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1. Small Airport Operators: WSDOT Aviation Presents Airport Management Seminar at Arlington Fly-In

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) invites small airport operators and the general public to learn more about managing an airport during its “Airport Management Toolkit for Small Airport Operators” seminar at the Arlington Fly-In.



What: Instructor David Miller (Aviation Consultant; Adjunct Faculty, Central Washington University Flight Technology Program), and WSDOT will conduct an airport management seminar. We will present information and provide resources specifically for those interested in small airport operations. Topics will include airport construction coordination, airport safety, community relations, and airport project funding.

When: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, July 9, 2005

Where: The Arlington Fly-In, Forum Tent C

The seminar is free of charge and reservations are not required. However, to ensure we have adequate materials, please let us know if you plan to attend. Please email Nisha Hanchinamani at hanchin@wsdot.wa.gov.

More information about the Arlington Fly-In is available at: www.nweaa.org.

2. “House Appropriations Panel Oks U.S. DOT Spending Bill,” says AAAE

The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) recently issued the following news release. This may be an early indication that Congress will not agree to all of the President’s proposed cuts to the Aviation budget. If approved, these proposed cuts could hurt state airports.

“The House Appropriations Committee on June 21, approved its final version of the fiscal year 2006 spending bill that funds DOT, FAA, and a number of other federal agencies. The bill includes \$3.6 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) – a record amount that is \$600 million above the President’s request. Additionally, the bill includes a provision requiring FAA to pay for the space it uses in airport-owned facilities and, despite serious budget constraints, provides healthy funding levels for a number of airport priorities, including air traffic control modernization, the Airport Cooperative Research Program, the Small Community Air Service Development Program, FAA’s Contract Tower Program and Essential Air Service. Although no amendments shifting resources away from AIP or other airport priorities were adopted, airports could become a target as the bill moves to the floor of the House and to the Senate.”

3. AOPA Air Safety Foundation Introduces New Online Mountain Flying Course



Washington State pilots interested in mountain flying now have a new online resource. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Air Safety Foundation (ASF) recently introduced a new course specifically designed to teach pilots about the unique challenges associated with mountain flying.

ASF’s Mountain Flying Course teaches pilots about high-density-altitude operations, flight planning and performance considerations, mountain weather, and operating in and around "unimproved" airstrips. It takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete and users can receive FAA Wings Program credit.

The FAA underwrote this special project because of the need to educate general aviation pilots of the hazards of flight in mountainous terrain. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has partnered with ASF to provide the Web link to the AOPA Online Safety Center to every pilot in that state.

"WSDOT is very pleased by the quality of the Mountain Flying Course developed by ASF for online pilot education," said WSDOT Aviation Director, John Sibold.

"Though beautiful, our state's mountainous terrain is often a challenge for Washington pilots and for those visiting from other parts of the country," said Sibold. "We encourage pilots to access this valuable tool to sharpen their skills before flying in the mountains. This is just one more example of the excellent pilot courses available through AOPA and ASF."

WSDOT believes this resource is a valuable alternative for those who previously attended the state-sponsored Mountain Flying Clinics in Wenatchee. A decision was recently made to eliminate state sponsorship of those clinics because of the high risk and liability.

Available to all pilots at no cost, the Web-based tutorial can be found at [AOPA's Online Safety Center](#).

4. WSDOT Aviation Seeking Transportation Planning Specialist 3

WSDOT Aviation is looking to hire a Transportation Planning Specialist 3. This person will be responsible for providing technical assistance on the Airport Land Use Compatibility Program, updating and maintaining the program facility database, assisting in contract administration, and aiding in the development of the Aviation System Plan. The position opens July 15, 2005 and closes on July 29, 2005. Interested persons need to submit the following to Adrienne Sanders, sandea@wsdot.wa.gov by close of business on Friday, July 29:

- Washington State Employment Application
- Letter of interest
- Detailed resume
- Response to supplemental questionnaire