



Airport Accomplishments and 2025 Year-in-Review

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#'s:

- 105,626 Aircraft Operations (take off or landing)
 - 5,290 Go-Arounds
 - August 7th was busiest day with 578 operations
 - Average busiest operation day: Tuesday

- 203,234 gallons of Avgas sold
- 25 Fuel load deliveries
- 3,655 gallons of Jet A sold by Cascade Helicopters

- 13 times Cascade Helicopter's courtesy truck utilized by visiting pilots
- 14 Fly Washington Passport jackets given out
- 13 birds captured and relocated in association with managing aircraft wildlife hazards

-Airport Day: over 1,100 in attendance, 276 Young Eagles (record number) by 20 pilots, 1,441 gallons of Avgas sold

Triumphs:

- Instituted an airport courtesy vehicle: after more than 3 years of work, S50 will be able to offer visiting pilots a vehicle to conduct business in the local community! This was made possible with an amendment to Cascade Helicopter's lease.
- Hired as part-time staff: Abbie Weir, Aaron Seerden and Will Richardson. In the fall, Will obtained a full-time position at KOLM
- Purchased a new high-powered tow-behind blower, a wide-area mower and new FOD Boss mats
- Received the Washington Airport Management Association President's award
- Produced fun airport swag: S50 hats and an aeronautical chart customized carpet
- Awarded 2025 Asphalt Paving Award - Airport category – for the 2024 Runway Project

Airport Staff Training:

- Attended the Washington Airport Management Association Conference in Chelan
- Staff attended AirVenture in Oshkosh Wisconsin, the world's largest aviation event, and spent the week working side-by-side with the airport director
- CPR Certification
- Attended City's Safety Management retreat
- Public Records Act training
- Harassment training
- Civic Leader Trip to Colorado Springs Air Force Academy and Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base

Projects:

-Airport Staff, led by Will Richardson, installed a large "S50" in the grass area south of runway 35



- Integrated the airport cameras into the national FAA weather camera system, one of only a few airports in Washington State
- Completed a significant overhaul of how the airport maintains its Stormwater Pollution Prevention Permit (SWPPP), created tenant training, upgraded spill kits and created a policy for mobile fueling
- Began design for enclosing F and E Hangar rows
- Completed design and initial construction for the installation of an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS), new rotating beacon and emergency generator for airfield lighting and airport office. Obtained FAA and WSDOT grants for the project
- Upgraded the lighting and electrical in F hangar row
- Obtained a \$1.2 million CARB loan for the enclosure of E and F row open hangars. Construction scheduled for 2026
- To improve helicopter safety, airport staff relocated the south auxiliary windsock
- Updated the women and men's bathrooms in the airport office, airport staff have received many positive comments on the upgrades
- Orange marker balls on the power lines north of the airport were replaced
- Installed a series of 4 airport education signs at the Metro Park and Ride and grass area next to the office. The objective of the signs is to educate the community on the importance of the airport





-Abbie Weir led the installation of the Airport's traffic patterns being painted in front of the airport office. The local 99's chapter volunteered their time and completed the work. The patterns are used frequently by flight instructors and students to "walk" the patterns as a training tool. An article was published in Flying Magazine regarding the project:
<https://www.flyingmag.com/pavement-project-bringing-flight-lessons-down-to-earth/>

-Began the installation of a new mural dedicated to women in aviation on E row that will have a bench dedicated to beloved and longtime S50 aircraft mechanic Mike Boatz

Events:

- Airport Advisory Board Meetings: March, May, September, November
- 1/7 Removed netting and concrete foundations from 2 storm ponds
- 1/10 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 1/21 Angie presented to the Muckleshoot Tribe on careers in aviation
- 1/27 Presented Cascade Helicopter lease amendment to City Council
- 1/28 The Army conducted a mock exercise at S50 where they assessed the facility as if it was located in a foreign country. Ethan did an excellent job of "acting" and working with them
- 2/7 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 3/7 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 4/4 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 4/8 Airport User Group Meeting
- 5/16 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 6/7 Cascade Warbirds Fly-In event
- 6/13 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 7/1 Met with the FAA Airport District Office, discussed grant funding, future projects and gave an airport tour
- 7/3 Emerald Downs Fireworks Show. Runway closure
- 7/12 Auburn Airport Day
- 7/28 hosted a tour for interns from Boeing Field. As part of this program, Auburn Airport staff tour area airports to see that all airports are similar but very different
- 9/5 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 9/27 City of Auburn Civics Academy presentation and tour
- 10/3 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 10/7 Airport User group meeting
- 10/21 Hosted and toured 30 high school students
- 11/12 Veterans' Day Chili feed. 25 people attended. Event grows in attendance every year
- 11/19 Staff presented on the Airport at Auburn Rotary
- 12/5 Annual Holiday Open House, overwhelming success with strong attendance
- 12/10 Airport Staff presented to Auburn Valley Fliers