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Congratulations 2017 Award Winners!



WAMA Management Member of the Year **ROB PETERSON** Airport Director Yakima Air Terminal—McAllister Field



Exemplary Service Award **RYAN SHEEHAN** Director of Operations & Maintenance Spokane Airports



WAMA Project of the Year Tri-Cities Terminal Remodel Presented by FAA's Kevin Latschaw; accepted by **DIANNA BEELER**, Administrative Assistant



WAMA Special Achievement Award (President's Award) WSDOT/Aviation

Arif Ghouse, **LIZZ SLABAUGH**, **ERIC JOHNSON**, **ROB HODGMAN**, Laura Holthus, and **TRISTAN ATKINS** Missing from picture **PAUL WOLF**

President's Message

Fellow members:

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and making the most of the longer daylight hours now that summer is finally here! We are in what is historically the quieter period in the year for WAMA business, but of course our airports are as busy as ever so thank you all for your hard work that directly supports the state's economy.

As many of you already know, Tristan Atkins, aviation director at WSDOT, retired on June 30, 2017 after six years in that role and thirty-five years total in



federal and state government. Tristan was incredibly dedicated to his work, a tireless advocate for aviation and great partner for numerous industry stakeholders. He made some significant contributions to our state's aviation system that we all will benefit from for years to come. Please join me in wishing Tristan a wonderful retirement.

Talking of WSDOT, I wanted to remind you that the Washington Aviation Specialty License Plate

will be made available beginning this month – go get yours now! A special thank you to Representative Tom Dent for introducing the bill and to the Washington State Aviation Alliance for the successful petition efforts.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that although no decision has yet been made WAMA and our sister group in Oregon, OAMA are looking into the feasibility of a joint annual conference for 2018.

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What's Happening at WAMA?

Your Members at Work

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

The Airport Committee held an Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) round table discussion during the annual WAMA conference. Industry professionals provided their comments and concerns with UAS operations within the National Air Space. These concerns were then brought to the airport committee during the June meeting and included items to be added to the Drone Advisory Committee letter.

Additionally, the airport committee is developing a Rates and Charges survey, of which will include vital information collected from airports within the State of Washington. Information will then be evaluated, organized and available to all airports to assist with setting comparable rates within their organization.

Rob Peterson

Retirement on flight plan for aviation director

After 35 years of federal and state service, including the last six years as Director of Aviation at the Washington State Department of Transportation, Tristan Atkins is retiring.

Atkins' professional accomplishments as aviation director are numerous. Under his leadership, WSDOT successfully completed landmark studies including the [Airport Investment and Airport Investment "Solutions"](#) studies, which helped identify aviation funding gaps and target investments in the state.

He helped create the [Washington State Aviation Alliance](#), which serves as a collective voice for airports and aviation-related interests statewide. Through his work with stakeholders, he has championed efforts to increase state [Airport Aid Grant Program](#) funding for crucial airport projects.

Atkins also effectively transi-

tioned the Aviation Division office to the Olympia Regional Airport and created a dynamic Aviation Emergency Coordination Center for disaster response, which was instrumental in heightening aviation's role in the Pacific Northwest regional Cascadia Rising emergency drill last summer.

Most recently, Atkins and his staff were awarded the 2017 President's Award from the [Washington Airport Management Association](#) (WAMA). This was the first time a state agency has ever received this recognition from WAMA.

"I'm extremely appreciative for the friendships and support that the WSDOT aviation team and I have received from our amazing stakeholders," Atkins said. "I'm grateful to our partners including airport, pilot, and other aviation organizations—locally, statewide, and nationally."



A veteran of aviation, Atkins was named WSDOT director of aviation in June 2011. Prior to joining WSDOT, Atkins worked for the Washington State Patrol for 25 years, and was commander of the aviation section for 10 years. Atkins holds the military rank of colonel, having served as an Army aviator for 24 years.

Atkins' last day with the Aviation Division will be June 30.

