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-The deadline for making room reservations at Skamania Lodge? (See page 1)

-What year was the Morrison-Maierle Company founded? (See page 3)

-Who is celebrating 30 years in the aviation industry this year? (See page 10)

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Sign up Now for the WAMA/OAMA Conference!***Skamania Lodge Stevenson, WA***[Click Here for Reservations](#)[Click here to register and for more information.](#)***A special THANK YOU to our generous sponsors!*****REGISTER NOW FOR THE WAMA/OAMA CONFERENCE!**

The conference committee has been working diligently to prepare for the spring conference. Please mark your calendars for May 21-23, 2018. The venue will be the beautiful and serene Skamania Lodge located in Stevenson, Washington. The deadline for booking rooms before our block of rooms is dropped is April 20, so hurry to reserve your room.

Some fun and interesting topics this year include "Show Me Something Cool," *Airport Maintenance Round Table*, *Organizing Airport Special Events*, *Building Airport Economic Security*, plus much, much more!

The conference begins on Monday with a Golf Scramble followed by a Welcome Reception.

For those who arrive early on Sunday, a

field trip to Hood River's Ken Jernstedt Airfield and the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum is planned from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Please meet at the FBO at 3pm for the airport tour, followed by a tour of the museum. Museum admission is free for this event; however, donations are welcome. Email Samantha Peterson for more information.

In addition to offering current and valuable information, the conference will also provide an opportunity to network with airport counterparts and aviation colleagues throughout Washington and Oregon. Our schedule includes opportunities for informal discussions to learn firsthand what is new and exciting at Northwest airports, as well as receive advice or feedback on current aviation issues.

We look forward to seeing you at the Skamania Lodge in May!

Special thanks to our sponsors! We couldn't do this without you!

NOTE THESE DATES 2018

April 13—Deadline for Award Nominations. Send to Laura Holthus

May 21-23 — WAMA Conference — Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA



This is a busy time of the year for WAMA. The Legislative, Membership, Scholarship, Airport and Conference committees have all been busy with their respective duties.

The conference committee is making final tweaks to this year's joint OAMA/WAMA conference in May and has already started planning 2019's event. You won't want to miss this year's conference as the agenda is packed with quality presentations and new topics. Be sure to register soon as rooms are filling up. Also, please consider being a sponsor if you have not already done so. Without sponsorship, WAMA can't put on the caliber of conference attendees have grown to appreciate.

The short session in Olympia kept our WAMA lobbyist, Susie Tracy, and our legislative committee busy. As I write this on March 8 and as the session concludes, House

Bill 1656 (which establishes a community aviation revitalization loan program) has passed and is scheduled to cross the governor's desk for signature. (**UPDATE: The Governor vetoed the bill.**)

House Bill 2754 (which requested one percent of the tax on aviation fuel from the general fund be redirected to WSDOT aviation's grant program) looks like it will need to wait until next year's session. On a national level, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster, appears willing to move forward with an FAA reauthorization bill that doesn't include his controversial proposal to corporatize the Air Traffic Control system. Shuster has been unable to convince Democrats and some Republicans to support his ambitious plan to fundamentally restructure the FAA and corporatize the ATC system. However Shuster's recent comments appear to breathe new life into the FAA reauthorization process that has been stalled on Capitol Hill.

Two new benefits to note for WAMA members:



Go for the TROPHY CHALLENGE!

Golf Tournament: Plan to participate in the group 9-hole golf scramble on Monday, May 21, for your chance to win the coveted "Traveling Trophy". The golf game features a shotgun start at noon and includes lunch and beverages sponsored by J-U-B Engineers. Individual hole sponsorships are available this year for \$100. Click [here](#) for more information!



Your \$50 includes green fees, a cart and range balls. To sign up, click here: <http://www.wama.us/event-2798745>

The winner's Airport will get a **Traveling Trophy** for bragging until next year. —Chuck Larson

President's Message

By Tim Mensorides

WAMA Waypoints: produced every 2 weeks, will give quick updates, information, and notices to keep you abreast of current events. This is the place you can send your RFQs, classified ads, and special announcements.

NTSB Workshops: taking place at the Bremerton Airport in March and Skagit Airport in April. This is a great presentation for airport staff on aircraft accidents.

One final comment: I recently spent a few nights in the hospital for emergency surgery on our 4 year old daughter. It is experiences like this that puts life into perspective. Every person I have met in our industry works long hours, takes work home, is extremely dedicated and pours themselves into their respective airport positions. Please remember what is important in life: spending time and making memories with friends, family and loved ones, I know I need to be reminded of this from time to time.

