

Airport Accomplishments and 2023 Year-in-Review

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Projects:

-FBO partners relocated fence on the former Airtech space (Hangar J) to create more ramp space, restored the space to a hangar and the airport resided the north wall of the building. Evergreen Airworks, a needed permanent aircraft maintenance facility, will occupy the space.

-Installed a waste oil facility for airport users to dump their used aircraft oil

-Installed locations around the airport for users to discard sumped fuel

-Upgraded the interior lights and outlets in G Hangar row

-Replaced CPU in Fuel Terminal

-Painted the 2nd mural on the end of G hangar. The theme of the mural is dedicated to Pete Bowers, designer of the Fly Baby aircraft. Pete and his original Fly Baby were a long time S50 tenant.

-Updated the airport monument sign. Also installed business signage on the airport office building to increase visibility to the airport office and business located in the building

-Installed a fuel sample reclamation tank for the airport's fuel tank. This will improve fuel quality and make maintenance operations on the tank more efficient.

-Airport Intern Ellie Lichti produced Auburn Airport specific challenge coins for distribution

-Ellie designed and ordered benches for the end of hangar rows H & J

-Staff painted 50' tall "A-U-B-U-R-N" on 6 of the airport hangars. This project was completed to continue to brand the airport and make it stand out among other airports. Ethan Kimes did an excellent job of managing the project and ensuring a quality job was completed. When departing from SeaTac, one should be able to see the letters clearly.



-Crack sealed half of the airport's asphalt. This project will extend the life of the exiting pavement on the airport

-Started the enclosure of open G row hangars and upgrade of J row doors. Scheduled to be completed in spring 2024. This project will increase revenue to the airport and helped in addressing the demand for enclosed hangar space. The project is funded by the Airport, FAA and a low interest loan for airports.

-Staff upgraded the airport conference room with cabinets and doors

-Trimmed and removed trees on north tie-down ramp, improved security and will increase efficiencies in maintenance



Airport Staff Training:

- Staff CPR Trained
- Staff Completed Aviation Fuel Training
- Ethan completed airfield lighting training with Airside Solutions
- Tim and Ethan attended the Washington Airport Manager Association conference
- Tim attended AirVenture in Oshkosh Wisconsin, the world's largest aviation event, and spent the week working side-by-side with the airport director
- Ethan obtained his Certified Member with American Association of Airport Executives, a significant accomplishment recognized throughout the airport management industry. In order to obtain the "CM" Ethan had to study 4 modules on every aspect of managing an airport and pass a challenging test. This designation is a very difficult and comprehensive course that involves significant study in preparation.

Accomplishments:

- Tim is on the Board of Directors of the Washington Airport Manager's Association
- Tim is a participant on the national General Aviation committee for the American Association of Airport Executives
- Tim and leaders at Boeing and Paine Fields formed: AMPS (Airport Managers of Puget Sound); managers get together every quarter to discuss airport issues relevant to the region
- Rainier Flight Services, a flight training company, started a lease at the airport May 1st
- Tim obtained his multi-engine commercial/instrument rating
- Angie obtained a grant for \$1000 from WAMA for the airport's airport internship
- An article was published in the national publication Flying Magazine on the Fly Baby Mural painted at the airport
- Upgraded the Airport's Fly Washington Passport stamp
- Made and distributed an S50 bumper sticker promoting and marketing the airport
- Trapped and relocated 5 raptors as part of the airport's continued work with USDA on wildlife strike mitigation
- Angie started a new and increasingly popular Aloha Fridays. Every first Friday of the month she prepares and provides Hawaiian food for airport users. It has become an event where the community looks forward to coming together.
- Finished in 1st place in the Fly Washington Passport Program Food Drive. The trophy is coming back to S50! The airport collected 9,952 lbs of food and \$2,240 for the Auburn Food Bank

Events:

- 1/6 – corrected fence installation issue with Days Inn contractor
- 1/7 – aircraft accident in Kent from an Ultra-Light that departed from the Auburn Airport, media inquiries
- 2/1- Normandy removed the temporary white tent and Spanaflight changed spaces and moved into the east end of the airport office building
- 2/7-9-Airport Manager, through McChord Air Force Base's Honorary Commander Program, took a Civic Leader tour to 3 Air Force Bases in Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma to show how a McChord Airman is made
- 2/10 – Tour for Green River Montessori Middle School
- 2/10 – Green River College tour
- 2/25-26 – Booth at NW Aviation Tradeshow
- 3/7 shared a booth with Spanaflight at Muckleshoot Career Day. Had a flight simulator to interest kids in the aviation industry and promote the airport.
- 3/29 Evergreen Airworks held a Grand Opening at their facility at the east end of J row hangar
- 4/4-Airport User Group Meeting with TRACON presentation
- 4/12-Airport Helicopter Group Meeting
- 4/13-Incident, car drove through airport perimeter fence off of E street. \$3k to repair. Staff was able to open the are by days end.



