



THE UPDATE

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Airport Says Farwell to Director Rob Putnam

After 32 years of service to the City of Arlington, Rob Putnam the Airport Director is retiring. Rob has worked the past 21 years at the airport first serving as Airport Supervisor from 1992 to 1999 before being promoted to Airport Director.

A couple of the highlights from Rob's time at the airport include his establishment of an aggressive pavement preservation program, his successful negotiation with a tenant to occupy and make improvements to the old navy hangar, and his successful negotiation of a number of long term land leases to include all of the existing land leases along Taxiway C. Through Rob's leadership the airport has continued to grow and prosper and is recognized as one of, if not, Washington's premier general aviation airports. Please join us on Wednesday October 23rd at the airport office where from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM we will be serving refreshments and congratulating Rob on his retirement.

With Rob's retirement the Airport Department is being reorganized. The Airport is being combined with the City of Arlington's Community & Economic Development Department. Both departments will be under Paul Ellis, the Director of Community & Economic Development. This reorganization is being done in recognition that the Airport is the City's largest economic developer. The permit center as well as city planning and building functions will be located at the airport to provide a central permitting location for those wishing to develop in the City of Arlington. The advantage for the airport is that potential developers of airport property will be able to have all of their questions answered under one roof.

With the reorganization Dale Carman is being promoted to Airport Manager. Dale has been with the airport since 1998 and has served as Airport Supervisor since 2004. Dale possesses a private pilot's license, a master's degree in public administration, and is an accredited airport executive through the American Association of Airport Executives.

Did You Know?

Contrails or vapor trails are long thin artificial clouds that sometimes form behind aircraft. Their formation is most often triggered by the water vapor in the exhaust of aircraft engines, but can also be triggered by the changes in air pressure in wingtip vortices or in the air over the entire wing surface. Like all clouds, contrails are made of water in the form of a suspension of billions of liquid droplets or ice crystals.

Depending on the temperature and humidity at the altitude the contrail forms, they may be visible for only a few seconds



or minutes, or may persist for hours and spread to be several miles wide. (Wikipedia)

Fall Reminder

With the recent rain comes a reminder to keep all catch basins and drains clear and free of debris. If you see debris covering a catch basin please clear it. This is also the time of year to keep an eye on your gutters as the leaves start to fall. Keeping your gutters free of debris will allow the gutters to do their job. Thank you.

Project Updates

Taxiway Alpha Lighting Project: Involves installing taxiway edge lighting and lighted signs and replacing the existing lighted hold signs along the entire length of taxiway alpha on the east side of the airport. The FAA is funding 90% of the project with WSDOT Aviation funding 5%. Sail Electric from Bellingham was awarded the contract at \$815,540 for the project. A preconstruction conference will be taking place over the next few weeks which will kickoff the project. Construction is anticipated to begin November 1st. Be sure to check NOTAMS as runway 16/34 closures will be occurring for portions of the project.

Hangar Painting Project: Is currently halfway completed. The contractor has completed the painting of Building 44 (Arlington Flight Services), C, D and E Hangar and is currently working on G and H Hangar. After the completion of G and H the contractor will be moving on to hangars J and K.

Airport Boulevard/51st: Phase 2 of this project is well underway which involves the final connection of 172nd Street and 188th Street NE. Curbs were recently installed for the roadway and the first lift will be paved in the next couple of weeks. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of November.



Calm Wind Runway: Over the past year airport staff has been working with airport users and tenants to officially designate runway 34 the calm wind runway. Signs indicating the calm wind runway have recently been installed at the runup areas at A1 and A4 as well as it being published in the AFD (airport facility directory).

Building 77B Renovation: The airport owned building currently occupied by Sound Auto and Arlington Auto Recycling will be receiving a new roof, doors and siding. Axthelm Construction was the low bidder for the project with a bid of \$151,288.

UW Team Finishes 1st!

This past summer the University of Washington SAE race team that utilizes the airport's triangle area finished 1st out of 80 teams at their competition in Lincoln, Nebraska. The team attributes a large portion of their success to the time they are able to spend at the airport.



AFI

Airport Appreciation Day

Despite the heavy rain and wind on September 28th many smiling faces were seen around the airport. Over 100 kids painted a wooden model airplane at the Washington State Department of Transportation's booth. The Flying Gizmo show, Face Painting performed by Judy Tilley, and a free lunch all inside Arlington Flight Service's hangar allowed crowds of people to participate in many of the activities while being sheltered from the weather outside. 38 runners competed in the 10K/5K "Rescue Run" hosted by the Arlington Runner's Club along the airport trail to benefit Search and Rescue. The local Jersey Mike's donated sandwiches to feed all the volunteers who run the event. It is true Airport Appreciation Day has seen its fair share of bad weather but mark your calendar for next year's event: **September 20**, the weather can only improve!



Snow Removal

As winter will be here before we know it the airport will make every effort to keep the main runway open and provide access to taxiways and hangars during heavy snow accumulation periods. The airport utilizes 2 snow plow trucks to clear the majority of the snow. Airport staff will plow 24 hours a day as necessary to keep the main runway open and snow from accumulating. The priority areas during heavy snow fall are keeping the Airlift Northwest ramp and runway 16/34 clear. During these times be sure to check NOTAMS for any runway closures.

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Summer Fly-In Recap



The great summer weather brought many pilots out for this year's Arlington Fly-In (AFI). Saturday, July 14th record crowds flocked to the airport to take in the sights and sounds of AFI. The organizers of AFI wish to thank the Airport and City of Arlington staff for showcasing our beautiful airport.

Almost immediately after AFI the Airport hosted the 38th Annual International Grumman American Pilots Association Conference. The organization holds their conference at a different airport each year. This event drew more than 40 Grumman aircraft to the airport and was attended by over 100 people. Event activities included a flour bombing and spot landing competition, various ground aircraft games such as precision taxiing, spot parking, and the "Grumman Limbo", air tours and tours of local airports. The event drew participants from countries all over the world including England, Germany and Australia and included some participants flying their Grumman aircraft thousands of miles from areas in Florida, Maryland and New England to attend the event. The conference itself was held at the Medallion Hotel in Smokey Point.

Looking Back In Time



The largest aviation mechanics school in the Pacific Northwest was in operation at Arlington Airport in 1950. Some 200 students were enrolled at the field which was operated by the city on a type of interim permit basis by the Navy.