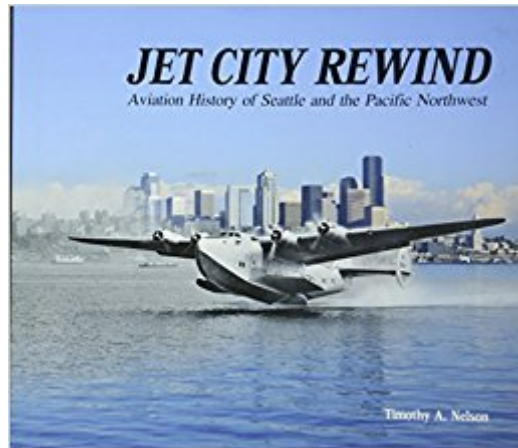


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Jet City Rewind: Aviation History Of Seattle And The Pacific Northwest



Synopsis

From the dawn of human flight to today, Seattle has hosted flying history from dirigibles and fabric biplanes to jumbo jets, from epic pioneering flights to innovative companies making world travel routine. This book recaptures that historical awe and connects it with a sense of place. These subjects may span decades of existence or represent a single day's events. Some are inspiring places of creativity and innovation, some are grim accident sites. All have some significance to the story of flight in the region. Do you know the exact spot of the first airplane flight in the area? How about where The Boeing Company began? Where did the top secret XB-29 prototype crash during its urgent WWII test program? Where did the first non-stop flight across the Pacific end? This book will answer those questions and many more as we dig into the aviation archeology of the Jet City and its surroundings.

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Customer Reviews

Tim Nelson is an aerospace engineer living in the Seattle area. This book, his first, resulted from his fascination with the long, rich history of flight in this faraway corner of the United States.

As a Northwest native and aviation enthusiast I found this book fascinating. The author has an unusual take for an aviation history. Instead of technical details and histories of the aircraft, he focuses on the places these planes flew (and the people who built and flew them) in what he calls "aviation archaeology." When I first looked through it, I skimmed over the parts I thought most interesting but I quickly became enthralled by the stories and the engaging and concise writing style

- no dry, boring text here! I did a quick "rewind" myself and read the book cover to cover. In addition to the fascinating stories, I appreciated the inclusion of street addresses, web sites, phone numbers and recommendations for these historic locations, so the book not only makes an excellent read, but a great guide book for travels throughout the Northwest. No matter where you live, if you or a friend are interested in aviation history this book will be a must read and a wonderful gift (I'm buying a copy for a friend in Virginia!).

This gorgeously written and crafted book is a must-have for aviation history enthusiasts. The photos, maps and text are perfectly chosen and informative, providing interesting background details of area airports, whetting one's appetite for further exploration in person using the tips provided. The author gives us a unique window into the important and pervasive role aviation has played in the Pacific Northwest by showing us the actual locations "airports big and small, then and now" that gave birth to the region's love of flying machines and the people who dared launch them into the air (and sometimes, sadly, crashed them into the ground). Tim Nelson's Jet City Rewind is a wonderful addition to my collection of aviation-themed books, one I will pick up and peruse regularly over the years to come. I highly recommend it!

Rebecca Wallick, author, Growing Up Boeing: The Early Jet Age Through the Eyes of a Test Pilot's Daughter

This is a must read for those living in Seattle and any aviation buff. There are two significant things I took away from the book. 1) Jet City Rewind unfolds the impact of aviation pioneers. Would the Boeing Company exist without the "Crazy Man of the Air" or Bud Mars' slightly dangerous performances? The focus on outstanding individuals reminded me that I can make a difference in my own field. 2) It added a layer of history and significance to otherwise ordinary places. It is more fun to know the old building I am walking past helped shape the aviation industry. Not bad for a book that looks good on the coffee table.

Having moved into Seattle area a decade ago i considered myself lucky to be in vicinity of Boeing. That is pretty much all i knew about my new home. Over time i learned of more aviation related companies that are associated with the region, museums, locations etc. Until i read Mr. Nelson's book I did not realize that i barely scratched the surface on the aviation history in the area. This book is a must have for all those that live in the Pacific North West. Keep a copy in your car, pull up a page to the area you want to go explore and have fun!

Fascinating glimpse into Seattle and the Pacific NW aviation history. Even if aviation is not your interest, this book is chock-a-block with pictures and charming vintage maps of the area and a running narrative that is very informative and easily read. For the aviation enthusiast the book, and its list of Northwest aviation museums, chapter endnotes and bibliography, is a wealth of resources.

Absolutely great book! I learned many things about the area I've lived in for over 30 years.

Fun book to have as a trip down memory lane for Boeing workers.

Being an old Seattlite, I related to the story and enjoyed the photos. I was there for the first 707 test flight out of Renton field.

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