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PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECTION

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To our members,

Our December meeting is a little out of the ordinary, plus its timing makes getting a full newsletter together impossible, so I am resorting to letter form again.

The December meeting will feature Mike Friend speaking about the Twister homebuilt aircraft. Mike is Preliminary Design Chief, responsible for managing configuration development of 747LCF freighter, and configuration analysis planning for 787. Mike has also held positions at Boeing, leading the Boeing Research & Technology Center in Madrid Spain and the Boeing Technical Research Center in Moscow Russia. Outside of work, Mike has been involved in the construction of the Twister, a state of the art composite light aircraft. To complement his presentation, Mike will have the Twister on display at the museum.



Mike's presentation will be on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Museum of Flight. Please be aware that the museum's magazine *Aloft* erroneously reported a different date. At 2 pm, he will talk about building and flying the Twister and show a video in the William M. Allen Theater. AIAA members attending this presentation will be able to get into the museum for free, but will need to be on a sign-up list. To get your name on this list, contact Paul Kostek at [p.kostek@ieee.org](mailto:p.kostek@ieee.org) by December 1st. Before the presentation, at 1:30, AIAA will be hosting a get together with Mike in the Weyerhaeuser Room. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
David Lednicer  
2005-2006 Section Chairman