



Airport Accomplishments and 2020 Year in Review

Projects:

- Extended the airport's runway 441 feet, installed new LED runway lights and signs and undergrounded a detention pond (making the airport safer by removing a wildlife attractant). This project is a significant upgrade to the airport. It took over six years of planning and negotiating with the FAA to accomplish.
- Ryan Hubbard upgraded the vanity in the men's restroom at the airport office.
- New HVAC unit installed in airport office building
- Ryan Hubbard inventoried and cleaned all airport occupied storage units.
- Installed WiFi to the airport's transient ramp
- Installed new airport drive-through gates and card reader systems; distributed new gate cards to over 500 airport users
- Installed additional fuel meter readers at the self-serve pumps, which are much easier to read and an upgrade of the current system
- Installed a reader board sign next to the taxiway to communicate current events, fuel prices and airport events with users
- Repaired roofing on hangars C-H; addressed damage on G row hangar
- Cleared and cleaned out three (3) storm water ponds
- Upgraded the transient tie-down area with new striping, improved "T" locations, and installation of new tie-downs and rope
- Ryan Hubbard cleaned and pressure washed the fuel tank and improved the aesthetics around it.
- Installed additional exterior lighting on J and H hangar rows, on the fuel ramp, outside the airport office and in the parking lot
- Ryan Hubbard created a way to track airport operations using two (2) game cameras, which is difficult to do at an airport with no control tower. This will give the airport improved data on actual operation numbers.
- Met with the company from Ohio that installed the roll-up doors 50 years ago, which are original to the airport. Looking at refurbishing current roll-up doors and installing more. They installed one door on a hangar as an example.
- Ryan Hubbard repainted the parking lot striping and curbing around the airport.
- Seasonal Maintenance Worker Jim McCartney upgraded the airport information kiosk: drywall, flooring, painted interior.
- Angela Klein organized the airport's electronic files, updated the airport website and forms, and rented 25 hangars to tenants between May and November.

Airport Staff Training:

- Hawk trapping training
- ECOSS Stormwater prevention plan and sampling training
- Ryan Hubbard attended AAAE Certified Member training
- CPR/1st aid certification

Accomplishments:

Completion of WSDOT Aviation Economic Impact Study revealed the Auburn Municipal Airport creates:
232 jobs
\$14.2 million labor income



\$24 million value added

\$43.1 million business revenues

- New fuel provider on the airport, Phillips 66
- Updated and took over the airport's storm water permit from the city. Airport staff will be maintaining the permit.
- Made Airport Challenge coins
- Executed an MOU with Cascade Helicopters for them to install fiber to two (2) hangars
- Hired a new airport office assistant: Angela Klein
- Hired an airport seasonal position: Jim McCartney
- Started an electronic process of tracking and mapping operational and noise complaints
- Started ENOTAMS, an ability to issue our own Notices to Airman electronically
- Updated Foreflight data, both airport info (improved exposure) and tenant info. This had not been updated in at least 5 years.
- Ryan Hubbard installed enhanced taxiway markings.
- Improved airfield grass maintenance. Hiring Jim McCartney allowed him to focus exclusively on mowing the airfield which led to a decrease in wildlife hazards at the airport, improved aesthetics and helped eliminate FOD and dead grass found on the airport in past years.
- Upgraded airport invoices so viewers see their total balance
- Awarded the first seven (7) jackets to Fly Washington passport participants at the NW Aviation Tradeshow. Since then, 13 more people have been validated and earned jackets.
- Updated the Airport Storage Agreement to address FAA hangar policy, subleasing and hangar turnover
- Tim Mensonides obtained Instrument rating.
- Removed the dirt berm obstruction on the west side of the runway
- Updated the city's vertical structure policy, which protects the airport. Corrected and upgraded the corresponding map.
- Airport, along with Community Development staff, started the process to improve and update zoning around the airport. An Airport Influence Map was created with safety zones. Code updates will follow. The zoning will be more compatible with the airport and allow for greater airport protection.
- Made a tie-down map for the airport to improve tracking of accounts
- Staff started working with owners to remove derelict aircraft.
- Removed trailers and converted area back to aircraft parking, increasing revenue for an area that was not previously generating money
- Staff worked with city hangar tenants to ensure aeronautical use in the hangars.
- Ryan Hubbard arranged for the airport UNICOM to be on "Live ATC" so people can listen to the airport's frequency online.
- Executed an agreement with Cascade Helicopters to resale Jet A fuel on the airport
- Department of Ecology inspection
- 5010 Airport Inspection Completed
- Vacuum swept the entire airport, adding this to airport's FOD program. Very effective in removing loose slurry seal. The plan will be to do this three times each year.
- For added convenience, airport users now have the ability to purchase pre-programmed gate remotes.
- Over 15 large birds, a hazard to aircraft safety, were captured and relocated to friendlier environments.
- Angela Klein updated the airport waitlist policy.
- Ryan Hubbard installed new door pins in H row hangars to improve security.



-Fly Washington Passport Program: In 2020, 13 participants flew to over 90% of the over 100 participating airports.

- Tim Mensonides was elected to the Washington Airport Managers Association board of directors.
- Seasonal Maintenance Worker Jim McCartney constructed a sled to respond to aircraft gear-up incidents. The sled will allow an aircraft to be removed quickly from a paved surface with minimal damage to the aircraft and surface.
- Staff produced an Airport Snow Response Plan on how to respond to snow events at the airport.
- Installed a layer around the airport in the city permitting process that notifies reviewers to be aware of height restrictions and to contact the airport

New Tenants:

- Rainier View Airways: Designated Pilot Examiner, Seaplane Instruction
- Spanaflight & Classic Helicopters swapped spaces at the airport, and each business leased more area than previous occupancy.

Purchases:

- HVAC unit for airport office

Events:

- NW Aviation Tradeshow Feb. 22-23
- COVID-19 ☹️
- August 3rd VRFA and Airlift Northwest training
- Presentation on the airport to the local Lions club on November 10
- Staff attended a tour of the Pullman Airport. Incredible project of removing and realigning their runway
- Professional filming for a pilot retiring from Alaska Airlines. Filmed by ALPA: Airline Pilots' Association
- Airport presented at the City of Auburn's Civics Academy.
- One (1) aircraft incident on 8/23
- Two (2) wildlife strikes
- Staff attended local WPA Green River chapter meeting and plan to present on the airport at a future meeting.
- Staff collaborated with Bremerton airport staff on multiple issues.
- Held four (4) AAB Meetings
- In conjunction with the Passport Program participated in a food drive with 214 pounds collected and donated to the Auburn Food Bank