

HERE SPRUCEY GOOSEY !

Years ago I remember Howard Hughes flying the wooden Spruce Goose seaplane to 50 ft. above Long Beach Harbor. I remember visiting it in Long Beach by the Queen Mary, in its site under the huge dome that is now the Carnival cruise ship terminal. I remember when it was sold and was transported, disassembled, on its way to Oregon by barge.

Now, here we are in McMinnville, OR, at the Evergreen Air and Space Museum. This is now the permanent home of the "Spruce Goose". Howard Hughes hated that name because there was hardly any spruce wood used in its construction. It is completely reconditioned, after some 62 years have passed by. You can only view the inside belly of it. The cockpit visit is now a \$50 picture session per person! When it was in Long Beach, we could see right into the cockpit and see a model of Howard seated in the pilot seat.

Note that a full size DC-3 is parked under the wing of the "Goose".



The whole museum is a treasure of restored war planes and other private planes. The Space Museum has relics of the space age efforts of the US and Russia.

I would recommend that everybody visit this museum. It is well worth the price of admission.

There is also an optional IMAX theater there, and it was offering three different movies.

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