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A Salute to Crow Butte

On August 1, 2007 the Port of Benton signed an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take over management of Crow Butte Park.



Fishermen pull into Crow Butte harbor to moor their boat.

Crow Butte was originally homesteaded by a family named Crow, but when the John Day Dam was completed the water rose and left a 1,500 acre island. The U.S. Corps of Engineers built the 275 acre Crow Butte Park in 1971, turned it over to the State of Washington, who ran it until 2002 and then closed it due to funding constraints. Local farmers formed an association, opened the park and managed it for four years. Now, the Port of Benton has agreed to manage the facility for the foreseeable future. Other partners include Benton and Klickitat counties, who will help with funding for the next three years.

The park has fifty RV pads capable of servicing any size vehicle. It has two separate boat launches, a boat dock, plenty of shade, grass, running water, electricity, bathrooms with showers and a primitive site if you'd like to pitch your tent and watch the sun set over the Columbia River. There is a day area for casual picnics and a concession stand if you're out of ice and soda pop. Crow Butte is essentially perfect for any water sport: fishing, water skiing,

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Antique Air Tour



Remember the days when you had to crank a car to start it? Well, neither do I, but I've seen it done in the movies! Guess what, that's how they started the antique airplanes too (see above photo of a 1941 Stearman being cranked).

The Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club brought twenty-one antique airplanes and five modern and experimental planes to the Prosser Airport on July 19th. One of the most interesting activities was taxiing the Stearman (pictured here) across Wine Country Road and into Vintner's Village (conveniently, another Port of Benton site). Airfield Estates hosted the Antique Air Tour for an afternoon of food, music and sampling of their wines.

The goal of this tour is to re-create the old 'Barn Storming' days, except no one did any wing-walking, flying upside down or roll overs.

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EnergySolutions



EnergySolutions headquarters at the Port of Benton's Manufacturing Mall.

The Engineering and Technology Division of EnergySolutions is headquartered here in Richland and, along with part of the Federal Services Division, continues to grow at an amazing rate. They currently occupy 32,300 square feet of the Port of Benton's Manufacturing Mall on Stevens Drive (see photo top left) and have just expanded into a 6,200 square foot building at the 2521 Stevens Drive building. EnergySolutions provides comprehensive integrated services to the nuclear energy industry. They have a wide spectrum of technical and engineering expertise and provide specialized services to a wide customer base, including the Department of Energy, commercial utilities and major engineering and construction companies around the globe.

EnergySolutions was formed in 2006 by merging BNG America, Duratek, Envirocare of Utah and the D&D division of Sciencetech. Subsequent acquisitions include Parallax Inc. and Nukem Corporation, as well as Safeguard International and Reactor Sites Management Company Limited in the UK. This has brought together complementary services to form an internationally vertically integrated company, and one of the largest providers of services and technologies to safely operate nuclear facilities, as well as safely and securely transporting, processing and disposing of radioactive materials. EnergySolutions is a totally U.S. company owned by a coalition of private investors led by Lindsay Goldberg & Bessemer of New York. The two Divisions represented in the Tri-City region are the Engineering & Technology Division and the Federal Services Division. Most of their current workload is associated with Hanford, supporting the Department of Energy and the major Hanford Contractors; however, they are also currently providing specialized nuclear services to AMEC of Canada, Los Alamos National Laboratory and British Nuclear Group in the UK.

EnergySolutions recent expansion into their new facility is in support of GNEP (Global Nuclear Energy Partnership). This initiative is a critical element of our country's nuclear renaissance. The proposed Consolidated Fuel Treatment Center and its sister project, the Advanced Burner Reactor, as part of the GNEP program, will play a vital role in the long-term management of the increasing inventory of Spent Nuclear Fuel in the U.S., while assuring non-proliferation of nuclear materials. These projects reduce spent fuel inventories and recycle valuable energy resources.

EnergySolutions has more than two decades of recycling experience in the UK from which to draw in helping the Department of Energy secure its inventory of spent fuel and recycle valuable energy resources, contributing to stable, economical supplies of uranium and cost-effective electricity for the U.S. consumer.

