On The Horizon Southwest Oregon Regional Airport Oct. Nov. 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)

United Winter Flight Schedule

As 2021 is coming to a close and we are headed into the winter months, there will be a couple of changes to the United flight schedule at OTH. The last seasonal flight to Denver will take place on October 3rd. Also starting November 2, the flight from/ to San Francisco will be 5 days a week (up from 4 days a week last winter) with no flight occurring on Tuesday or Saturday. November schedule subject to change.



Expansion of Commercial Routes



Compared to Summer 2020, the Airport has seen a drastic increase in both general aviation traffic and commercial passenger traffic. On October 5th, the Airport will be in discussions about establishing air service to destinations north of the airfield. This air service will allow Coos County and the surrounding area to have year-round, direct commercial flight access to Portland. Currently, the airport has service to San Francisco and Denver. Expanding upon those commercial air routes will help provide a vital link with our Northwest community.

Last year, Southwest Oregon Regional Airport received the Small Community Air Service Development Grant. This grant provides the Airport with \$750,000 to help establish air routes north of Coos Bay. Expanding the Airport's reach into a greater regional presence will help the future development of additional commercial air service routes. More information will be provided as it becomes available.



New Personnel Additions to the Airport

We are excited to announce two new Airport Operations Coordinators have joined us at Southwest Oregon Regional Airport! Mark Lane and Cole Barnes are driven and motivated individuals looking to make a positive impact at the Airport. Mark and Cole have followed similar educational paths. Both graduated from Big Bend Community College in Washington, with an

Associates in Commercial Aviation. Big Bend is where they received their private, instrument, and commercial pilot ratings. Additionally, they both earned their Bachelors in Aviation Management at Central Washington University.

While their educational paths may be the same, they have different backgrounds. Mark is a local community member from Bandon,

graduating from Bandon High School in 2012. He has been flying for years but was also a commercial fisherman with his dad for much of that time too. As he states, "I am excited to be

a part of the airport I began flying out of as a small child. Being a local, I love this community and am ready to get to work!" In his free

time, Mark enjoys playing disc golf and camping.

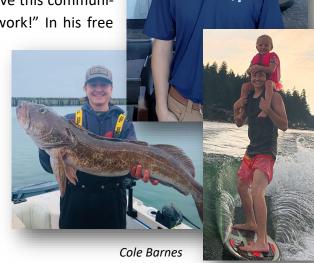
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Cole was born in Shelton, Washington and after completing his degrees, moved to Colorado. He worked at San Luis Valley Regional Airport in Alamosa, Colorado. There he was an Airport Operations agent and was also an airport firefighter. Cole states, "I am very grateful for the opportunity here and looking forward to gaining new experiences and furthering my operations career." Cole has a love for the outdoors, including hunting, fishing, and water sports.

We welcome both Mark and Cole to the team!



American Legion Building Will Lead to New Opportunities

The American Legion is a fantastic organization with a very long and rich history. The goal of American Legion is to help America's veterans, their families, and communities as well. This includes fighting for veteran's rights and providing youth programs. Since 1942, The American Legion Post 34 building has been stationed at Southwest Oregon Regional Airport. This building not only provided a place for members to socialize with one another, but it allowed for lasting friendships to be formed while sharing personal experiences. The building has provided an incalculable amount of service to those who have bravely fought and defended our country. Unfortunately, this building has long outlived its useful life.



The American Legion building at the Airport was constructed roughly 80 years ago by the U.S. Navy. However, it was only meant to last for a handful of years. Asbestos ceilings, rotting siding, uneven floors/

appliances, and a generally dilapidated structure are some of the many hazards with the building in its current state. Because of these facts, the building must be removed. While this may be a drastic change for some, it will allow for the expansion of the Airport. This growth will provide the public with many new and

interesting aviation opportunities for the future. As we speak, new buildings are being enacted around the property to better serve the community. One particular new opportunity in discussion is the Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing (EVTOL) Beta station. More information will be provided on the very interesting EVTOL station in the next newsletter. The additional land will allow the airport to not only accommodate the community with updated and safe structures, but give modern and exciting technology to Coos County.



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