WAMA Award Winners

By Laura Holthus

The Human Resources Committee had an active first quarter collecting nominations and selecting the award recipients announced at the annual conference in May:

2017 Airport Project of the Year went to *The Port of Pasco & the Tri-Cities Airport for the Newly Expanded and Modernized Terminal Building, nominated by Kevin Latschaw of the FAA's Seattle ADO*

2017 Management Member of the Year went to *Robert Peterson of Yakima Airport, nominated by Rich Muller of The Port of Moses Lake, for his impressive efforts effecting positive change by stabilizing the airport and earning the trust of the community*

2017 Special Achievement Award/President's Award went to *WSDOT – Aviation for all of their efforts for WA State on managing major projects like the System Plan and Investment Study, legislation efforts, initiatives like Fly WA Passport Program, WA State License Plate, pilot shortage efforts, all while managing state airports and all the day to day statewide efforts.*

Congratulations to our award winners!

A one-time award for exemplary service was given to Past WAMA President Ryan Sheehan for his leadership and contributions to WAMA. President Arif Ghouse presented Ryan with a model Boeing 787 Dreamliner signed by all of the board members.

Pangborn Airport in East Wenatchee received a specially made belt buckle wildlife award presented by Laurence Schafer, USDA Wildlife Services for their long term efforts in wildlife management.



Meet Our Associate Members



Founded in 1946 in Corvallis, Oregon as CH2M—a name derived from the initials of the company's four founders, CH2M HILL, Inc. is a full-service Consulting firm offering planning, engineering, construction management, operations and maintenance services to clients across the globe. CH2M is an employee-owned firm employing over 24,000 people across 400 offices worldwide. In Washington State, CH2M employs over 500 people, including 286 employees in our Bellevue office, 183 employees in our Richland/Hanford/Tri-Cities office, and 41 employees in our Spokane office.

Of relevance to WAMA membership, CH2M offers expertise in critical infrastructure, including landside and airside planning, design, construction management, asset management, and O&M services. We pride ourselves on a key value differentiator: CH2M's leading services and national/global expertise are offered with a FAR-Compliant Overhead Rate that is one of the industry's lowest.

CH2M's Aviation practice includes over 50 clients across the Northwest Mountain Region of the FAA. A snapshot of our team's recent and diverse service offerings across Washington State includes the following projects.

CH2M has been providing a diverse set of consulting services to SEA for the last 20 years. CH2M provides Project Management duties as an extension of staff for terminal,

Port of Seattle – Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

landside, airfield, and concessionaire services at the airport. CH2M has provided extensive planning services, both through our strategic involvement on the Sustainable Airport Master Plan, and the Advanced Planning project tasks. CH2M also provides detailed engineering and construction management services, such as our current Obstruction Removal program and past work as Construction Manager

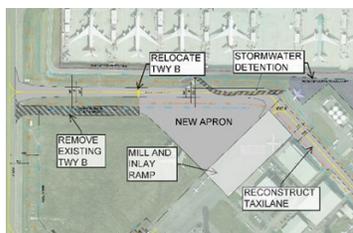
for two of the three runways at SEA. A sampling of the airfield projects successfully completed at SEA is included in the Exhibit below.



- Relevant Team Airfield Experience**
- 1 Runway 16R-34L – Construction Management
 - 2 Runway 16L-34R Reconstruction – Construction Management
 - 3 Comprehensive Development Plan
 - 4 Ramp Tower Systems Installation
 - 5 FAA SMS Implementation Study
 - 6 Airfield Pavement Management Services
 - 7 Sustainable Airport Master Plan
 - 8 SASA Conceptual Design Studies
 - 9 End Around Taxiway Analysis
 - 10 Gate Allocation Strategy
 - 11 Runway 16C-34C Maintenance – Slab Replacement
 - 12 Concourse B and South Satellite Taxiway Repair and Reconstruction

Paine Field – Snohomish County

CH2M has been providing services to PAE since 1996. Over this time, CH2M has completed such projects as the Dreamlifter Operations Center, Electrical lighting improvements to Runway 16R-34L and Taxiway A, and our current project, the Reconstruction of Taxiway B and the North Ramp Taxiway. This project includes an aircraft parking apron, detention pond for water quality and storage, wildlife mitigation through an innovative bird deterrent, and planning to ensure a successful relocation of Taxiway B to remove the straight through entry point to Runway 16R-34L. The Taxiway B project will be constructed over the fall of 2017 and summer of 2018.