I look forward to seeing you in May.

John Morrison and Joe Maierle met while working for the Bridge Division of the Montana Highway Department in the 1930s. Back then, Montana lacked interstates, bridges, and modern-day transportation systems including airport infrastructure.

Conversations and collaborations at work made John and Joe realize they shared a common goal—they wanted to create solutions to help pull Montana “out of the mud.” So they put their passion to the test, and in 1945 built a start-up business housed in John’s home.



From day one at Morrison-Maierle, which is based in Helena, Montana, John and Joe approached their business like they built engineering

projects—one step at a time and with integrity, commitment, respect,



and excellence. These four words became Morrison-Maierle’s building blocks and symbolize the way projects are designed and clients are served today. As a result, Morrison-Maierle has been creating solutions throughout the western United States for more than 70 years.

From two engineers with deep commitments to communities, Morrison-Maierle has grown into a Top 500 Design Firm that creates solutions for airports, buildings, land development, natural



resources, mining, surveying, transportation, and water-wastewater projects.

Our staff of experienced airport engineers, planners, and construction representatives provides a full range of services in offices throughout Washington, Montana, Wyoming, and Arizona. Its Airport Market Group is staffed with civil engineering professionals who specialize in grant administration, planning, design, and construction management. For more than 70 years, Morrison-Maierle has steadily built relationships within the aviation community. They deliver quality projects that meet client needs and comply with federal and state regulations.

Morrison-Maierle’s Airports Market Group has worked across the Northwest in the engineering and planning of airport facilities since 1945, including projects in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Projects include every aspect of airport development and operations, from master planning, financial

planning and equipment acquisition to design and construction management of airport infrastructure and buildings.

One of the unique features that sets Morrison-Maierle apart in the airport engineering world is its development of Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) training centers. Morrison-Maierle has more than 20 years of experience in this niche market. The team is made up of engineers and planners from several of the company’s market groups as this specialty requires experience and understanding of ARFF training requirements and the components of an ARFF training facility. As one of the few full-service engineering firms that works in this arena, Morrison-Maierle’s projects are located across the U.S. with five in the West in Texas, Hawaii, Alaska, Montana, and California.

For more information on Morrison-Maierle and its Airports Market Group, please visit our website at www.m-m.net or give us a call at 866-862-9384.



What's Happening at WAMA?

Your Members at Work

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The conference committee has been working hard finalizing the agenda and making preparations to give you the very best, high quality conference. Click [here](#) to see the agenda.

We look forward to seeing everyone there and are excited that the Oregon Airport Management Association will be joining us.

Remember to register for the conference and book your room before April 20.

—John Haakenson

—Kelly Thompson

AIRPORT SPOTLIGHT

INTRODUCING BREMERTON NATIONAL AIRPORT



HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Human Resources Committee is having an active first quarter developing job descriptions for WAMA roles critical to the organization, and collecting nominations for award recipients to be announced at the annual conference in May. Don't forget nominations are due by April 13th!

See page 7 for details or check online

<http://wama.us/awards>

—Laura Holthus
Human Resource Chair

Bremerton National Airport (KPWT), with a 6,000 x 150' runway and over 1700 acres and 180 based aircraft, is the largest airport on the Kitsap Peninsula, providing world-class general and corporate aviation services.

A BRIEF HISTORY—FROM FIRST AIR MAIL DELIVERY TO CHARTER SERVICES

The Bremerton National Airport has been serving the aviation needs of the Kitsap Peninsula since 1936. The first official airmail flight from Kitsap County Airport (now Bremerton National) occurred May 19, 1938 commemorating National Air Mail Week. Located seven



miles from the town of Bremerton, the airport was used throughout World War II by Navy pilots flying into the area in relation to their duties at the Puget Sound Naval Yard. The advent of air transportation connecting Kitsap's communities to the outside region through freight, mail, military and passenger services expanded the economic importance of Kitsap County Airport over the years, especially during the 1960s-1990s. Flight-related

businesses during that time - to name a few - included Crowthers Flight Center and Bremerton Air Taxi Service, Pegasus Air, Topp Flight Aviation, San Juan Airlines, and Coastal Airways. Today freight services such as UPS and FedEx operate out of the Port of Bremerton's airport and industrial facilities and Bremerton National is home base to Avian Flight Center, Avian Aeronautics, charter flight services and the popular Airport Diner.

