

COOS COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICT

ON THE HORIZON



TRAVELERS FLYING OTH ON THE RISE

Some good news for the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport. Passengers continue seeing the airport as an option for traveling for business and recreation. The San Francisco flights have experienced record-setting numbers. Currently, on United's website, Travelers can book daily flights through November. With the peak travel season underway, the Coos County Airport District continues to see an uptick in passenger enplanements. In the first six months of the year, available seats filled on in-

bound and outbound flights are up 14% over last year. This puts the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport on pace to set a new enplanement record for 2024.



In June, the Denver route saw its highest numbers of passengers filling available seats since United Express started flying that route. Overall, enplanements and deplanements were just under 5000 passengers. This is 16% higher than June of 2023.

CCAD also tracks general aviation (GA) information for aircraft that are from out of Coos County. Since January, GA traffic is 478 aircraft. Out of district general aviation traffic is tracked by CCAD and users pay use and overnight fees to the district. Since Coos County residents already pay the airport through taxes, those users are not included in those numbers.



INVESTMENT CONTINUE AT THE TERMINAL



In an ongoing effort to improve the passenger experience, the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport has completed another round of upgrades to its passenger loading and unloading area in front of the terminal. 27 bollard lights that had been in place since the terminal was constructed in 2009 were updated to cost-saving LED lights. Most of the lights put in place following the construction of the terminal no longer worked. The update included a replacing the

non-functioning light on the flag and pole. Reese Electric worked over the course of several days to complete the project. Other improvements included the removal of the curbed roundabout last year and upgrading parking lot lights to LED. A maintenance contract with Clean Rivers Landscaping will provide regular maintenance at the terminal. Work is also scheduled to start on a shuttle bus loading area. It will provide better traffic flow and improved safety. Traffic revisions are likely when work starts in early-August.



NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLES COME ONLINE



Skywest personnel received training this month after receiving a new Air Starting Unit to replace the formerly used equipment. Commercial passengers travel on a United Airlines Embraer 175. In such aircraft, when the engines are turned off for passengers to deplane and enplane, air is what gets the blades moving again in the jet engine. When the aircraft on-board units aren't operable, crews use air starts to get the blades going until the engine fires its own power. The piece of equipment is one of many that helps ensure the aircraft

can get underway in a timely fashion, getting you on your way to your next destination. The unit has solar power, keeping with Skywest's intent of eco-friendly, green technology companywide.



PARK AMENITIES GET NEW LIFE



Airport maintenance and volunteer organizations have been working on improvements to the park that is located inside the boundary of the Coos County Airport District. Most recently, maintenance workers added lines and painted backboards and rims in the enclosed basketball court. CCAD maintenance employee Jon Wilson worked with project contractor Rick Skinner. The two painted the vintage metal playground toys and Wilson added details to the colorful equipment. Wilson says improving the park encourages more people to come and enjoy it. He saw youth in the basketball court a day after the painting and that, he considers, is a win for everyone.

Park improvements are part of the district's goals. The district has formed an agreement with the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary to create and implement a park master plan. Rotary is planning a second meeting in August or September to present original designs by the park consultant. Rotary has hired Ground Workshop to complete the plan.



BASEBALL FIELD FENCING IMPROVED

The North Bend Independent Youth Baseball program has continued its investment into the ball fields at Airport Heights Park. The work included extending the rookie baseball field fence. According to volunteer, Tim Huntley, the existing fence on the south field was at approximately 120 feet and there was no fence on the north field. Typical regulation Rookies outfield fences range from 140 to 160 feet. NBIBP invested \$3000 dollars and 100 volunteer hours to extend the fencing to 150 feet and added a fence to the second field. The work was completed in time for Ian Spaulding Tournament.



NEW LEASE ON LIFE FOR WWII APRON



The Coos County Airport District Board of Commissioners accepted two federal grants that will be used to fund projects that will enhance what the airport offers in airside services. The grants totaling just under \$1.8M will fund first of three phases to reconstruct the WWII Apron. Knife River Materials was awarded the contract in June. Construction is set to begin on August 5th with work area perimeter fencing going up this week. The area is critical for general aviation services especially during the late spring and summer months. The reconstruction of the 300,000 sq. ft. apron will be done in

three phases. The first phase is the area that has seen the greatest degradation of the 15 x 15 sq. ft. concrete slabs. Construction standards used when it was a military operation during WWII were much different than they are today. Planes were also not as heavy. It has caused the 80-year-old concrete to crack. The two grants were made by the Federal Aviation Administration. The apron is a critical for military and or aircraft fueling, aircraft storage, air ambulance services, and cargo deliveries.



