Om The Horizon Southwest Oregon Regional Airport April/May 2021

Welcome to <u>On The Horizon</u>, Southwest Oregon Regional Airport's newsletter. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date on airport activities, get to know our tenants better, and tell you more about airport operations. We appreciate any suggestions you may have regarding stories, updates, or questions we can answer for you. Feel free to reach out...David (david@flyoth.com)

Daily Flights Resume April 1st; Denver June 6th

With the spring months upon us, we are excited to announce United Airlines will resume daily flights to SFO beginning April 1st. Arrival flights are scheduled to land at 12:52 p.m. while departing flights are scheduled to leave at 3:10 p.m. We all hope the troubles of the past year are behind us and look forward to what these new travel times bring!



We are also delighted to announce the return of our seasonal flights to Denver. These flights will begin

June 6th and run through October 3rd. Flights are scheduled for Wednesday and Sunday operations, arriving at 12:22 p.m. and departing at 12:48 p.m. Not only does this allow for different markets to access what North Bend and the Oregonian coast has to offer, but it permits our locals to explore more destinations through the Denver International Airport hub. Book your tickets now!

Looking towards the future, as the air traffic demand gets back to normal levels, Southwest Oregon Regional Airport will be striving to find air carriers to serve the North Bend to Portland flight route! More information will be provided as things become known.

New Fire Station To Be Completed This Summer

Southwest Oregon Regional Airport has a long and rich history. Shortly after opening in 1932, the airfield was commissioned as a U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station. Around that time, many buildings were added around the property, including a fire station. With plans to expand the airfield over the coming years, a modern fire station would serve as a great benefit to the commercial and general aviation communities.



Artist rendition of the completed fire station



Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting, otherwise known as ARFF, is provided by the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport and is staffed by a full team of certified personnel. To assist with the construction of a brand new, up-to-date facility, the FAA has provided the airport with a grant. Construction began in the summer of 2020 and things are moving quickly towards a planned completion date of July 2021. The 4 bay fire station, with supporting offices and structures, will be a great asset to the patrons of Southwest Oregon Regional Airport.

SORA's 2015 Oshkosh Striker

Airfield Lighting Project Complete; Ramp Project To Begin



Newly upgraded taxiway and sign lighting

Recently, Southwest Oregon Regional Airport completed a \$3.5 million lighting project to upgrade the movement area lighting in its entirety. This replaced the outdated taxiway and runway lights, including the underground systems, some of which were installed in the 1940's. To help ensure the safety of aircraft and personnel, the airport is installing a brand new lighting system on the main ramp. This will greatly help the general aviation community during times of low visibility, including night time operations.

The ramp, known as a "non-movement area", is not under control by the air traffic control tower. Planes and authorized vehicles are able to move around without direct communication.

An accident can happen if tenants, pilots, or other personnel are not paying attention while on the airfield. This upgraded lighting system will help keep everyone and everything safe and secure.

As a friendly reminder, we ask all airport personnel and tenants to remain vigilant in their security responsibilities while accessing the Airport Operations Area (AOA). Please allow only one vehicle at a time through OTH vehicle access points, unless you are providing an escort. If someone asks for help because their badge isn't working, please direct them to Airport Operations at (541) 756-7272.

Spill Kits

As a courtesy and convenience to our tenants, Southwest Oregon Regional Airport will be installing two new spill kit stations on the airfield. These stations will be clearly marked; one station is located in the

main hangar (south wall) while the other station is located in the Thangars (north east corner). More information will be provided once the two stations are completed.

Southwest Oregon Regional Airport asks all personnel to please be vigilant and proactive in knowing what substances are being disposed of. No fuel, chemicals, oils, or other hazardous materials should be disposed of in drains, trash cans, or other improper disposal methods. If there are any questions or to report a spill, please call Airport Operations at (541) 756-7272.



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