IMAGINATION TAKES FLIGHT AT NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

In 2016, The Port opened Bremerton National Airport Children's Playground. Designed to simulate an airport runway and taxiway, the playground features equipment fashioned like airplanes and helicopters with a large climb-

ing structure that resembles an air traffic control tower-complete with a wind sock. Rain or shine the playground always draws attendance and is a fantastic source for stimu-



lating children's interest in aviation and garnishing community support for the airport.

BREMERTON AVIATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN COMING TO THE AIRPORT

Chapter 406 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and the Port of Bremerton have worked together to convert the former airport firehouse into an aviation education center. BACE will offer a large—

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HISTORY LINK: UNPLANNED LANDING

In honor of our upcoming joint WAMA/OAMA conference, a little Oregon history: August 12, 1962. A United Airlines DC-8, arriving at Portland from Chicago, landed at Portland-Troutdale. Expecting an 8,800 foot long runway, the pilots were surprised to break out above a 4,600 foot long runway. They

went for it anyway. Eventually the 89 passengers learned they had successfully (and mistakenly) landed on a small airport just a few miles away from PDX. Many of the passengers, debarking at TTD, commented on how rural this so-called big City was. They completed their journey by taxi. After offloading every-

thing, including most of the fuel and the minibar, a specially selected pilot took the airplane off, after a reported ground roll of only half the runway length. A good landing is one you walk away from.

—David Field

...Bremerton National Airport Continued

format flight simulator, a workshop to build aircraft, and an aviation library. The public is welcome to attend the Center's grand opening scheduled for April 28, 2018.

AIRLIFT NORTHWEST OPENS NEW BREMERTON STATION

Airlift Northwest, a Pacific Northwest air medical transport provider, has expanded its services and capabilities on the Olympic Peninsula and surrounding communities. Previously, when a trauma incident occurred in Kitsap County and required a patient to be flown to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, a helicopter would fly over from Boeing Field in Seattle. The new base became operational in the late 2017.

NEW PILOTS' LOUNGE

The Port and Bremerton Pilots Association have been working on installing a com-

munity space for visiting and local pilots to utilize when they are at the airport. In conjunction with this, the Port is also installing WiFi to the entire hangar area. The lounge and WiFi are on track to be operational by the end of March.

PROJECTS & EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

The next few years will be busy at the airport with plenty of development and projects. The next AIP project, scheduled for 2019, will involve upgrading all airfield lighting. The airport is also working with an aerospace firm that tests engines for spacecraft. In addition, the Port is planning to invest in infrastructure upgrades to the property on the east side of the runway, as the west side is built out. These improvements will include access roads, grading, water main and sewer line extensions, as well as storm water improvements to accommodate future development for aviation related businesses.

Olde Thyme Aviation, which offers biplane tours of Puget Sound, is relocating its headquarters to the airport. Operating out of Boeing Field for the past 23 years, Owner Ken Horwitz said the company plans to begin tours out of Bremerton in early 2018. Olde Thyme's collection of biplanes includes a 1929 Travel Air, a variety of Waco aircraft and several World War II-vintage Stearman Kaydet Trainers.

Mark your calendars for the Bremerton Airport Fly-In and Car Show, which is moving to August 25. Previously associated with the Blackberry festival, the Port is anticipating a good turn out based on the success it had at the previous 2016 AOPA Fly-In, which still holds the record for the highest aircraft attendance.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee met in January to discuss membership recruitment and support. The committee has been reaching out to non-renewals for 2018 and contacting smaller airports that are currently not WAMA members, informing them of the benefits of joining WAMA. The committee organized the WAMA booth at the Northwest Aviation Tradeshow and Conference in February. Thank you to our WAMA members who helped man the booth during this event, it was a huge success. We have advertised to our members the option to have a banner for their business on the WAMA website for an annual rate of \$150.00, or an ad in one of WAMA's quarterly newsletter for \$50.00. This year, we have started sending WAMA Waypoints to our members every other week to keep you up to date on the latest information. If you have any comments or would like for us to include a topic, please send an email to director@wama.us.

—Lorene Robinson
Membership Committee

Safety First: Zero injuries thanks to airport grant



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee is working hand-in-hand with the conference committee to maximize sponsorship support for the 2018 annual conference, and the membership committee to expand membership. 2018 is off to a great start and looks very promising financially.

—Sara Young
Treasurer

On a sunny Sunday on January 14, 2018, a pilot and his dog experienced issues after takeoff from the Friday Harbor Airport.

"Right after takeoff, the plane was losing lift and the pilot was having a hard time so he had to turn around to land," said Stuart Hansen, Friday Harbor Airport Operations Manager. The pilot landed at the opposite end of the runway, coming short of the actual runway.

