



## Airport Accomplishments and 2022 Year-in-Review

( = larger highlights)

### **Projects:**

- Completed a significant update of the Airport Rules and Regulations (which included a new exhibit for pilots to reference for aircraft operations)
- Completed an update to the Airport's Minimum Standards for Commercial Activity
- Produced Airport Development Standards
- Enacted annual wait-list policy which assisted in legitimized names on the list
- Installed heater on Y-row sprinkler control room to address the system going live during cold temperatures
- Upgraded the yellow bollards around the fuel tank
- Produced a packet for new tenants: high quality introduction materials with airport info, traffic pattern, etc., all presented in a professional, branded folder
- Finalized the purchase of 2.98 acres on the south end of the airport from King County Metro Park and Ride. This purchase will allow the airport to own the entire runway safety area. In 2023, the area is scheduled to be regraded to FAA standard and refenced. The purchase was made possible with a 90% grant from the FAA
- Cascade Helicopters installed an aircraft wash rack
- Installed a temporary fence at the south end of the airport to address security issues; the fence will stay in place until a permanent fence can be installed in 2023
- Completed a mural of Dick Scobee on the end of J Hangar row to create a sense of place and to welcome pilots. Project manager Silvana Vasquez was interviewed by *Flying Magazine* for her work on the project
- Rolled all the airport infields for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year
- Completed a Stormwater Department project which fills and eliminates one of the stormwater ponds on the airport. Removal of this pond increases airport safety by eliminating a wildlife attractant. Half of the pond was filled this year; the other half will be filled in 2023 with soil from the Runway project and Safety Area grading project
- Jim McCartney made tie-down chocks for transient aircraft with the S50 logo and airport colors
- Ethan Kimes installed a large concrete H for helicopter operations on the SW side of the airport. He will be installing another one on the NW side, just north of the main windsock. This project came out of the Helicopter Operations Focus Group in order to improve operational safety
- Partnered with Cascade Helicopters and installed additional security fencing to address vandalism issues in their parking lot

### **Airport Staff Training:**

- Staff CPR trained
- Staff completed De-escalation training
- Ryan completed Forklift training
- Staff completed pyrotechnic training for wildlife hazards
- Tim and Ryan attended the Washington Airport Manager Association conference, both presented on topics at the event
- Tim attended AirVenture in Oshkosh Wisconsin, had conversations with potential airport business tenants, obtained insight on airport operations and emergency response for a large-scale event, refreshed S50's transient pilot approach
- Ethan attended fuel training
- Staff attended General Aviation Airport response training
- Ethan and Angie attended the Washington State Community Airports Association conference
- Staff completed annual wildlife training
- Ethan made his pilot's license current



### **Accomplishments:**

- Produced and published an airport and navigation aid frequency card for area pilots
- Brought on two new AAB members: Jay Miner and Justin Heater
- Issued an RFQ for Airport Planning Services
- Airport Intern Kennedy Vessey obtained a full-time job with Paine Field
- Ryan Hubbard was promoted to Airport Operations Specialist
- Tim Mensonides obtained commercial pilot rating
- Created a new traffic pattern page on the website: digital display of moving aircraft that has videos of each pattern
- Installed a station in the office for Angel Flight support. The station has an umbrella, scale and step stool
- Evergreen Airworks, an aircraft maintenance business, based their operation at the airport
- Conducted a national search and multiple-round interviews to hire the Airport Operations Specialist position. Hired Ethan Kimes from the Boise, Idaho airport
- Obtained a WSDOT Aviation Grant in the amount of \$23,729.03 to assist with the design of the Runway and Taxiway Rehabilitation project
- Late Fees restored
- Obtained a grant for \$1000 from WAMA for airport internship
- Accepted a grant from the FAA for \$427K for the design of 2023 Runway Project
- Upgraded fuel grounding reels
- Tim Mensonides was nominated and became 62nd Operations Group Honorary Commander for McChord AFB
- Upgraded seasonal positions to part-time positions
- After 3.5 years of work, removed the night restrictions to the airport's instrument approach. The approach is once again available at night. This effort involved mitigating over 30 obstructions on more than 10 different owners' parcels, coordination with multiple agencies and use of new lighting technology
- Improved and updated language in FAA Chart Supplement
- Executed a lease with FBO Partners, S50 Hangars, to fill the previous Airtech space at the end of J Hangar row. As part of taking the space, they will improve it, turn a portion of it into hangar space and plan to fill it with an aircraft maintenance business
- Staff published multiple articles in the "Auburn Magazine"
- Airport Intern Silvana Vasquez obtained a full-time job with the Arlington Airport
- Tim Mensonides was elected to the Washington Airport Management Association board for 2023/2024
- Finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Fly Washington Passport Program Food Drive. The airport collected 1609 lbs for the Auburn Food Bank