MEET THE STAFF: SHANNON HUNT



Maintenance, mopars, antiques... oh my! A surprising combination that makes Shannon Hunt an interesting guy. Shannon has worked for the airport district for 5 years in maintenance, but he has roots in Oregon going back to 1992. He calls himself a kind of “Jack of All Trades.” And what he finds rewarding at the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport is the ability to work on so many things from electrical and plumbing to mechanical and figuring

out how to make things work. Since arriving in the area after leaving California, he has managed the branch at Peterson Cat and worked as a fleet manager for the county. Shannon holds a degree in Diesel Engineering from Oregon Institute of Technology and has used that to troubleshoot mechanical issues when they arise.

But his love of tinkering doesn't end there. Drag racing cars and collecting classic cars and trucks is a hobby. It might also come as a surprise his passion for the classics extends beyond cars to being an avid antique collector. You might even find him on the road in one of those classic cars making his way to auctions and antique sales. However, his daily routine at the airport, is doing what needs to be done so when you're ready to travel, we're ready for you. (Right Photo: Shannon in orange cleaning the awning at the terminal)



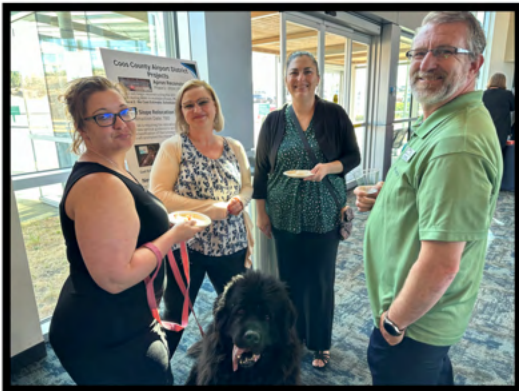
TRAVEL TIP: SMART BAGS

It is easy to stay connected while you're traveling. Some of those things that keep you connected, require special consideration when flying. Smart Bags are one. They are becoming more popular. This type of luggage has components that allow you to track and lock or unlock it, charge your devices, weigh it, and so



much more. United requires the battery installed in the bag, be removed before it is checked or carried onboard. United's policy states, if it can't be removed, it won't be allowed on board. For checked bags, devices with lithium-ion batteries should be turned off before packing. Information is available at www.united.com.

AIRPORT HOSTS BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



The airport hosted the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours in July. The event brings together partners and business owners and operators for a casual social setting and introduces them to the airport and the chamber. It is a great opportunity for people to see the variety of things offered at the airport. This event focused on businesses supported by having an airport. Coos Aviation Office Manager, Shannon Randle, provided attendees with information on the recent

hire of a second Certified Flight Instructor, to meet the growing interest in piloting a plane. Sorin Pandeale, a manager at Aviation Transportation provided information about shuttle service that the company provides to meet the increasing need for transportation services especially for golfers and Bandon Dunes. Terra Enstrom owns the business that has operated for 19 years. Attendees were also able to see the United Airlines Embraer 175 that was parked at the gate near the terminal.



Chamber Director, Rosey Thomas gets a closeup view of the United Express Aircraft



Upcoming Meetings

- August 8, Noon, Airport Park Steering Committee
 - August 22, 7:30am, Coos Co. Airport District Board Meeting
- Meetings take place in the Board Room at the Airport Terminal
- Airport Heights Park Master Plan Committee Meeting-TBA (Meeting will take place at the North Bend Senior Center)

CCAD BOARD APPROVES BUDGET



The Coos County Airport District Board of Commissioners has approved the F/Y 2024-2025 Budget. Included with the budget, the board certified the tax rate of \$.24 per \$1000 and amount for the F/Y 2024-2025. The airport operates on a July to June fiscal year. The budget approved in June is \$20,683,609.

The budget is made up of tax, grant, and operational funds. Some of those funds are earmarked as matching funds for projects that are planned. Projects include the reconstruction of the WWII Apron, Runway Safety Area, design and construction of a much-needed cargo facility, and regular operation and maintenance at the airport and district-owned buildings and property. It also includes funds for establishing a northbound commercial flight. The budget was prepared and approved by the 10-member budget committee that is made up of elected commissioners and appointed community members.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH: MAYORS WALK



North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke and Coos Bay Mayor Joe Benetti hosted the monthly Mayors Walk at the airport recently. The event alternates monthly in each city. Joining them on the walk was the Coos County Airport District Executive Director, Rodger Craddock, the airport Public Information Officer, and about 15 citizens. The group toured the North Bend Senior Center, and learned about the park project that has been undertaken by the local Rotary Club. They also heard about the approximately 60 property leases that help fund operations of the airport district. The group also discussed the quest to re-establish a northbound flight and increasing passenger enplanements. Those increases will help as administration and the consultant meet with airlines in October.

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