program. As a result, we are confident that Brookings area children will have a leg up on the competition when they enter the wider world, and we are happy to be a part of that.

**Thanks for all your help.
See you next May!**

Photos from Brookings

The Airplane Station



Tom Moore's C337



**Stephanie Allen &
Rich Jones C172K
& J35 Bonanza**



The Touch & Go Station



The Flight Planning Station



The Airport Tour



**The professional pilots:
Lee Garvin & Jim Olsen**

Spring 2007

Welcome to Riley Creek Elementary and Junior High School from Gold Beach, Oregon. Welcome back to Azalea Middle School and Brookings Harbor Christian School. This year we were also able to do a last minute addition of local home schoolers. The weather was clear and warm for the 125 students that participated.

Tom Moore joined Rich and I in our flight demonstrations. The students were treated to seeing the performance differences of a Skyhawk, Bonanza and Cessna Skymaster. Members of the Brookings flying club, as usual, provided additional support to our crew. Special thanks to Lee Garvin for running the Airport Tour, and with the addition of Jim Olsen from Ameriflight, the tour was top notch. Thanks to Dale Stimson, our timer for keeping us all on track. Thanks to all the others that joined us for the program.

New this year to our crew was Christian Holtz. We put him through an extensive training program on Tuesday and then let him instruct on Wednesday. He passed the training with full colors and will be joining us in future tours.

Marilyn Emery, Big World's VP, flew her 1958 C172 from Crest Airpark in Kent, Washington, with passenger Hal Bryan. Please see Hal's article on the front page. I was designated Cargo carrier, so my flight was a solo from Paine Field in Everett, WA. Rich was the rest of our crew transport with Christian meeting us at our hangar and then stopping to pick up John Dobson at Sanderson Airport in Shelton, WA.

The weather allowed for walks on the beach and into town. Rich and I had time to visit a small museum in the Antique Mall. This tour was too short to allow us to take in all of the local sights. The crew was treated to a BBQ dinner at the Garvin's. Their house is in a beautiful setting near the airport with views of the Pacific Ocean.

Our crew had a CAVU all the way back to Washington and I managed to find a willing passenger in Christian.

Stephanie Allen
President BWF

Each Big World Flight is the same, and different from every other. The program remains at the same high energy/quality, the students and weather differ each year. This year we had beautiful weather at Brookings. The days were filled with excited children, eyes wide open and gears whirring away in their heads. Questions led to answers, which led to more questions. The school children were eager to learn and willing to share their knowledge. After the students had left, the adults enjoyed the wonderful scenery and social ambience of a Big World project. We were made very welcome by the Brookings Flying Club and had wonderful support from them. They helped with the program, lodging and food, and provided much needed support at the actual event. Big World is doing vital work in both showing students how science and math function in the real world, and showing them the excitement and joy of general aviation. I look forward to next year's flight!

Marilyn Emery
Vice President BWF

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A sincere thanks from all of our crew.**

Apologies to Eastern Washington Schools

Circumstances beyond our control lead to a lack of instructors to provide programs to Eastern Washington Schools. We will give priority to an Eastern Washington tour in 2008. It is of utmost importance that we schedule early to ensure that we have adequate volunteers to instruct. Schools should be contacted in the fall and scheduled no later than March 15th. We also need an active recruitment of qualified instructors to ensure our future commitments. In October of 2008, we will be electing our board of directors, President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. We will have one executive position that needs to be filled. Please look to the future and determine what personal commitments you can make.

**Thank you,
Stephanie R. Allen
President
Retiring in November 2008.**

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