### **Events:**

- 12/24 -1/2: Snow event, 3 different events and low temps. Caused freezing issues with Y-Hangar sprinkler system. Staff kept the airport open and received recognition from many users for the dedication in keeping the airport open when many other airports closed and did not plow
- 1/5: Formed a Helicopter Operations Committee to address complaints and concerns. Held successful first meeting
- 2/26-27: Attended the NW Aviation Tradeshow, hosted a booth, presented on the Fly Washington Passport Program, promoted the airport, handed out over 200 Passports
- 2/28: Awarded the 2021 Fly Washington Passport Food Drive trophy. Auburn mayor, Food Bank director, AAB members and Passport Program Board members along with many tenants attended the event
- 3/11: Staff hosted an airport tour for City Council
- 3/22: Staff hosted an airport tour for 30 Foreign Exchange students in Green River College's Air Traffic Control Program



- 4/1: Airport Seasonal worker Mike Prime started at the airport. This is Mike's 1<sup>st</sup> season working at the airport
- 4/5: Airport User Group Meeting
- 4/17: Airport issues with individual with mental health
- 4/20-22: Airport Staff worked with Secret Service, Marines and the Presidential Flight department in the departure of President Biden from S50. Three V-22s and two Blackhawks (Marine 1) performed a practice run on 4/20 on the airport's southeast ramp. On 4/22 the same group of aircraft departed the southeast ramp with President Biden onboard enroute to SeaTac. Airport Operations Specialist Ryan Hubbard did an outstanding job of coordinating the event, especially on extremely short notice. Ryan received praise from multiple parties for his work on the event
- 5/1: Airport Seasonals Jim McCartney and Andrew Simon started at the airport. This is Andrew's 1<sup>st</sup> season at the airport and Jim's 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 5/10: Ryan Hubbard and previous airport intern Kennedy Vessey presented at the WAMA conference on airport internships
- 5/13: Airport Operations Specialist Ryan Hubbard resigned his position with the airport to take a similar position with San Jose International to gain experience at a commercial service airport. Ryan will be missed; he was a KEY part in the many upgrades and improvements the airport has seen over the last 3.5 years
- 5/23: Airport Intern Silvana Vasquez started at the airport. The Airport received a \$1000 grant from WAMA to be able to increase Silvana's hours at the airport
- 5/26: first Airport Movie Night event: *Top Gun* at hangar owner Jay Miner's building
- 5/10-12: Model aircraft line control event on south ramp, approximately 30 attendees
- 5/11: A based aircraft made an off-airport landing on approach to runway 16. Staff assisted recovery personnel in bringing the aircraft back to the airport
- 6/18: Helicopter incident. Dynamic Rollover of a Robinson 44 in the southwest helicopter practice area. Both occupants suffered minor injuries
- 6/21: Ground loop incident with damaged aircraft. Airport staff responded and cleared the aircraft from the side of the runway
- 6-7: Runway closures for design work for the 2023 Runway Rehab project
- 7/3: Emerald Downs Fireworks Show. Runway closure
- 7/9: Auburn Airport Day (AAD). Record number of attendance with over 1,000 community members participating. A great day to have the community out at the airport. Incredible success with 196 Young Eagle flights flown, 80 helicopter riders, and 14 flights with Spanaflight. Credit and gratitude go out to the over 75 volunteers who made the event take place
- 7/13: Staff met with Boeing Field staff and collaborated on airport recognition/standards
- 7/18: Hired Airport Operations Specialist Ethan Kimes. Ethan comes from the Boise Airport and two airports before that in Arkansas. He is a pilot, a mechanic and loves general aviation. Ethan will be a wonderful addition to the airport team
- 7/30-31: Model Airplane Line Control event on Southeast ramp
- 8/4: Staff attended an event at Boeing Field
- 8/16: Angela and Tim presented to the local Lions club on the airport
- 8/16: Aircraft incident. Responded to light jet gear issues, brought VFRA on site, turned out to be a safe landing and uneventful
- 8/17: Dream Flights came to the airport and gave eight Stearman rides to veterans as part of their "Giving back to those who gave" program
- 8/30: Hosted an airport internship tour for surrounding airports with 14 interns to give them a feel for multiple airports
- 9/7: Hosted a Green River College airport tour for 37 international aviation students
- 9/24: As part of the City of Auburn's Civics Academy, the airport hosted a tour to 14 citizens participating in the class
- 10/4: Airport User Group meeting
- 10/12: Helicopter Operations Focus Group meeting
- 10/12: Department of Ecology stormwater permit inspection



- 10/12: Aircraft incident. On landing aircraft departed runway
- 10/21: Hosted a school airport tour for 55 kids and parents
- 10/24: Hired part-time employee Loren Hubbard
- 10/26: Homeland Security Assessment of the airport
- 10/26: FAA inspection and meeting
- 11/10: Angela Klein hosted a chili feed for veterans on the airport, over 30 attended
- 12/9: Hosted a well-attended and extremely successful Christmas Open House
- Held three AAB Meetings