



Evergreen Aviation Museum
The Captain Michael King Smith Educational Institute

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Evergreen Aviation Museum Volunteers Donate Over 58,000 Hours in 2004

MCMINNVILLE, Ore.—The Evergreen Aviation Museum completed 2004 with its volunteers contributing 58,215 hours of service. With the help of 210 active volunteers, the museum has continued its reputation as one of Oregon's top visitor attractions.

“We are very proud of our volunteer program and the significant time our volunteers regularly dedicate to the Evergreen Aviation Museum. Our visitors' positive experience is a direct result of our volunteers' contribution to the facility,” said John Marshall, Museum Director of Volunteers and Restoration.

Volunteer duties include service as docents, tour guides, retail store clerks, aircraft restoration, aircraft cleaning, aircraft maintenance, membership promotion and sales, special events, education, training, library and archives, administration and management of the volunteer newsletter.

The Evergreen Aviation Museum draws men and women for weekly service from as far away as Depoe Bay, Eugene, Albany and Vancouver, Washington. Museum volunteers travel anywhere between 2 hours to 2 minutes for their weekly duties. A few have even moved to the local area so they can contribute more frequently. The majority of volunteers come from areas near Portland, Salem and throughout Yamhill County.

Evergreen Aviation Museum volunteers are former teachers, aviators, engineers, mechanics, media representatives, former military personnel, business men and women. Not all volunteers at the museum have a background in aviation; however, several are local veterans who have amazing stories of tribulations and triumphs. Russell Barney and Tom Maloney, both of McMinnville are local heroes. Barney is a three-war veteran with six Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Maloney has two Navy Crosses, The Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals from WWII. Both enjoy talking to visitors about their experiences with the aircraft on display.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Evergreen Aviation Museum, please contact John Marshall, Director of Volunteers and Restoration at 503-434-4105 or refer to the website at www.sprucegoose.org for more information.

The Evergreen Aviation Museum is best known as the home of the world's largest wooden airplane, the *Spruce Goose*, SR-71 *Blackbird* and Grumman F6F-3 *Hellcat*. In addition, there are more than 60 historic aircraft and exhibits on display, along with artwork, traveling displays, the newly remodeled Spruce Goose Café and the museum store. The Evergreen Aviation Museum's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily except when it is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Easter. The Museum is located at 500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, across the highway from the McMinnville Airport and about three miles southeast of McMinnville, Ore., on Highway 18. Regular visitor admission is required. Call (503) 434-4180 for more information, and visit www.sprucegoose.org.

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