

THE UPDATE

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Aviation Tradeshow

Airport staff manned a booth for the Arlington Municipal Airport the weekend of Feb. 20th at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Tradeshow in Puyallup.

11,000 spectators and 385 exhibitors filled the exhibition hall at the Washington State Fairgrounds. Avionics and other aircraft technology as well as an airplane built by high school students were just some of the many exhibits on display.

Several other airports as well as WSDOT Aviation, the FAA, the National Weather Service and other pilot organizations were well represented. There were many classes offered to pilots throughout the event.

Arlington Airport Staff has had a booth at the expo for many years. "We talked to literally hundreds of people." Airport Director, David Ryan said. The main questions were about the Fly-In, Ellie's at the Airport restaurant and hangar availability. Staff was there to market the airport as well as answer the myriad of other questions posed by those who attended.



Airport Movie Night

Keep your eye out for airport movie night! We have had two successful movie nights this year with delicious food and a good time visiting with fellow airport tenants. A special thanks goes out to Aircore Aviation for hosting the event.

The next movie night is scheduled for **March 18th at 6pm.**

New Commissioners

The City of Arlington welcomed Bill Jensen and Austin Defreese to the Airport Commission on February 9th, 2016.

Bill Jensen's term:
4/1/2019
bjensen@arlingtonwa.gov

Austin Defreese's term:
4/1/2017
adefreese@arlingtonwa.gov

Did You Know?

"In 2012 the FAA approved the use of iPads in the cockpit. They replace a pilot's kitbag or paper manuals and maps weighing 35 lbs. When fully implemented American Airlines estimates it could save \$1.2 million in fuel."

- www.Discovery.com - Aviation Fact Generator.

Best Western Rates

The Best Western Plus Arlington announced that they are honoring an Arlington Airport business rate of \$99.00 year round! If you or your company is in need of lodging contact the hotel by calling: 360-363-4321.

FAA Recognizes Alan Negrin

The FAA recognizes Alan Negrin an AWO tenant with the inclusion into the FAA Airmen Certification Database. Being included into the FAA Airmen Certification Database requires a pilot meet or surpass the licensing and medical standards of the FAA. Congratulations Alan on your achievement.

To view the article, visit the web address below:

<http://aviation-business-gazette.com/A18/B39/Pilot-Alan-Negrin-Kirkland-WA.html>

2016 Arlington Fly-In

Mark your calendars for **July 7th-9th** for this year's Fly-In!

Mark Your Calendars

Please join us for Paul and Shirley Nyenhuis' retirement party on March 18th from 2pm - 4pm at the Airport Office. Paul and Shirley have been excellent tenants at AWO since 1974. They will be missed.

As the Beacon Turns

Hello Everyone. It's been a while since my last commentary in the newsletter, so I wanted to visit with you a little about the FAA's "closeout letter." There seems to be much speculation about this so I thought I would summarize the issues in this column.

There are basically three issues the FAA brings up that fall under "Land Use," the "City Water Well" and "Residential Use." The issue with land use is that the FAA does not agree that the manufacturing of aerospace products falls within their definition of "aeronautical use." As the airport is home to several aerospace manufacturers that provide many jobs in Arlington, we disagree. They have not asked us to break any leases, but have asked us to develop an "action plan" for dealing with this issue as we move forward.

The second issue is residential use, the airport is well on its way in compliance on this issue and we expect to have it resolved very soon. We will amend some leasing documents to prohibit residential use on the airport and advise our tenants (via letter) what constitutes residential use. Pilot lounges and crew quarters are exempt from this prohibition.

The FAA contends that the City water well is an airport asset and the City should pay for the raw water that is pumped from this site. The State of Washington controls all water rights within its borders and the City of Arlington acquired these rights for the airport well in 1965 from the state. The City pays the Arlington Airport over \$9,000 annually for the lease of the well site. This well is slated to be abandoned this year. All pumps, equipment, personnel, and purification of this raw water are paid for by the City. Because this is a question of federal law vs. state law, we have requested a legal opinion be developed which we will share with the FAA as we move forward on complying with their requests in the closeout letter.

Finally, I am happy to share a copy of the complete letter with anyone that cares to receive it. Just send me an email with your request and I'll send you the letter. I am also available to discuss any of the issues within the letter. I hope this clears things up.

Happy Landings,

Dave Ryan
Airport Director

Airlift Northwest

The Eurocopter 135 helicopter based in the southwest corner of the airport is the workhorse of the Airlift Northwest/Arlington Base emergency air medical transport company. Since 1998 Airlift Northwest/Arlington has been servicing the north end of the I-5 corridor and beyond. The Arlington base, also known as "Airlift 6", is one of four Airlift helicopters based in Western Washington. All bases stand ready with two nurses and a pilot to transport those in need of emergency medical/trauma care.

Last year the Arlington aircraft and crew completed 644 transports. Typically the crew responds to the scene of an accident or is requested by one of the referring hospitals to transport a patient needing specialty care not available at their hospital. Airlift works with first responders and local hospitals to transport critically ill or injured patients to the best care for their medical condition.

Airlift has one mission: "To improve health and serve communities by saving lives wherever needed, 24 hours a day, every day."

The Arlington base is honored to serve the Arlington/Marysville community and beyond by providing the best care possible to those in need.

Airlift offers AirCare, a membership program that provides residents in the communities an affordable solution to transport costs. Please contact Airlift Northwest business office if you are interested at 888-835-1599.



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2016 Projects

- City owned hangar gutters were replaced in the month of February.
- Glider operations area (between A2 and A3 connectors) is scheduled to be re-opened in the spring.
- Taxiway "C" lighting design
- Wildlife management mitigation
- Beacon painting
- Airfield pavement maintenance
- Airport office parking lot reconstruction
- Airport signage

A Look Back

Picture Reads:
"Torpedo planes and F.M. fighter planes on apron at NAAS, Arlington. (From The TIMES files Sept. 6, 1945). Official photo, U.S. Navy."



Torpedo planes and F.M. fighter planes on apron at NAAS, Arlington. [From The TIMES files Sept. 6, 1945]. Official Photo, U.S. Navy

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