

THE UPDATE

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Airport Appreciation Day

Due to weather and other circumstances the growing airport event has been moved from the beginning of May to the last Saturday in September. This year's event will be held on September 28 from 9am—2pm. Look for additional details about the event over the next few months. We hope to see you there!

Project Updates:

Building 44 Taxilane Project: The airport contracted with Reece Trucking and Excavating to reconstruct a new taxilane for building 44 (Arlington Flight Services) that is 60' x 225' and ties into taxiway Alpha. Arlington Flight Services constructed ramp spaces on both sides of the taxilane to create a large ramp space. Only minor punch list items remain before the project is complete. The fuel tanks on the ramp are scheduled to be in service sometime during the month of April. See progress pictures of the project below:

BUILDING 44 (ARLINGTON FLIGHT SERVICES) TAXILANE/RAMP PROJECT



Airfield Lighting Backup Generator Project: The project entails the installation of a backup generator to support current and future airport lighting in case of a power outage. The FAA, WSDOT Aviation and Airport are funding the project. Currently the project is waiting for submittals and the generator to arrive.

Airport Boulevard/51st: Phase 2 of the project is scheduled for this summer/fall. This portion of the project will be the final connection of 172nd and 188th St NE. Currently the Airport is removing trees from the right of way of the proposed roadway area in preparation for construction.

Mound Area Waterline Project: This project is currently out to bid. It entails the installation of 746 ft of ductile iron pipe and related appurtenances and connections just east of the Airport's mound area.

Additional Projects: Other upcoming projects this year

include: a wildlife assessment, Airport striping, City hangar painting, crack sealing and more. As the construction season begins be sure to check NOTAMS before operating at the airport.

Featured Business: Westar Properties



Westar Properties has had a great start to 2013. The company owns a total of 37 buildings, which include 133 units of leasable space at the Arlington Airport. Until 2007, Westar's properties were almost 100% occupied. The nose dive the housing market took forced many of Westar's tenants, whom were plumbers, insulation contractors and home builders, to go out of business. Recently however, Westar has been able to build up occupancy. In January, the available properties went from 20% to 10%. A major reason for this is that Commercial Aircraft Interiors (CAI) will be coming to the airport and occupying two of Westar's larger buildings. CAI estimates it will employ 37-40 positions with a possible growth of up to 80 positions. In addition to CAI, Westar has picked up two other tenants. Westar has a variety of different sized properties and buildings available. For further information please call 360-435-8581 or email travis@westarprop.com

A Piece of History



New Runway Completed - Tuesday, Aug. 28, was a red letter day for NAAS, for it marked the completion of the No. 3 runway and the end of crosswind difficulty which has plagued pilots heretofore. Photo above catches the station GB in the first takeoff from the new runway. The inset shows passengers on the first flight standing alongside the plane, which is headed into the wind down the new strip just before the takeoff. All aviators will note the angle of the wind sock. [From THE TIMES files Aug. 30, 1945].
-Photo by V.E. Meuser, PhoM2c [Official Navy photograph]

WWU SAE TEAM

As mentioned in previous airport newsletters the triangle area is utilized by the University of Washington and Western Washington University formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) teams for testing their cars. The WWU team has been very busy the last couple months and have made slight changes in the direction of where they are taking the car they are building this year. The team plans on attending the first ever Formula SAE Electric competition in the country in addition to Formula Combustion in Detroit. Progress towards the construction of the two powerplants is continuing to go well. The teams has also elected to switch its chassis this year to steel frame space.



We look forward to hearing updates from the team as they compete and work on their car throughout the year.

Reminder

As spring approaches and weather improves so do operations and activity around the airport. Please make sure not to walk, drive vehicles or ride bikes on taxiways and other aircraft movement areas.

67th Ave Final Phase Open House

Wednesday, March 13, 5-7pm

The Public is invited to talk to the Project Team about the upcoming 67th Ave reconstruction project.

www.67thAve.org The Open house will be at Pioneer Hall 20722 67th Avenue NE

Arlington Municipal Airport
18204 59th Drive NE
Arlington, WA 98223

A DC-3 Visits the Airport in February



Airport Appreciation Day has been moved to September

Busy February

The month of February provided multiple opportunities for Airport staff to get out and converse with its tenants, airport users as well as the community.

The first weekend of the month the City of Arlington hosted the Eagle Festival downtown. The Airport and Arlington Fly-In brought a full motion simulator and real airplane for children to sit in. Despite battling fog and freezing temps there was still a great turnout for the event and many smiling faces were seen leaving the aircraft.



Towards the end of the month of February staff attended and hosted a booth at the annual Northwest Aviation Conference and Tradeshow at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Staff was able to attend a new forum the day before the tradeshow and participate in many discussions regarding strengthening and improving an airport. Attendance was up from years past. If you stopped by during the show thank you for visiting us and providing feedback.