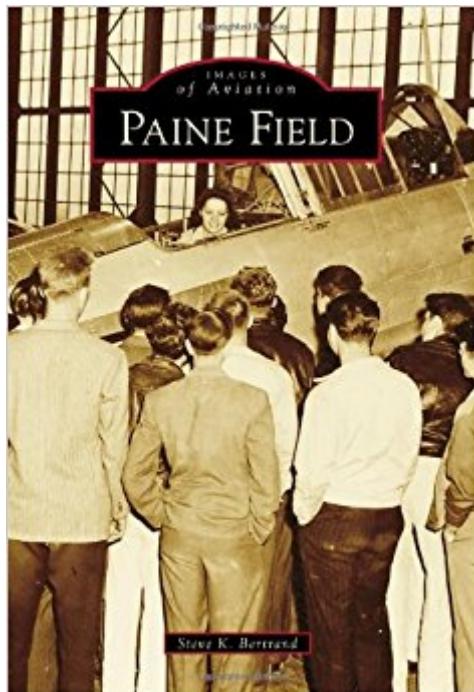


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Paine Field (Images Of Aviation)



Synopsis

Paine Field was named in honor of hometown hero Topliff Olin Paine, an Army Air Corps pilot during World War I. Located 6 miles south of Everett and 20 miles north of Seattle, Paine Field—known as Snohomish County Airport—got its start as a WPA project in the 1930s. Situated on 1,000 acres, this airport was shaped by numerous events, such as World War II, the Korean War, and the arrival of Boeing, as well as social, political, and environmental issues that continue to influence its destiny. Throughout its 77-year history, Paine Field has continued to evolve into a thriving aviation community. At the heart of its success has been the key role of general aviation. A rags-to-riches story, Paine Field has grown from a small regional airport into an aeronautical complex that garners worldwide attention.

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Customer Reviews

For this pictorial history of Paine Field, Steve K. Bertrand has selected more than 200 images from the local community, historical societies, regional libraries, and state archives. He has traced the rich history of Paine Field from its earliest days to its present status as a bustling airport and commercial aviation center. These photographs provide a glimpse into the people and events that influenced this small community in the Pacific Northwest.

Growing up in the Pacific Northwest, this series brings back memories of our favorite places. Since

my husband was stationed at Paine with the 321st Fighter Interceptor Squadron in 1956, this book jumps alive. The base commander in 1955 was a cousin of my cousins, but we were honored to meet this WWII war hero. One book on Ballard are full of Norwegian families my husband knew growing up, the book on Early Ballard presents the 1890s, when my Italian grandfather lived there, preparing for the Alaska Gold Rush. Thankfully, he convinced his younger brother to stay in Seattle! Interestingly, my husband's German grandparents & my other Italian grandparents all lived in Ballard in its early years. If there is a way to improve the series, it would be to increase the research, include more history and families. Its size a great PNW souvenir, but a broader picture might make it to more locals' bookshelves.

Really appreciate the pictorial history. You can read this book and appreciate Paine Field from its Great Depression origins, to its critical role as a P-38 & P-39 training base to a Boeing factory to most appropriately also now a warbird preservation centre of excellence with a little jewel called the Future of Flight in the northwest corner.

I was stationed at Paine Field fro 1958-1963, this is a great book!!Clayton R. MacIntosh Captain USAF Retired

Thanks.

Pretty well documented

I've worked near Paine Field since 1985 and knew some of the Boeing history related to the 747, but I did not know how Paine Field began, who it was named after or much else about its rich history. We've been to several of the air fares when they had them, and to the Flying Heritage Collection fly days and seen all these buildings and wondered what they were and how they got there. I also wondered why Mukilteo's waterfront was not developed. I'm going to visit several of the places shown in the book, just to see what has changed. The book was very informative and well researched. The book is well organized and is an excellent read. It provides the personal touch sharing a few local stories as well as the big picture of how the governments and military developed and funded this area, and how they encouraged such a thriving technical endeavour. The author talks about the desires for a "super airport" throughout its history, and how this desire and hope rose and fell over the 77 year history. I recommend this book to anyone living in the Everett-Seattle area,

anyone who works for Boeing or loves Boeing aircraft, anyone who is interested in aviation history or just enjoys interesting old pictures... and I found out the name of the person whose face is plastered over the doors of the factory I drive by every day... in what the Guiness Book of World Records declares to be the world's largest digital graphic. Makes sense as it's on the world's largest building. :) The author points out some of the current changes and how environmental issues are mitigated as well. Very informative and entertaining.

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