"He hit the ground really hard," Hansen said. "I'm glad the terrain wasn't as rough as it used to be because I think that would've been the difference between life and death."

In 2015, WSDOT Aviation Division assisted Friday Harbor Airport with a grant for Object Free Area Grading and Drainage Upgrades to smooth out their terrain.

The work cost a total of \$301,201.22. WSDOT

Aviation Division paid \$7,530.03, Federal Aviation Administration paid \$286,141.16 and Friday Harbor Airport paid \$7,530.03.

"The terrain was so rough before, you couldn't even get a lawn mower in there without getting it stuck," Hansen said.

WSDOT Aviation Division supervises the Airport Aid Grant Program, which provides crucial financial assistance to public-use airports in the preservation of Washington state's system of airports.

Safety is one of the main reasons WSDOT Aviation Division supports Washington state airports with grants. Hansen said he is thankful the grant was approved and the improvements were made otherwise, "I just don't know if we would've had the same outcome."

To find out more about the Airport Aid Grant Program, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/grants.



NEW PHONE NUMBERS FOR FAA NORTHWEST MOUNTAIN REGION

The new phone number for the FAA 24/7 accident hotline as of April 1st will be 206-231-2099, the number for the media and public to call will be 206-231-2089.

The numbers are changing because they are moving to the new FAA building, located at 2200 S. 216th Street, Des Moines WA 98198.



The previous number of 425-227-1999 will remain active with a message instructing callers to call the new number.

WAMA AWARDS: Deadline: April 13, 2018

WAMA is now accepting nominations for awards to be presented at the Spring Conference, May 21-23, 2018, at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA.

SEND NOMINATIONS TO:

Laura Holthus, Human Resources Committee Chair at email: secretary@wama.us

Or send by mail to

Laura Holthus, Director

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AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominations will be accepted for the following 2 award categories:

Management Member of the Year

Eligibility: Any management member exhibiting exemplary achievement in airport management.

Criteria:

- A specific accomplishment or cultivation of an environment that supports excellent airport management
- A single individual, with team recognition if appropriate

Airport Project of the Year

Eligibility: Any WAMA member or team responsible for completion of a notable airport project.

Criteria/Examples: A completed, implemented project that includes any or all of the following elements:

- Significant construction of airport facilities.
- Master plan or system plan.

Completed real estate acquisition for a defined purpose.

Nominations will be accepted until April 13, 2018. Please provide a simple written statement, including the proposed award category and the "who, what, when and why", on no more than one sheet of paper. Include your contact information in case we need more details. Members can go to the Awards page on the WAMA website for more information.

Laura Holthus
Chair, WAMA HR Committee

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

As this newsletter goes to press, HB1656, a bill authorizing loans to airport sponsors of public use airports and the creation of a community aviation revitalization board, sits on Governor Inslee's desk ready to be signed. Thanks to the many people who wrote letters, testified, and supported this bill, and to Rep. Tom Dent who sponsored the bill.

*For a complete list of aviation bills that were discussed during this past legislative session, go to:
<http://www.wama.us/legislative/>*

—Rob Peterson
Legislative Chairman

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Have a job to post? Looking for a job? Check out the WAMA website for the latest postings.

<http://www.wama.us/jobs/>

Assistant Airport Manager at Friday Harbor: Click on this link for more information: <http://www.portfridayharbor.org/assistant-airport-manager/>

Assistant Airport & Ferry Administrator – Pierce County Planning & Public Works (Airport & Ferry Division) – open through April 22. Salary: \$82,674-\$106,234

Complete and submit an online Pierce County Employment Application:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/piercecountywa/jobs/2033189/assistant-airport-and-ferry-administrator-airport-and-ferry-division?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The deadline for scholarship applications was March 31st. Now the committee begins the selection process.

Jennifer Skoglund
Scholarship Chairman

NOTAMS:



Arlington Municipal Airport (KAWO) will be changing the CTAF frequency used at the airport from 122.7 to **122.725** beginning March 29th. Please post this change of information as soon as practicable to all of your information sources, websites and postings. Charts and field directories may or may not reflect this change so it is important to make a note of the change in frequency and always check your NOTAMS for information. If you have any questions please contact the airport at 360-403-3470.

NEW NORTHWEST AIRCRAFT: THE VASHON RANGER

Did you know there is a brand new trainer aircraft built right here in the Northwest? It is the Vashon Ranger, a special light sport aircraft (SLSA) designed as a trainer or for those who want a simple, but rugged aircraft at a very reasonable price of \$99,500.

