



Welcome to On The Horizon, 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)

Bigger Aircraft Slotted For SFO/DEN Flights

The Airport is excited to announce an important change to the United flight structure. Currently, the aircraft being used for the flight to/from San Francisco is a 50 seat Bombardier CRJ-200. However, through the fall of this year, the route will now be taken by the same aircraft that services the Denver route: an Embraer ERJ-175, which holds up to 76 seats. This significantly larger aircraft not only provides a first class cabin and allows for more passengers but also provides a more spacious and comfortable flight. As a reminder, the San Francisco flights are scheduled daily through the fall while the Denver flights are scheduled for Wednesday and Sunday operations from June 6th to October 3rd.



Young Eagles Fly-In Event Was A Huge Success



On May 22nd, a Young Eagles fly-in event took place at Southwest Oregon Regional Airport. The event was a huge success, with over 50 kids attending, and each of them receiving a free flight in a private single engine airplane. The Young Eagles is a program formed by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in order to allow children, ages 8-17, to have some form of exposure to planes and the aviation community.

A big part of introducing and inspiring those kids is done through free introductory flights. Everyone who attended also got to enjoy the atmosphere that an airport has to offer, including seeing various aircraft up close and personal as well as talking to pilots and other aviation personnel.



The static displays that were available included various air-planes in the hangar, a Coast Guard helicopter, and two Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) trucks. Elkhorn BBQ was also generous in providing the event with a delicious food truck.

There are plans to have other public events like these in the future. More information will be provided as it becomes available.



A special thanks to all those for the planning, flying, time, use of planes, and overall effort in order to make this event happen. We look forward to the next event!

Airport, Surrounding Agencies Hold Mass Casualty Table Top Exercise

Every year the Airport is required to hold a table top mass casualty drill. In case of a real life event, the situation will be very dynamic so it is important to work together as a team. Other important agencies are required to participate and go over possible scenarios and outcomes. For this exercise, representatives from North Bend Fire, North Bend Police, TSA, Oregon State Troopers, United Airlines, and Airport personnel attended this meeting. "It is important to familiarize yourself with everyone, not only who they are and what agency they represent but also what capabilities their department can bring if an incident should happen", says Bob Hood, Operations Manager and Lead Fire Officer for Southwest





Oregon Regional Airport. He goes on to explain "...these drills are important because it allows for everyone to get on the same page, from how information is exchanged to what frequencies will be utilized." Being able to stay up to date on the most effective procedures while giving suggestions and brainstorming will allow for the greatest chance of success should an incident occur.

This yearly table top exercise is a much smaller version of what is to come. Every three years the Airport and other participating agencies engage in a much larger mass casualty exercise. Planned for September, this event will include a staged crashed aircraft, dozens of volunteer victims, and numerous outside agency vehicles and personnel. This scenario will be treated as if it were a live crash site that just occurred. At the conclusion of the event, everything will be reviewed, starting from the initial dispatching and response to the clean up and debriefing. More information will be provided to the public as this event draws near.

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