- 4/24-Presented annual airport update to City Council
- 4/27-2 airport tours: Richland/Prosser Airport Manager, Take your Kids to Work Day for the City of Auburn
- 4/28-Staff arranged and set up a tour for state airport manager's at McChord Air Force Base
- 5/26 – Aircraft Incident. Flat tire on Runway. Staff had runway reopened within 45 minutes
- 6/16- Airport Management Intern Ellie Lichti started at the airport. Ellie just graduated from Central Washington University with a degree in Aviation Management.
- 6/20-City Intern tour
- 6/26-Held and FAA seminar on the Airport's Traffic Patterns and Upcoming projects with CFI Oliver Huebler
- 6/27-Phillips 66 Fuel inspection
- 6/28-FAA used the Airport and worked with Airport Staff to Conduct GA Airport Compliance training
- 7/3: Emerald Downs Fireworks Show. Runway closure
- 7/8: Auburn Airport Day (AAD). Best event the airport has ever held, due in large part to the volunteer pilots and city staff. 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 228 Young Eagle flights flown, 45 helicopter passengers and 15 flights.
- 7/12 – hosted an airport management intern tour and BBQ, gave interns from around the area a tour of the airport and its business and served them lunch. As part of this program Auburn Airport's intern will tour area airports to see that all airports are similar but very different
- 7/13-Staff presented and received multiple compliments on the airport at the National General Aviation Airport Committee for AAAE
- 7/13- 5010 Airport Master Record Inspection took place, no issues found on inspection, received compliments from the inspector on how great the facility looked
- 7/18-held a lunch thanking volunteers for Auburn Airport Day
- 7/26 – Ellie & Ethan toured KAWO
- 8/7-updated the security codes around the airport
- 8/10-switched to a new Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF). The frequency was extremely congested because it was shared with other airports. The move increased safety at the airport and was welcomed by airport users.
- 8/16 – Ellie toured Paine Field
- 8/30-Aircraft flat tire incident on runway, staff had runway cleared and reopened in less than 20 minutes
- 9/6-Maintenance staff cleaned, refurbished and repainted the airport segmented circle.
- 9/6-hosted a Business Connect Event at the airport office put on by the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce
- 9/23 - City of Auburn Civics Academy Tour
- 10/4 – CFI Tom Rogers gave an in person presentation on traffic pattern procedures. The meeting was well received. 46 people attended the meeting. Special thanks to Tom, Jay Miner and Kelsey Wildstone for making the event happen.
- 10/6- hosted approximately 25 high school students interested in the aviation field
- 10/10 – Airport Intern Ellie Lichti's last day. Ellie took a job in Kansas City working for a corporate flight department. Ellie was an outstanding intern and will be missed, she completed many projects and has a bright future.
- 10/19-Participated in Central Washington University meeting and tour with Aviation Managements students and found the airport's next intern
- 10/23-hosted Renton Airport staff: gave a tour and collaborated on mutual issues
- 11/6-hosted 20 international students from Green River College and have an airport tour
- 11/10- Veteran's Day Chili feed. Angela did an excellent job of coordinating the event.
- 11/28- gave an airport tour to over 50 5th and 6th graders from Auburn Adventist Academy
- 12/8-Annual Holiday Open House, overwhelming success with strong attendance
- 12/11 – Airport Staff presented an overview of Airport Day to City Council
- 12/13 – Airport Staff presented to Auburn Valley Fliers



-12/14 – Interview with Dr Mike Jones who studies General Aviation airports. Dr Jones gave airport staff high compliments on management of the airport and provided small suggestions to improve it.

-12/14-Airport purchased a new John Deere Gator vehicle for the use of airport operations and maintenance.

-12/19-Airport Intern's Adrien Hagele's 1st day. Adrien is an Aviation Management Student from Central Washington and is scheduled to graduate in June 2024.

-Airport Board Meetings: 3/15, 5/17, 9/20, 11/15