Specifically designed for flight in the muddy Pacific Northwest, it sports 6.00 by 6-inch



tires and can land in 600 feet and take off in 400 feet.

The design engineer Ken Kruger says the plane was designed to be as rugged as a Jeep—to fly in out-of-the-way places where people can camp and interact with nature or stand up to the trials of student pilots. At 2700 RPM, and 117 KIAS, the plane uses 5.5 gallons an hour, making the Vashon Ranger a bargain to fly.

The plane is manufactured in Woodinville adjacent to the Dynon Avionics Building.

For more information, read the article from AOPA:

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2018/march/01/ready-ranger>

Executive Director:

Marjy Leggett



Spring is a busy time of year for WAMA with the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show, preparing for the WAMA conference, scholarship applications due, awards, the Aviation Awareness Day, and monitoring legislation.

Your WAMA Board of Directors and the WAMA committees are continually striving to enhance the benefits of your membership. The WAMA Waypoints, a bi-weekly bulletin with the latest information has been available since February. Use this as a conduit to send information, news, requests for proposals, announcements, and job opportunities to the membership. Send your information to me at director@wama.us .

Have you ever wanted to visit another airport to see how its operations compare to yours or to ask another airport manager questions? A new benefit to WAMA members is in the works. We will provide airport tours with a chance to spend time talking with other airport managers. The first visit will be in May at Port Angeles. Be watching for more information and a schedule of upcoming tours.

If you haven't signed up, be sure to do so for the WAMA/OAMA Conference coming up May 21-23. The Skamania Lodge is only holding our block of rooms until April 20. Early bird regis-

tration ends April 1st. We will have some new and exciting sessions, including "Show Me Something Cool" and "Airport Maintenance Round Table." State representatives from Washington and Oregon will also be present to talk about the aviation caucus and the latest aviation bills. For conference information, go to <http://www.wama.us/event-2798745>

This has been an interesting year in the Legislature with some successes and some disappointments. President Trump signed into law H.R.1645, the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus bill, which includes a substantial boost in airport grant funding. In addition to the \$3.35 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), the bill provides an additional \$1 billion in airport discretionary grants targeted at small and rural airports. Currently, the FAA is awaiting funding guidelines from the Appropriations Committee. Once the guidelines are in place, airports classified as small and rural airports with projects ready to go will be the most likely recipients.

The FAA reauthorization bill to corporatize the Air Traffic Control system appears to be dead—at least for now. Senators James Inhofe (R-OK) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) are urging others in Congress to support contract tower funding for FY 2019.

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AIRPORT COMMITTEE

The Airport Committee started by building a committee that represents all types and sizes of airports in the state of Washington. The committee continues to update a rates and charges report to be presented in the coming months. After the report is presented the airport committee would like to expand and clean up the information from the report.

The Airport Committee is also working on following UAS initiatives that are affecting airports. The committee is also following the real id enforcement which currently has an extension through October 10, 2018.

—Adam Phelps
Airport Committee

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MISSION: To improve Airports and Airport Management in Washington State.

PURPOSE:

- a. Link airport managers in Washington State to achieve their common interests.
- b. Identify and address problems and opportunities among airports in the state.
- c. Provide mutual support among members to benefit aviation.
- d. Provide educational opportunities for development of airport managers and staff.
- e. Review and refine industry procedures and regulations.
- f. Educate the public and airport users regarding the value and benefits of airports.
- g. Assist airports in meeting their obligations to the larger community.

[Newsletter questions?
Contact Marj Leggett
Director@wama.us]

....Executive Director Report Continued

Many of the Washington State bills that were under consideration have died in the Legislature. SHB.1656, which would have provided loans to smaller public use airports and the creation of a community aviation revitalization board, was vetoed by the Governor on March 27th. Although

he supports the \$5 million appropriated for loans, he rejects the idea of legislators serving on the Community Aviation Revitalization Committee.

The bills that didn't make it through this year will give us a place to start for the next Legislative Session. To see the entire list of aviation-related bills, go to

our website and check out the [Legislative Report](#).

We have an amazing group of high-energy, hardworking board members. Consider volunteering to serve on a committee and see first-hand all that this organization does for its members.

—Marjy

CONGRATULATIONS TO T-O ENGINEERING!

CELEBRATING THEIR 30 YEAR MILESTONE!

T-O is hosting a 30 year customer appreciation blitz for their aviation group throughout the year.

They are currently working on the website and other behind the scenes items for their 30 years in aviation milestone.

WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!



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