Washington State Dept. of Transportation – Airport Investment Study

CH2M partnered with the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Aviation Division to directly address state funding for airport preservation and capital improvements. The statewide study included all 135 public use airports in WA, gathering data on Airport Capital Improvement needs over the short and long term. The study was accomplished in phases. Phase 1 included gathering data on statewide capital needs, investigating federal, state and local funding forecasts, and identifying gaps between the needed funding and the likely available funding, as well as potential consequences of not addressing the funding gap. Phase



2 identified potential feasible solutions to reduce the funding gap. Feasible solutions were analyzed and prioritized by a diverse aviation stakeholder group. At completion, a total of 10 potential solutions were fleshed out and a road map provided for each to help close the State's portion of funding gap for the WA airport system.

CH2M Contacts

For more information on CH2M and how we can help your airport solve your pressing needs, please reach out to our leadership, including Mark Brower at Mark.Brower@ch2m.com, Bill VanHercke at William.VanHercke@ch2m.com, Kevin Cooley at Kevin.Cooley@ch2m.com, or visit our website at www.ch2m.com.

FINANCE

COMMITTEE

After a tremendously successful WAMA conference we are reconciling the books to obtain an updated financial picture. Due to anticipated staff changes, the planned financial review planned for 2017 has been rescheduled to 2018, which unencumbered some funds. Also, some scholarship and grant funds were not expended as previously anticipated. The WAMA board voted in May to revise the budget to reflect these changes.

The finance committee has solicited membership from the WAMA board and members to participate in a revenue working group. The working group has met twice and has developed a list of revenue opportunities. Please contact Rob Hodgman if you are interested in participating in the working group.

Rob Hodgman

AIRPORT SPOTLIGHT



Aerial view of Sullivan Lake State Airport

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

WAMA Awarded the Thomas Eller Memorial Airport Management Scholarship to Gleb Shenov in the amount of \$1000. Gleb is from Spokane Valley and attends Embry-Riddle in Arizona. His degree is in Aviation Business Administration.

Jennifer Skogland
Director

INTRODUCING SULLIVAN LAKE STATE AIRPORT

Located in beautiful Pend Oreille County in the northeast corner of Washington, the Sullivan Lake State Airport offers a unique recreational paradise for pilots, visitors and aviation enthusiasts alike.

Sullivan Lake is one of 16 airports operated by the Washington State Department of Transportation. The public use airport spans 20 acres with a single, turf runway (Runway 16-34) measuring 1,765 feet long and 150 feet wide. Visitors can



enjoy many features, attractions and amenities including a turf aircraft parking area (located on the west end of the runway), a wind cone located mid-field and nearby fishing, boating and camping. Picnic tables and fire pits are also conveniently located on the airport.

The airport is also used for medical evacuation flights about five times per year resulting from accidents sustained in the adjacent campground. Wildlife tracking flights and helicopters engaged in logging operations also operate at the facility.



Sullivan Lake receives an estimated 1,000 to 2,000 annual operations and has no based aircraft. Activity is tracked by pilots recording their flights on a log kept in a box on the field. Ground access to the airport is provided via highway 31 from Metaline Falls to the Sullivan Lake road 9345. Vehicular and pedestrian access to the airport is controlled by fences running down each side of the runway.

According to the WSDOT historical records, the airport was originally a U.S. Forest Service facility. In the early 1970s, the forest service determined it no longer needed the facility. Because of the value and unique services the airport provides, WSDOT Aviation acquired rights to use and maintain the property. In August 1971, the forest service issued the first Special Use Permit to WSDOT Aviation. The forest service requires the Special Use Permit to be renewed every 10 years.

Upcoming Projects and Work Party:

After completing the Airport Layout Planning process with its consultant, Century West Engineering, WSDOT Aviation is ready to begin maintenance and additions to Sullivan Lake that will benefit airport users for years to come.