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Richland Fly-In

One of the major objectives of the Richland Fly-In was to give over 100 kids between the age of eight and seventeen free flights. The goal was reached and the smiles of the participants were contagious. Many of these enthusiastic 'Young Eagles' took their first airplane ride at this annual event staged at the Richland Airport. The kids fly free event was sponsored by the 99 club (started by Amelia Earhart and 98 other women pilots in 1949) and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Other events included a barbecue on Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning, as well as plenty of antique, modern and experimental airplanes.



Mike White (on right) takes three 'Young Eagles' for a free ride.



Crowds viewed aircraft ranging from World War II war birds to modern planes.

New Chukar Cherries Warehouse



The Port of Benton had a warehouse built for Chukar Cherries this past summer. To say they were crowded is an understatement and this 5,000 square foot warehouse will open the production space and enable them to update machinery and become more efficient.



The new warehouse contains rows of shelves, which are slanted with rollers so products slide to the front for easy picking. Workers (see photo at left) push carts

down the aisles and pick products from the shelves. The warehouse is climate controlled to keep the chocolate from melting during the hot summer months. Chukar Cherries has been making value-added agriculture products for twenty-six years.

**For more information about
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Prosser Balloon Rally	Prosser Airport	September 28-30, 2007
Commission Meeting	Port of Benton	October 16, 2007
Commission Budget Workshop	Port of Benton	October 24, 2007
Commission Meeting	Port of Benton	November 7, 2007

Commission meetings are open to the public and held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Port of Benton Conference Room, 3100 George Washington Way. March and September Commission meetings are held in Prosser at the Fire Department Conference Room, 1200 Grant Avenue, Prosser, Washington.

Whitstran Brewing Co.

**FEATURED
BUSINESS**

Editor's note: I interviewed Sue Barbus at Whitstran Brewing Company, headquartered at the Port of Benton's Wine & Food Park in Prosser. The quotes in this article are from the walls and chairs at Whitstran Brewing Company.

Editor: When did Whitstran Brewing come into existence?

Sue: It all started in 1996 by John Paul Estey and Brad Elliot. Larry (Sue's husband and brewmeister) bought Brad's shares the next year. Larry was still living in California, but he moved to Prosser in 2001.

Editor: When did Larry start making beer?

Sue: Larry started to brew beer after going to a party in California hosted by home-brewers. Once he tasted beer with substance and flavor, he couldn't go back to watered down consumer varieties.

Editor: So, Larry was working here part time for awhile and John Paul was the chief brewmeister?



Sue: They worked together and some other investors were involved for brief periods of time. Larry and I took over full time in 2005.

“A woman drove me to drink and I never had the decency to thank her.”
W.C. Fields

Editor: Did Larry create his own recipes or use standard mixes?

Sue: Larry has come up with his own perfected recipes and we still use some that John Paul perfected.

Editor: An example would be?

Sue: Our Horse Heaven Heffy, the Highlander, D₂O Heavy Water Stout and 11th Hour Pale Ale are all recipes from John Paul. Steamy Cream, Over the Edge Dry Hop Pale Ale, Belgium, Chocolate Imperial Stout and the Barley Wine are all Larry's recipes.

Editor: I really like the Steamy Cream.

Sue: It's one of our top sellers; refreshing, great body and flavor.

Editor: What's a Barley Wine?

Sue: It's so special we only make it once a year and it takes about a year to make. It's more like a liqueur. We introduce it at Thanksgiving in Wine Country and when it's gone, it's gone.

Editor: How do you distribute your products?

Sue: We sell most of it right here. The Beer Shop in Yakima, Uncle Sam's Saloon in Kennewick and some of the taverns in Prosser also sell our beer.

Editor: How much beer do you sell in a year?

Sue: Last year we did 65 barrels, which would be 4,030 gallons. We make five barrels at a time. Most micro-brewers make fifteen barrels at a time.

