

THE UPDATE

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Did You Know?

The month of June is General Aviation Appreciation Month in Washington State.

General aviation - from recreation- to business to emergency medical flights - is a vital part of the state's transportation system and economy.

Washington is home to 135 public-use airports, more than 19,000 pilots and more than 6,660 general aviation aircraft. The state's aviation system supports 248,500 jobs, \$15.3 billion in wages and \$50.9 billion in economic activity.

Record Breaking Flight to Visit Arlington

Jack Wiegand, 21 years old, is currently attempting to be the youngest person to fly around the world. Jack is presently in Alaska and is due to arrive in Arlington any day. Arlington Municipal Airport will be Jack's first landing in the lower 48 states since flying through Europe, Africa and Asia. To see more on Jack's adventure go here: www.solo2013.com

Project Updates

Airfield Lighting Backup Generator Project: Involves the installation of a backup generator to support current and future airport lighting in case of a power outage. The FAA, WSDOT and Airport are funding the project. The project is nearly complete with only testing and final connection remaining.



Taxiway Alpha Lighting Project: involves installing taxiway edge lighting and lighted signs along the entire length of taxiway alpha on the east side of the airport. The project may also include replacing the existing lighted hold signs on taxiway alpha and constructing taxiway fillets if adequate funding is available. The FAA is funding 90% of the project. Staff has also be applied for a grant for 5% from WSDOT Aviation.

State Route 531/172nd: The state DOT will be repaving highway 531 this summer. The project is scheduled to begin the week of July 22nd. The paving will occur during the night. Please look for road closures and detours once construction has commenced.

Airport Boulevard/51st: Phase 2 of this project will involve the final connection of 172nd and 188th St NE. Construction is scheduled to begin after the Fly-In in July.



Aircraft Wanted

If you or anyone you know is interested in donating their aircraft to the Arlington Fire Department for training please call 360-403-3600. The AFD is looking for opportunities for hands on training with aircraft. Aircraft can be donated in any type of condition.

Grumman Convention & Fly-In

The 38th International Grumman American Pilots Association Convention and Fly-in is scheduled to take place at the airport from July 15-18. This is the first time the convention will be held at the airport. Activities during the event will include cross country flights, seminars, aircraft ground maneuvering competitions, and a flour bombing competition off of the side of Runway 11-29. Between 80 and 90 aircraft with up to 300 participants are expected to be in attendance.

A Message From the WWU

Team:

"We are back from our Detroit competition where we placed 17th overall. I would like to thank Arlington Airport for your continued support over the years, without the access to testing facilities like the one that is provided, through the Arlington Airport, WWU FSAE would not have this level of success. We are now converting our car to electric for our next competition at Lincoln and are hoping to get some more testing days at the Airport. "

Looking Back at the Beginning



In June, 1934, this picture was taken after the completion of clearing operations at Arlington Airport. It shows the north 3,000 ft. of the 4,000 ft. runway from a view toward the northeast half of the area which is now nicely graded. The field is almost perfectly level. -Ellis Photo



Congressman Visits the Airport

On April 4th Congressman Rick Larsen, ranking member on the House Aviation Subcommittee, visited the airport and met with local pilots, airport staff, city personnel, airport commissioners and others. User fees, the federal sequestration process, Boeing and general aviation were all topics the congressman discussed while presenting in the airport office meeting room.

Did you know Congressman Larsen is from Arlington and worked at the airport performing maintenance in 1979?

Airport Appreciation Day

Mark your calendar for September 28 as the airport is hosting its annual Airport Appreciation Day. Many activities for the entire family are planned for the day including free airplane flights for kids ages 8-17. We look forward to seeing you there!



Reminder

The start of summer equals the beginning of construction season around the airport. Be sure to check NOTAMS for runway and taxiway closures.

Arlington Municipal Airport
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Summer Events at the Airport

Carnival

June 27-30

BBQ Cook Off

August 16-18

Arlington Fly-In

July 10-13

Sittin Pretti Car Show

August 17

Grumman Fly-In

July 15-18

Dragstrip Reunion Car Show

September 14

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

August 10 & 11

Airport Appreciation Day

September 28