Here's what happening and what's to come at the airport:

- New pilot planning tables
- New fire rings
- Pilot planning station with telephone in honor of long-time Sullivan Lake volunteer, Bob Kay (Recreational

Aviation Foundation, WA Liaison)

- Seaplane dock access
- Shoreline access improvements



- Restroom access
- Runway turf management improvements – currently underway
- Weed control and enhanced vegetation management
- Wildlife control measures and habitat management plans

WSDOT Aviation invites aviation enthusiasts to get their hands dirty and volunteer during the Sullivan Lake State Airport summer work party on Aug. 13. WSDOT is hosting the event with the Recreational Aviation Founda-



tion and the Washington Pilots Association – Deer Park Chapter (the airport's primary sponsor under WSDOT's Adopt an Airport Program).

For more information or to volunteer on Aug. 13, contact Airport Manager Paul Wolf at

wolfp@wsdot.wa.gov or visit: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/AllStateAirports/Metaline-Falls_SullivanLakeState.htm.

Executive Director:

Marjy Leggett

Summertime seems to be a bit of a lull as far as WAMA activities go, but a busy time for airports, as this is the time that airports are holding fly-in events and the weather with its clear skies beckons the pilot to fly. Here are a few of the activities and projects on the horizon for WAMA:

Elections:

Coming up in September/October will be the WAMA Board of Directors elections. Director Laura Holthus is already starting the election process by seeking nominations. If you would like to be a part of this dynamic group, please contact her. Another way you can be involved is to volunteer to be on a committee. Committee chairmen are always looking for members to join them. The work is minimal, the progress made is exciting, and the outcome is rewarding.

Legislative News:

The Legislative Committee did well, but there are still some issues that the Washington State

Legislature put on the back burner. The Legislative Committee will pursue those issues when the Legislature starts up again. We did make progress this year with an increase in the grant maximum amount permitted and in an aviation license plate, which became available on July 1st. The proceeds from the license plate sales go to help support airports. Shortly, we should start seeing vehicles sporting those new plates. Show your passion for aviation by purchasing an aviation specialty license plate.

WAMA Conference 2017:

The 2017 WAMA Conference held in Blaine, Washington at the Semiahmoo Resort was a fantastic success! Although composed of just a few people, the Conference Committee does an amazing job of putting together a well-planned, worthwhile, quality conference with a wide variety of pertinent topics. A special



thanks to John Haakenson, Kelly Thompson, and Dianna Beeler who are the central players in the conference planning, and to Sandy Engstrom, our webmaster, who makes sure our information is posted promptly and correctly. These people make a fantastic team. Behind the scenes are Kandace Harvey, David Field, and Robert Hodgman, who handle the registration and financials of the conference. Of course, there are many others involved in the planning, but these people are the core and we thank them for the tremendous extra amount of work that they do.

If you missed the conference this year, a link to pdf versions of the seminar presentations can be found at

<http://www.wama.us/wama-news/4836684>

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AVIATION HISTORY:

Lieutenant John W. Hodgkin, Lands Piper Cub on top of Mount Rainier

DAVID FIELD

On April 12, 1951, Lieutenant John W. Hodgkin, age 42, a pilot stationed at McChord Air Force Base, flies his ski-equipped Piper J-3 Cub from Spanaway Air Strip to the top of Mount Rainier (14,410 feet), establishing a new world record for a high-altitude landing. However, when Hodgkin prepares to leave, the engine will not start in the rarefied air and he is forced to spend the night on top of the mountain, huddled in the Cub's cockpit. The next morning, Hodgkin will push his airplane down the snow-covered face of Nisqually

Glacier, glide, without power, to frozen Mowich Lake, at the 5,000-foot level, and land safely on the ice.

With the help of a National Park Service ranger and 20 gallons of gasoline, dropped from an Air Force rescue plane, Hodgkin will take off again and return safely to Spanaway.

He will be charged in federal court with landing a private aircraft in a national park without permission and be fined \$350..



Lieutenant John W, Hodgkin sets world record

Read the whole story here:

<http://www.historylink.org/>

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee is discussing reaching out to contractors and suppliers who would find membership in WAMA valuable. Look for future communication from the committee asking members to recruit the companies they work with.

Tim Mensonides,
Vice President



Extinct volcanic crater atop Mount Rainier looking down the face of Nisqually Glacier to left of center, n.d.



Nisqually Glacier (center of picture) on Mount Rainier at sunrise, July 4, 1925

HIGHLIGHTS FROM WAMA CONFERENCE 2017



Looking across Semiahmoo Bay to White Rock, B.C. Canada in the daytime and at night



Ready for the business meeting



President Arif Ghouse speaks to the group

BUSINESS

FUN!