Editor: How long does it take to



Larry & Sue Barbus own and operate Whitstran Brewing Company.

make a five barrel brew?

Sue: It depends on which beer we're making, but it probably averages 10 to 12 hours.

“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”
Benjamin Franklin

Editor: Do you sell more kegs, tap or bottles?

Sue: Most of our sales are bottles. We sell draft to go, so if you walk in with a gallon jug, we'll fill it up.

Editor: Do you feel out of place being in the middle of all the wineries?

Sue: We actually get a lot of traffic from the wineries. Some people just can't take another sip of wine and would prefer to have a beer. We have games and a fun atmosphere, including lots of famous sayings, for people who just want to kick back and enjoy an afternoon.

Editor: Where's Larry?

Sue: He's working on our next project – a beer pub in downtown Prosser.

Editor: What are your hours?

Sue: 1-5 Thursdays, 11-5 Friday through Sunday and holiday Mondays.

For more information about
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Crow Butte Park



Swimmers enjoy cool waters on a hot summer day at Crow Butte.

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wake boarding, sail boarding, kayaking and canoeing, jet skiing; well, you get the picture. A hiking trail takes you from one end of the park to the boat launch area. A couple of trails end up at a sandy beach on the other side of the island if you'd like to practice being a total recluse! The one thing this park doesn't offer is a city nearby. If you need anything, Umatilla is probably the closest market. If you want to get away from the city for a weekend, a week or a month, Crow Butte Park would be a great place to go. Picture yourself laying under a canopy of trees sipping an iced tea and reading a good book in total peace and quite. Ah...tranquility!

The park will be open from March 15th through October 15th. One boat launch will be open year round to accommodate fishermen.

Antique Air Tour

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The 1944 Howard, pictured above, was one of the first planes to arrive in Prosser after leaving Enterprise, Oregon. This plane was the Lear Jet of the 1940's. When you needed to get somewhere fast and you had plenty of money, this is the plane you bought.

Other makes of planes included: Stinson, Fairchild, Aeronca, Cessna, Piper, Taylorcraft, Navion and Bellanca Cruisemaster. The air tour comes to Prosser every other year.

Tribes Bless Crow Butte

On August 28, 2007, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation blessed Crow Butte Park. Port of Benton Commission President, Robert D. Larson pledged to preserve the park for future generations. Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Kaufmann, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, thanked the port for stepping up and taking on the managerial role for the park. Max E. Benitz JR., Benton County Commissioner, thanked the farmers for forming an association and shouldering the financial burden of running a major recreational property. Mike Canon, Director of Economic Development for Klickitat County, spoke of teaming with the port and Benton County for the good of all citizens of the region. Scott D. Keller, Executive Director of the Port of Benton, introduced Armand Minthorn, Board of Trustees & Chairman of Cultural Resources Committee of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Mr. Minthorn (pictured at right) spoke eloquently about the cooperation of the municipalities, farmers and government agencies and then he gave the blessing. The crowd was still as he sang and rang a bell. Tribal elders helped chant the prayers as the chiming sounds drifted across the island and echoed off the water. It was a truly moving experience.



President's Message

A Tribute to Commissioner Harold (Hal) Lindberg

Hal Lindberg has been a commissioner at the Port of Benton for 26 years and will complete his last six year term on December 31, 2007. He will be greatly missed!

During his long tenure, Hal has provided leadership, judgment and continuity to the Port of Benton as economic development opportunities changed in our Port's district.

Hal has seen the Richland and Prosser airports developed, the food processing and wine industry flourish in Prosser, an industrial park established in Benton City, major offices and manufacturing facilities built in Richland and a short line railroad and barge slip operated to support the private business and the Hanford clean-up.

Our most recent action was acquiring the lease for Crow Butte Park from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in order to manage the park for recreation and tourism in Benton County.

On behalf of Commissioner Jane F. Hagarty and Executive Director, Scott D. Keller, and staff, I want to thank Hal Lindberg for a job well done and let him know we will all miss him and wish him the best when he retires from his elected position.



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