

# Arlington Municipal Airport The Update 4th Quarter 2016



Picture taken by Alexander Baxter

## Airport Open House

Please join us for refreshments at our annual Christmas Open House in Putnam Hall at the airport office. **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The Airport Person of the Year Award will be presented at 1:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

## Aviation License Plate

Here is an exciting opportunity to support Washington state airports and also express your passion for aviation by purchasing an aviation themed license plate! Currently there is a proposal for the plate BUT 3,500 signatures are needed before January 1<sup>st</sup>.



- Picture authorized for use by WSDOT Aviation.

The goal of this specialty plate is to highlight the importance of the state's aviation system, and to raise funds to support aviation and public-use airports in Washington State. The anticipated one-time cost for the aviation plate would be \$40. Of that fee, \$12 would cover vehicle licensing fees and the remaining \$28 would support aviation-specific initiatives.

If you would like to support this initiative, please sign the petition here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/AviationSpecialtyLicensePLate](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AviationSpecialtyLicensePLate)

## A Look Back

Caption reads, "A scene from inside the Naval Auxiliary Air Station's "ship services" grill, circa 1945 - now the Arlington Municipal Airport."

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A SCENE from inside the Naval Auxiliary Air Station's "ship services" grill, circa 1945 - now the Arlington Municipal Airport.

## SAC Community Christmas

An AWO airport tenant, The Stillaguamish Athletic Center is hosting a family community Christmas event on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM-8:30 PM. SAC Address: 4417 172<sup>nd</sup> ST NE.

- Flyer authorized for use by the SAC.

**SAC Community Christmas**  
FREE TO THE PUBLIC!!  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 5:00PM-8:30PM IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

**Kids Activities**

- Elf Obstacle Course
- Grinch Movie Showing
- Arts & Crafts
- Letters to Santa

**FREE**

**Photos with Arlington's Famous Santa**

**Red & White Blacklight Yoga, Pound & Zumba**

**Snacks & Refreshments**

Operation Christmas Hope Toy Drive

STILLAGUAMISH ATHLETIC CLUB  
4417 172ND ST NE  
ARLINGTON, WA  
360-435-9404  
SAC@TAFE.COM

\*Children must be accompanied by parent at all times for free event

## 2017 Movie Nights and Seminars

Attention airport tenants! We are looking for your input for movie nights and aviation seminars in 2017. Please let us know what your favorite aviation movies are and what aviation seminars would interest you. If you would like to volunteer to assist in coordinating these events, please contact airport staff at 360-403-3470.

## Aviation Tradeshow

Mark your calendars for **February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** for the annual Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show, taking place at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup. Be sure to stop by and visit airport staff at our usual location (**booth #235**).



## AWO Merchandise

Stop by the airport office and purchase the perfect Christmas gift for your family and friends! We have AWO T- shirts for \$20.00, AWO soft shell jackets for \$40.00, and electronic gate remotes for \$40.00. We are excited to announce that a new AWO T- Shirt design will be arriving this December. Hurry in before they're all gone! All proceeds will benefit the planned Airport Observation Area.

## UAS Operations

With Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operations continuing to grow, and with regulations constantly changing, AWO staff would like to take this time to inform pilots of what we are doing to safely incorporate drones into our airspace. If you would like to operate your drone within a 5 mile radius of the airport, please contact airport staff at 360-403-3470 to inform them of the time and location of your operation.

Individuals flying a UAS for hobby or recreation are strongly encouraged to follow these safety guidelines:

1. Fly below 400 feet 2. keep your unmanned aircraft within line of sight at all times 3. never fly near aircraft 4. don't fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 lbs 5. and never fly within 5 miles of an airport without notifying the airport. Additional information may be found at [www.faa.gov/uas/](http://www.faa.gov/uas/)

In November, a UAS operator flew his drone at approx. 40ft to take pictures of a Lockheed 12A Electra Junior in the run-up area of Rwy 11. The operation was supervised by airport staff. Airport staff monitored CTAF 122.7 to ensure pilots in the surrounding areas were informed of the UAS operation.



## Did You Know?

"The Boeing 767 sucks in enough air during take-off in both of its engines to fill the Goodyear Blimp in 7 seconds."

- [www.Discovery.com](http://www.Discovery.com) - Aviation Fact Generator. ©

## Airport Person of the Year

Ted Setzer is the first recipient of the Arlington Municipal Airport's Person of the Year Award. You may know Ted as he has resided in Arlington for 34 years creating composite Glasair aircraft. Prior to moving to Arlington, Ted worked at Stoddard-Hamilton Aircraft at the Cedar Grove Airpark where he worked on a prototype of the Glasair I with Tom Hamilton. Once the business took off, Glasair moved to Arlington in 1982 to continue their research and development. Ted was voted as Arlington Municipal Airport's Person of the Year for being a model citizen and inspiring figure for 34 years at AWO. Come celebrate his award on **December 9th at 1:00 PM** at the Airport Office.

## Airport Office Parking Lot Paving Project

The airport office parking lot was repaved this summer, new subbase was laid, and improvements were made to the drainage system. New curbing was installed as well as a new ADA compatible parking space with a ramp to the grass picnic area.



## A Featured AWO Business

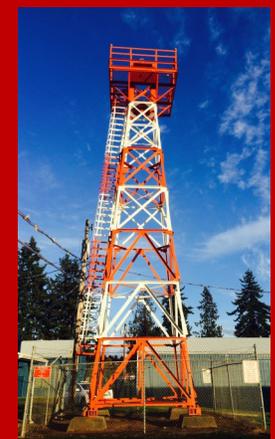
Wild Blue Aviation is what most folks would call a small-time operation at AWO. Four pilots, three Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) mechanics, three flight instructors (all wrapped up in just four people), four airplanes, a glider, a cat and a dog. Along the way they've spent more than 100 years in the flyin' biz, accumulating more than 30,000 hours of flight time, including more than 10,000 hours of flight instruction, flying everything from Cubs to fighter jets, four-engined airliners to fire bombers. They love round engines, flat engines, fabric, wood and aluminum, tailwheels, nosewheels, fixed, retractable, Piper, Cessna, Beech, and even Aircoques. They love experimental airplanes, certificated airplanes, airplanes from China, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, France, England, and of course, the good ol' US of A. Wild Blue Aviation's business does the following: import and export airplanes, buy and sell airplanes, rebuild and restore airplanes, and of course fly airplanes. They came to KAWO in the 1950s to fly model airplanes and watch the old dragstrip races on the runway. The wonders of the sky are endlessly fascinating to them, which is why they love teaching anyone to fly and to talk flyin' to anyone who will hold still or hang on to the phone. Wild Blue Aviation welcomes visitors, and their door is always open!

## Airport Beacon Painting Project

Have you noticed that the beacon structure has been repainted? This fall the old paint was sand blasted off the structure following all lead abatement procedures and was repainted an aviation orange and white color. Check out the before and after pictures!



Before



After

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