GOLF



A delicious banquet awaits eager conference attendees

GOOD FOOD



Chuck Larson awards participants from the golf tournament



NETWORKING

ENTERTAINMENT



Relaxing and meeting fellow WAMA members in the Hospitality Room.

Lizz Shambaugh & David Ryan entertain with singing and guitars



THANKS TO OUR SPEAKERS!



WSDOT
FAA
AOPA



AIRPORTS
EXPERTISE



Rob Hodgman, Tristan Atkins, Lizz Slabaugh, and Eric Johnson give a WSDOT Update

FAA representatives Randy Fiertz, Jennifer Kandel, Jason Ritchie, and Kevin Latschaw give the FAA Update.

SOME OF OUR
FANTASTIC
SPEAKERS



Kevin Mulcaster & Tony Bean share Lessons Learned in the Pullman-Moscow Realignment Project



A WIDE
VARIETY OF
TOPICS



Warren Hendrickson, AOPA NW Regional Manager reviews the Pilot Bill of Rights and Basic Med



Ryan Sheehan gives tips on Snow Removal and Deicing



Burr Stewart educates members on ways to maintain Financial Stability of Airports



Zak Sargent, Tim Kyker, and Ron Russ discuss Navigating Pangborn's Runway 12 Extension Project.



Laurence Schafer entertains the audience with his humorous approach to Avoiding Creating Wildlife Hazards

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WASHINGTON AIRPORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

MISSION: To improve Airports and Airport Management in Washington State.

PURPOSE:

- a. Link airport managers in Washington State to achieve their common interests.
- b. Identify and address problems and opportunities among airports in the state.
- c. Provide mutual support among members to benefit aviation.
- d. Provide educational opportunities for development of airport managers and staff.
- e. Review and refine industry procedures and regulations.
- f. Educate the public and airport users regarding the value and benefits of airports.
- g. Assist airports in meeting their obligations to the larger community.

Newsletter questions?
Contact Marjy Leggett
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WAMA Conference 2018

This year's conference was such a draw, that some of the late-comers discovered there were no rooms left at the resort. Without other nearby hotels to service the overflow, some of those who wished to attend found they had no place to stay. Don't let that happen to you. The 2018 conference will be held in south central or southeast Washington. Oregon Airport Managers Association (OAMA) has expressed interest in attending, so this is sure to be a popular conference. Make your room reservations early once the hotel location is announced.

If you have articles or information you would like to have printed in the WAMA newsletter, please contact me. We are always interested in the special projects that are being done at your airport; and for our associate members, we are interested also in what you are working on or have to offer.

Enjoy the sunny weather and have a wonderful, safe summer, whether you are driving or flying!

Marjy

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES

By Sara Young

The Legislature is fairly quiet at the moment, with the primary focus on passing a budget and avoiding a government shutdown. Governor Inslee ordered a 3rd 30-day special session this morning (June 21) for that purpose.

Airports fared well in the 2017 regular session, passing two out of three of WAMA's active legislative priorities for 2017. Those included the passage of a state aviation license plate and passage of an increase in the grant maximum for airport aid grants. The final active legislative priority for 2017 is to establish a revolving aviation infrastructure loan fund for revenue-generating projects on airports. Two bills to establish such a revolving loan program continue to be active in both House and Senate committees. Both of those bills have been retained in committee by resolution and will continue to be active in the 2018 regular session. WAMA will work with the Washington

State Aviation Alliance to support passage of a revolving loan bill in 2018.

Washington State's REAL ID bill also passed the Legislature this session and was signed into law by the Governor on May 16. The Federal REAL ID law requires state driver's licenses to have security enhancements and to be issued to people who can prove they are legally in the United States. The law affects airports with commercial passenger service. It was passed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to strengthen rules for identification needed at airports and federal facilities. The law creates a two-tiered system for driver's licenses in Washington State. As of July 2018, standard driver's licenses will be marked as non-compliant and will require a secondary form of ID to board domestic commercial flights. Driver's may also elect to pay for an enhanced driver's license that meets Federal requirements.