



# ARLINGTON AIRPORT NEWSLETTER – 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2012

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## **Master Plan Update**

The Master Plan Update started in October 2008. Working Papers 1 and 2 were reviewed by the Airport Commission in December 2008 and Working Paper 3 in August 2010. The majority of the time after Working Papers 1 and 2 was spent on the Glider Operation Area and the Historical District. The final draft of the Update was reviewed by the Airport Commission in January and March 2012. It is anticipated the Update will be completed in May.



[The Historic Flight Foundation's P-51B will be on site for Airport Appreciation Day](#)

## **Wash Rack**

A large amount of non-aircraft traffic have been using the wash rack. The wash rack is designed for the convenience of aircraft owner's to wash aircraft. If non-aircraft vehicles continue to be washed at the aircraft wash rack it will be removed. Please only use the area for aircraft. Thank you.



[Compass Rose](#)

## **Grass Runway**

The FAA just recently informed airport staff that they are not approving the new grass runway for 16/34 located between the B2 and B3 taxiway connectors. As a matter of fact, the FAA has instructed staff to remove all existing grass runways except for the glider operation area, main ultralight runway, and the 11/29 grass runway from the Airport Layout Plan. What this means is that as of now there is no grass runway for 16/34.

This notification by the FAA at the end of February came as a complete surprise to airport staff. After the lengthy process for the glider operations the FAA notified the Airport that we could no longer use the existing grass strip alongside 16/34 (this was the strip located on the east side of the runway). In November 2010 Staff submitted to the FAA the new location of the grass runway for 16/34 and never heard anything from the FAA until roughly the end of February.

Staff continues to work with the FAA to try and remedy the situation as are others with vested interest in the airport. We are going to go ahead and close out the Master Plan Update, but airport staff will continue to work on the issue. Until then, once again there is no grass runway for 16/34. Pilots will need to use the grass runway on 11/29.

Staff does not have the resources to monitor whether pilots continue to use the now unapproved grass runway for 16/34. Pilots need to be aware though since that runway is no longer FAA approved if an FAA inspector was to observe a pilot using the grass runway there could be repercussions.

If you have any questions or concerns please give us a call.

360-403-3470

## **Airport Appreciation Day**

Airport Appreciation Day is Saturday, May 5, from 9am—2pm. Bring the entire family out for a fun filled day at the airport! There are many exciting activities planned for the event and a large turnout is expected. Along with free airplane rides for kids ages 8-17, a Relay for Life fundraiser raffle will give away glider and airplane rides good for any age. Tractor rides will be given to local businesses including a stop at Arlington Flight Services, where the Museum of Flight's Flying Gizmo show will take place at 12pm.

We are still looking for pilots to fly EAA Young Eagles Flights as well as aircraft owners to put their aircraft on static display. Pilots participating in the EAA Young Eagle Flights will receive lunch, a hat commemorating the event and a \$35 fuel card donated by Castle and Cooke. Please call 360-403-3471 if you are interested in participating.

## **Compass Rose Re-Certification**

The compass rose has been recertified for another 3 years. It was corrected .53 degrees from accumulated error. The 100' circle is painted on the apron of Taxiway E near runway 11/29. If you need documentation for the certification please stop by the airport office.

## **Vote for the Next Painting On Airport Appreciation Day**

At Airport Appreciation Day on May 5th local painter Harry Engstrom will be painting a subject related to the airport.

The themes on this year's ballot are as follows:

- **Gliders**
- **Alpha Jets**
- **Ultralights**

Cast your votes via email to [Airport@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:Airport@arlingtonwa.gov)



[2011 Appreciation Day Painting](#)

## **New Faces**

You may recognize a few new faces at Airport Commission meetings. Former commissioner Tolbert is now the newly elected mayor of Arlington. The 2 vacancies left by Commissioner Tolbert and Morgan were filled by Ruth Gonzales and Mike Hopson. Commissioner Gonzales has been a part of the City's planning commission and a long time Arlington resident. Commissioner Hopson has worked in the Peace Corps, been a Fire Dispatcher, and a teacher in Alaska. The new city council representative for the airport is Debora Nelson.

## **Congratulations**

Local CFI and aviation enthusiast Neal Karman was recognized at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Tradeshow in February. Neal was awarded "Flight Instructor of the Year" by the FAA for his contributions to the aviation community. Congratulations and thank you Neal for being an integral part of the Arlington Airport Community.

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## **Next Quarter Look For A New Format To The Airport Newsletter**

### **East Ramp Security Lighting Project**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



### **Project Update**

**Airport Crack Seal Project:** involves crack sealing Runway 16/34 and taxiway Alpha. Once the crack sealing is complete both the taxiway and runway will be restriped. Staff anticipates this will be completed by the end of June. Check NOTAMS for runway closures related to the work.

**Airport Blvd:** The project will include a new three lane commercial road to provide a connection between 188<sup>th</sup> St and 172<sup>nd</sup> St., as well as serve as a collector arterial to the proposed Arlington Airport Business Park. Phase 1 for the project is going out to bid in May. Additional phases for the project will begin once funding is secured.

**173<sup>rd</sup> St:** This project is in the design and engineering phase and will include a new three lane commercial road to provide a connection between 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave and the proposed Airport Blvd to serve as a collector arterial to the proposed Arlington Airport Business Park. 173<sup>rd</sup> St will also be extended from 43<sup>rd</sup> to Smokey Point Blvd to provide an alternate access route to Smokey Point Blvd and I-5.

**2012 AC Waterline Replacement:** includes replacement of existing asbestos concrete (AC) water main on the east side of the airport.

**Water Main Extension:** involves the installation of approximately 1200' of 8" water line (bids permitting) east of taxiway Alpha.