

# THE UPDATE

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## A Flight to Remember

The sound of seat belts clicked, the pilot yelled “clear prop”, and 18 Arlington High School German Exchange Students felt the thrill of flight in a small plane for the first time.

“It was the most fun I’ve ever had,” said Clara.

“That was a very interesting experience,” said Davis.



Volunteer pilots from near and far arrived at the Arlington Airport on a rainy October day hoping to share their love of flight. There were a wide variety of aircraft from a fully aerobatic bi-plane to a 1958 Cessna 172 Skyhawk. The gloomy Washington weather did not dampen the spirits of the students or pilots. It was apparent that these students were eager to take the controls and fly above the Northwest. Each student will now return to Germany with a new and exciting memory to share with their family and friends. A special thanks goes out to the volunteer pilots.

To see video of these flights, please visit the following web address: <https://youtu.be/AkNX2WuBI2o>

## Tie-Downs

This photo shows an airplane that was flipped on its back at AWO during the Nov. 17th wind storm. Airport Staff check aircraft to ensure that all are tied-down. However, it is the aircraft owner’s responsibility to make sure that their aircraft is secured properly.



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## Did You Know?

“Capt. Lowell H. Smith and Lt. John P. Richter performed the first mid-air refueling on June 27, 1923, from a plane flown by 1st Lt. Virgil Hine and 1st Lt. Frank W. Seifert. Both were Airco DH-4B biplanes.”

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

## Aviation Tradeshow

Mark your calendars for February 20 & 21 when the annual Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show is taking place at the State Fairgrounds in Puyallup. Be sure to stop by and visit Airport Staff at our usual location (booth #235).

## FOD Box

Foreign Object Debris (FOD) is routinely collected from the AWO Airfield by Airport Staff. FOD collected over the next year will be available for viewing at the annual open house in December, 2016.

## A Successful Day

The Arlington Municipal Airport Appreciation Day was held on September 19th. A great time was had by all! The event kicked off with 65 participants running in the 5k/10k Rescue Run that benefited the Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue unit. An estimated 500 to 700 people attended, including many eager young faces that enjoyed the excitement. 120 youth flew their first flights for free through the Young Eagles Program. Glider painting, a bouncy house, and face painting kept the youngest ones busy. Arlington Flight Services served over 500 hot dogs to the hungry crowd. The flight simulators provided by the Arlington Fly-In were a huge hit with those too young to fly with the Young Eagles. It was encouraging to see so many young women taking flights with the Young Eagles. We look forward to seeing more women being part of aviation in the future. Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this day one to remember!

## Glider Operations Area



AWO has improved its glider operating area by grading the middle portion (between A2 and A3 connectors). The glider operating area was disked and new material added. The new material was graded, seeded, and rolled. The area will be unavailable for operations until spring when the grass in the area germinates and is approved for use by Airport Staff. Glider operations will continue at the Airport by utilizing the north and south glider operating areas.

## 2015 Airport Projects

The 2015 airport pavement maintenance work is complete! The AWO west ramp and taxilane north of Alpha were fog sealed and re-stripped this fall by C.R. Contracting. 50% of the project was funded by a WSDOT grant.



(clockwise)  
MARK LANDSDOWNE, BILL BARDELL, DIANE ALLEN, PAUL NYENHUIS

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**Complete  
Overhauls**

**Damaged  
Planes  
Rebuilt**

**Annual  
Inspections**

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**I**NSPECTION  
&  
**R**EPAIR  
**I**NC.

## A Look Back

A 1979 ad in the Arlington Times for Aviation Inspection & Repair (A.I.R.) at the Arlington Airport. The picture shows (left to right) Mark Landsdowne, Bill Bardell, Diane Allen, and Paul Nyenhuis.

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