



Airport Accomplishments and 2021 Year-in-Review

Projects:

- Completed storm water improvements to eliminate flooding issues in North hangars
- Installed an external speaker for people sitting in the grass area outside the office to hear the CTAF
- Installed exterior lighting on G row hangars. Upgraded interior lighting to LED for C row hangars
- Upgraded lighting at airport entrance: Flag Pole and main entrance sign and gate A-6, removed tree
- Purchased and installed over 120 catch basin filters to be in compliance with Department of Ecology and the stormwater permit. Formed a tracking system for recording maintenance on the filters
- Replaced all the windows in the Classic Helicopter building. The building now has improved heating and cooling as well as sound insulation
- Fuel Tank upgrades: replaced fuel filter vessel, improved fuel delivery performance, increased tank capacity, new signage (tenant directory sign), painted tank, installed new reels which addressed an issue with the previous reels that made pulling out the fuel hoses difficult
- Replaced the front door and frame for the Airport-owned building occupied by Classic Helicopters
- Fixed the Airport office roof with puddling issues and soft areas around the HVAC unit
- Airport staff restriped taxiway center lines
- Airport staff restriped Classic Helicopter's parking lot
- Airport staff crack sealed the majority of airfield pavement. Not only will this increase the useful life of the pavement, it will decrease staff time in future years for weed removal. Staff performing this project saved the airport approximately \$50K.

Airport Staff Training:

- Entire staff was able to attend Washington Airport Managers Association Conference in early October. Staff led presentations and presented on multiple topics
- Angela obtained her Notary Public Certification
- Staff completed Fuel Training with City Service Valcon
- Ryan attended the Washington State Community Airports Association Conference in October
- Staff was trained on Airport wildlife management
- Staff completed "Colors" training on personality and communication styles

Accomplishments:

- Started a new long-term contract with fuel provider-Phillips 66. 2-year terms up to 12 years
- New Leases and locations started for Spanflight and Classic Helicopters
- Completed an Emergency "Go Bag" for staff to utilize when responding to incidents/accidents on the airport
- Comcast service was brought to the airport office building for tenant's inside the building
- Updated the Airport website with a section commemorating Dick Scobee
- Installed airport amenity maps in highly frequented areas around the airport
- Installed upgraded tie-down ropes and cones to delineate transient tie-downs
- Completed nearly 2 years of work between Planning and Airport staff in updating city zoning which allows for greater airport and community protection. The update involved producing an airport overlay map with protective zones, updated a 25-year-old section of outdated code related to the airport, and also noted the significance of the Airport to the community and region. This work strengthened the protection of the Airport and its operations and will discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to the airport. This effort was recognized by WSDOT Aviation as the "gold standard" in airport planning and protection, and the agency will be using Auburn as a model example to other airports.



- Ryan Hubbard made an airport driver training presentation which the Airport gives to new employees, Police, contractors and other parties who will operate on the airport
- Ryan Hubbard made a framed memorial commemorating Dick Scobee which is on display in the airport office lobby
- Upgraded the interior of the office: new pictures, conference room table, furniture
- Received \$23K in FAA funding related to COVID
- Rolled all airport infields to improve operational maintenance and safety
- Hired 2 seasonal employees: Jim McCartney and Brian Kruml
- Hired an airport intern: Kennedy Vessey
- Participated in the Fly Washington Passport Program second annual food drive in competition with other airports and donated over 4,674.80 lbs. of food to the Auburn Food Bank. This amount led to the airport winning the annual traveling trophy for 1st place
- Angela Klein published an article in the "Auburn Magazine" on the Food Drive success
- Updated City Code regarding the Airport Advisory Board and additional regulations related to the airport
- Over the year met with multiple students interested in aviation and airport management
- Updated numerous documents with the extended runway configuration and new airport layout
- Updated the Airport Layout Plan
- Ryan Hubbard obtained \$2,500 worth of scholarships from WAMA and NWAAAE to fund a portion of the airport's internship
- City employee Blake Tomasch won an award for the top poster for the work he did with airport staff in designing and producing a Part 77/protective airspace map around the airport
- Installed mulch in north end of airport which greatly improved aesthetics
- Airport Staff assisted Chehalis airport staff in hiring an administrative assistant
- Airport Staff presented Fly Washington Passport awards to Harvey Field and Orcas Island Airport for their participation in the 2020 food drive
- Fly Washington Passport Program: Since the program was kicked off on April 1, 2019 - 27 participants have flown to over 90% of the 105 participating airports and earned jackets, with 8 people attaining them in 2021
- Awarded \$59K in FAA funding related to COVID
- Staff installed helicopter pads on Classic Helicopter's ramp
- Staff cleared a corner of the airfield of black berries and old fence and turned this space into a mowable area
- Other long neglected areas along perimeter fence were cleared, with old fence breaches being fixed
- Intern, Kennedy Vessey, published an article in the "Auburn Magazine" educating the public on airport operations
- Found a solution and formed a process for when the airport's fuel terminal has software problems to still provide fuel to customers
- Cleared the airport's Southeast Ramp of all aircraft in preparation for the New Hangar Construction
- Sent out Requests for Qualifications for an On-Call Engineer for Airport Work for the next 5 years. Selected Century West Engineering
- Ryan Hubbard was awarded the annual Wildlife Award presented by the local USDA chapter recognizing his excellence in managing the Airport wildlife program. BIG Kudos go to Ryan for this award!
- Ryan obtained his drone operator's license. This will allow the airport to perform inspections of the facility from different angles and also deter wildlife.
- Created an informative and well done Question-and-Answer page on the airport website for commonly asked airport related questions
- Created a professional intro packet for all new airport tenants. Only airport in the region who offers this.
- Received a \$750,000 low-interest loan from the State for airport projects that produce revenue. The Airport plans to use the loan to enclose at least one row of open hangars and replace the roll up doors on J hangar row.



Purchases:

- FOD Boss Mats, prior ones were well used and due for replacement. Ordered an additional one to cut sweeping time in half and allow for shorter disturbances to operations
- 1 man crack sealer for airfield pavement maintenance. This allowed airport staff to proactively maintain pavement and extend its useful life.

Events:

- 2/13 – Snow event, over 7 inches of snow fall. Staff kept the airport open and had the opportunity to use the new airport plow.
- 3/10 – Runway incident, prop strike
- 3/31 – Vandalism and attempted theft of an aircraft on the SE ramp
- 4/9 – Staff presented to the WPA Green River chapter the Airport 101 presentation
- 5/14 – Staff participated in a WAMA airport tour at Skagit Airport to collaborate with fellow airport operators
- 6/30- Runway closure to address lighting issue which was fixed and performed maintenance on the runway surface during the closure
- 7/3- Emerald Downs Fireworks Show. Staff had an informal BBQ with Spanaflight and had outstanding attendance
- 7/7- Met and collaborated with Yakima Airport staff
- 7/15 – Hosted an airport internship tour for surrounding airports with interns to give them a feel for multiple airports
- 7/17-18 – Model Airplane Line Control event on Southeast ramp
- 8/6 – Dream Flights came to the airport and gave 4 Stearman rides to WWII veterans as part of their "Giving back to those who gave" Operation September Freedom barnstorming event
- 8/7 – Normandy BBQ
- 8- Paine Field and Sea-Tac Intern tours
- 8/23 - Held an Aviation Stakeholder consultation with WSDOT Aviation as part of the City zoning and comprehensive plan updates
- 9/14- Airport User Group Meeting
- 9/24- Airport Staff was interviewed by "Flying Magazine" on the Fly Washington Passport Program
- 11/16- Stolen Property Incident on Airport



-6 AAB Meetings