

THE UPDATE

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As the Beacon Turns – by David M. Ryan

Often times we'll see a friend and say "How's it going?" To which they may reply, "Busy!" and, while being "busy" is a good thing, too much work adds a lot of stress to life. That's why when I heard a story yesterday, I felt compelled to share it with you.

A fellow who was a former tenant at another airport that I managed came in to the office to pay his tie-down fees. (He also has an aircraft at KAWO) We talked about the other airport and how things were going and then he said to me, "Well, I was able to get my plane moved over to this side so that the airport can do its maintenance on the ramp where I park. Problem was, I was in an accident yesterday and my truck was totaled. I was wondering how I was going to inflate the tires and get it towed when a tall stranger appeared and said, "Looks like you need some help."

Without further conversation, the stranger aired up the flat tires, put nitrogen in the strut and towed the plane over to the east ramp. When my friend asked if he could pay him for his help, the stranger said, "Naw, that's okay. You can help someone else out sometime."

My friend was stunned, but I told him that I see that kind of thing at Arlington all the time. People taking time out of their "busy" lives to help another aviator. I then thought, all the different aircraft are great, but it's the people that make aviation so special!

Airport Appreciation Day!

September 19th

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a day of fun!

Free airplane rides for kids

Aircraft static displays

Tours of local rescue helicopter

Flight simulators

Tractor rides

Paint an airplane

Face painting

Ice cream

Arlington Fire & Police Departments

Rides in a B-25 Bomber for a fee

Contact information:

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Featured AWO Business

Para-Phernalia, Inc. was incorporated in 1979 in Issaquah, WA primarily manufacturing skydiving equipment as well as SOFTIE Pilot Emergency Parachute Systems. In 1992 the skydiving portion of the business was sold to concentrate on the pilot emergency parachute market. In 1992 they moved to the Arlington Airport to better service the aerobatic, glider, kit built, and warbird pilot community.



Para-Phernalia, Inc. employs seven talented individuals from the local community dedicated to manufacturing and servicing high quality parachute equipment in accordance with FAA TSO Authorization C-23b.

Since 1979 SOFTIE Emergency Parachutes are credited with 35 pilot saves among which include aerobatic pilots, airshow pilots, glider pilots, skydiving pilots, and test pilots. Their website www.softieparachutes.com has a few testimonials of some of the saves, which are quite entertaining stories.

SOFTIE parachutes are sold worldwide through direct sales and a distributor network bringing international funds directly into Arlington.

Did you Know?

- "Cost cutting is important for airlines. In 1987 American Airlines saved \$40,000 by removing one olive from each salad served in first class."

- "Although wings look rock solid they are designed to flex. During takeoff, the wing of the A380 will flex upward as much as 13 feet."

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

Glider Activity in Arlington

The Evergreen Soaring Club with its six gliders and two tow planes (not to mention more than a dozen private gliders), had a busy summer season. The activities ranged from training to local "just for fun" flying to serious cross-country flights along, into and over the mountains. This year saw the first double crossings of the Cascades in soaring flight from Arlington (i.e. soaring to east of the Columbia river and back in one flight). Arlington has become a major gliding center in Washington.



2015 Airport Pavement Maintenance Project

Project Dates: September 8th - 11th

Please note that this project is weather dependent and dates/times are subject to change.

Taxilane north of Alpha will be closed for crack seal and paint removal work on **September 8th from 7am-2pm** and on **September 10th** the area will be closed for fog seal and will re-open on September 11th.

The west ramp/taxilane will be closed for crack seal and paint removal on **September 8th-9th**. We will only close half the apron at a time. Anticipated work will begin 2pm Tuesday. On **September 10th** the entire ramp will be closed for fog seal. The west ramp/taxilane will re-open on September 11th.

FOD Awareness

Please be extra vigilant when storms and high winds are expected. After a recent storm, FOD was left all over the airport operating surfaces. A special "thank you" to Airport Commissioner Cheri Carlson and tenant Jerry Painter with Wild Blue Aviation who picked up a large amount of FOD and junk on taxiway Alpha. If you are a tenant on the flight line, please do not store material outside of your buildings as it creates a FOD hazard in high wind conditions. Thank you.

Aircraft Excise Tax Revision Legislation

“The Aircraft Excise Tax revision legislation, which had been campaigned for by WAMA and other members of the Aviation Alliance, is finally a sure thing. Here it is: ‘The Secretary must regularly pay to the state treasurer the excise taxes collected under this chapter, which must be credited by the state treasurer to the aeronautics account for state grants to airports and the administrative expenses associated with grant execution and the collection of excise taxes under this chapter.’ This provision, which means that all of the aircraft excise tax revenue collected, not just 10% of it, will now go toward airport development rather than to the state general fund. A principal justification for this change is that the additional funds made available to WSDOT-Aviation, will leverage a significant amount of federal AIP funding. That will result in an increase of tax revenue to the state.

Thanks to all of you and to the Associations who worked so hard on this legislation. And thanks to the following legislators who got involved and moved the legislation (feel free to send them a note of thanks - they will appreciate the support and it will benefit the Association): Representative Tom Dent, Senator Steve Hobbs, and Senator Jim Honeyford.” - www.wama.us - WAMA Newsletter.

This is definitely thanks in part to Arlington’s Mayor, Airport Manager, and many other airport managers and aviation associations across the state.”



Attention Tenants: The area in front of AirCore is considered a hot spot due to the amount of aircraft and car traffic that this area receives. Please use extreme caution when operating on this taxilane. Please slow down and check that the area is clear before proceeding. Taxilane vehicle speed limit is 10 MPH or less. Thank you.

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Arlington, WA 98223

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Education at AWO

- Aerojet Rocketdyne and the Nikola Tesla Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) High School in Redmond, Washington have partnered for a hands-on internship program to build a rocket. On June 19th and June 20th, students and their mentors came to the Arlington Airport to test their engine. The test consisted of firing the engine for several seconds at a time, while collecting data on pressure, temperature and other measurements. The goal of the project is for students to design and build a liquid-fueled rocket to launch at the Experimental Sounding Rocket Association’s Intercollegiate Competition in Utah in June 2016.

- Workforce Snohomish will be hosting educational camps on AWO airport property this fall. This interactive program includes a trailer with simulators for heavy equipment operation such as excavators and front end loaders. Not all kids would like to go to college, and there is a need for skilled labor throughout the area. This hands-on learning also covers the electrical and building trades as well as high-tech machine operator trades. This program helps young people decide if they would like to pursue a career in construction.

59th Improvements

As part of the Arlington Transportation Benefit District’s commitment to road preservation, Granite Construction will be installing an asphalt overlay on 59th Ave in the upcoming months. Airport staff will notify you when the dates and times are determined.

Back in 1979

“This picture shows a pontoon plane just after it lifted from dolly, a system devised by mechanics at Arlington Airport where the Snohomish Airfield Company operates an assembly plant for Cessna planes.”

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