

# THE UPDATE

## AIRPORT EDITION

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### **"As The Beacon Turns"** - A few thoughts from your Airport Manager, David Ryan

It seems to me there has been a lot of turmoil around the airport lately. A very small group of disgruntled tenants have created a lot of unnecessary fuss that has had airport staff running in circles for weeks. Thousands and thousands of dollars' worth of staff time has been dedicated to answering unsubstantiated rumor and innuendo, State Auditor requests, allegations made to the FAA and multiple public records requests. While all of these unnecessary tasks are within a citizen's right to request, I don't believe it is what the vast majority of our airport tenants want us to spend their tax dollars on, when this same time and money could be going to projects that enhance our airport and project a positive image.

The City of Arlington pays the state to have their auditors go over our books, processes, and procedures every year. Sometimes an issue comes up, often times it does not. This is one of the checks and balances the City of Arlington and the Airport impose upon themselves to ensure we're doing what we're supposed to do. An independent third party review gives us the guidance we need to make sure we are complying with a very complex regulatory environment.

As some of you know, there will be an exit interview with the state auditors on Monday. We look forward to this opportunity to discuss and correct any items that may turn up. That's why we pay them. But, is it really necessary to cause dissention and chaos when we already have these checks and balances in place? I don't think so. In fact, solving airport issues is what staff gets paid to do. We are here to serve the public and our airport tenants. There are many diverse businesses here at the airport that have been here for many years working in harmony. I see no reason this can't continue. They are what make our airport unique, vibrant and financially stable. So, if you have an issue, bring it to us and we'll do our best to correct it. If you've got an axe to grind, please leave it at home.

### **Cascadia Aviation**

Cascadia Aviation began operation in the fall of 2014. The company was started as a non-profit aircraft maintenance company, offering a hands-on experience to students who attend the Sno - Isle TECH Aerospace Program in Everett, WA.

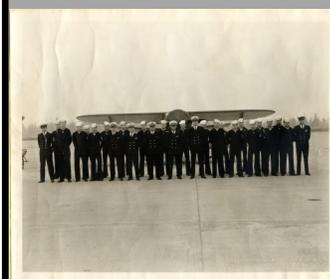


Ghafoor Siddique is the owner and chief mechanic/inspector of Cascadia Aviation. He is also an instructor at Sno - Isle TECH, teaching Aerospace Manufacturing Technology. Ghafoor and 50 students drive to Arlington Municipal Airport to work on general aviation airplanes after a morning at Sno - Isle TECH. This allows students to experience real time aircraft maintenance using the skills they have learned in the classroom.

This program is supported by the FAA. When a candidate completes a 30 month internship working on airplanes and engines, they are eligible for a Federal Aviation Certificate in the capacity of Airframe and Powerplant.

### **OSO NOTAM**

A memorial service will take place on March 22nd at the Oso landslide. Pilots are requested to respect the solemnity of the memorial event and not overfly the site within 5 NM between 1700 Z and 2000 Z. Area lat/long 48 16.740 N, 121 50.700 W.



**Arlington  
Municipal  
Airport -  
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### **Aviation Expo**

Dave Ryan - Airport Manager, Tim Mensonides - Airport Coordinator, and Lorene Parker - Intern, represented the Arlington Municipal Airport at the Aviation Expo in Puyallup last month. The show featured other airports, aeronautical manufacturers, aircraft companies, state and federal representatives, avionics companies and a whole host of innovative ideas and products.

Arlington Fly - In volunteers were there to pass out information on this year's event and Airport staff gave away "pilot ducks", candy and information about our wonderful facility. It was a fantastic opportunity to interact with our former tenants, business owners and friends.

### Seattle Moves to Arlington

The Seattle World Cruiser Project has recently moved to the Arlington Municipal Airport. The Seattle II is a full-scale, flying reproduction of the first aircraft to circumnavigate the globe—the 1924 Douglas World Cruiser.

Seattle World Cruiser Association is a non-profit arts and cultural organization with a mission to provide public programs for community engagement in celebration and preservation of local history and artifacts that focus on the development and influence of aviation and related technologies in the great Pacific Northwest.

SWCA's Executive Director, Bob Dempster, stated that Arlington is

"A perfect choice for continuing our project. It's a great, friendly field and pilot community--we have several old friends here, including Tim Mensonides, and looking forward to working with the new Airport Manager, Dave Ryan, and his staff.

Arlington Flight Services has rolled out the red carpet and has been very helpful in getting the project in a hangar--and we look forward to doing business with them during our flight test program.

We, as everyone, are in great anticipation of the re-opening of the airport restaurant, just in time for summer, where everyone will be treated to a very rare sound--that is, the aircraft's V-12 Liberty engine!"

The project will involve flight tests at Arlington and Renton, and finally reenacting the flight around the world with the final destination concluding at Boeing Field.

More information on the Seattle World Cruiser Project can be found at their website: [www.seattleworldcruiser.org](http://www.seattleworldcruiser.org)

Image courtesy of Steve & Lynda Crider ([www.seattleworldcruiser.org](http://www.seattleworldcruiser.org)).



### Two New Experiences Added to The 2015 Arlington Fly-In

On July 9 - 11 enjoy another great year of fun filled activities!

Put yourself in the cockpit and soar above the clouds in a P-51C Mustang exhibit featuring the film, RISE ABOVE, exhibit highlights the courage and determination of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Travel back in history to World War II at Camp Adams:

- Take a ride in a WWII M3 Stuart or M18 Hellcat Tank
- Drive the historic Jeep
- Fire a Rifle Grenade on an M1 Garrand
- Have a hands-on tour of a Weapons Museum



### Improvements on 59th Ave

The City of Arlington will begin work in the summer of 2015 on 59th Avenue to assess the condition of the existing roadway pavement and to evaluate the supporting soil condition. Everyone who drives 59th Ave is well aware of the transverse cracks that occur on a regular spacing. The City plans to dig up some of the cracked areas to find out what is causing the failures and why the cracks are spaced equally apart. Additional areas of the road will be excavated to evaluate sub-surface conditions so a pavement preservation program can be designed.

Additionally, the City Engineer is working with the Stormwater Department to develop a plan to mitigate drainage issues that occur at the 172nd Street/59th Avenue intersection. The drainage mitigation is intended to be a short-term solution as the long-term drainage solution will be incorporated in the WSDOT SR-531 Widening Project.

### Farewell Randy

Airport Maintenance worker Randy Wilverding recently retired after 35 years of service. During his tenure Randy worked in the water, sewer, and airport departments. Please join the City of Arlington in expressing our gratitude to Randy for his dedication and commitment to service.



### Please Join Us in Welcoming Lorene Parker to the City of Arlington

On Monday, March 2nd, Lorene Parker began working for the City of Arlington as the new Airport Management Intern. Lorene is a recent graduate from Central Washington University (CWU) in Ellensburg, WA. During her time at CWU she majored in Aviation Management and minored in Business and Mathematics. Lorene has joined us from the Port of Seattle, where she successfully completed a 1 year internship with the Airfield Project Management team. During high school, Lorene participated in the Civil Air Patrol (Air Force Auxiliary), where she was able to attend a flight academy in order to solo in a Cessna 152 and attend the Oshkosh Air Show in Wisconsin.

