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How to Get Started in Aviation

There are many ways to get started in the aviation business with lots of career paths to choose. Find out more at the upcoming Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Career Job Fair on April 2nd where you'll meet representatives from the airlines, FAA, TSA, and airport tenants looking for new hires. There will be more than 300 jobs available so bring your resume. You might also consider attending the [Great Alaska Aviation Gathering](#) on April 30th and May 1st in Anchorage at the FedEx hangar. This event is free to the public and will have over 275 national aviation exhibitors in attendance.

Many people begin their aviation career with a degree from the University of Alaska. The UAF Community and Technical College [aviation maintenance technology program](#) is one of the few FAA-certified, Part-147 school programs in the nation that can be completed in just 12 months. This program offers an associate's degree in aviation maintenance and certificates in airframe, powerplant, or airframe and powerplant.

The University of Alaska Anchorage [Aviation Technology Division](#) also offers a number of degrees to prepare students for aviation employment:

Get your career MOVING!

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Job Fair



**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday,
April 2, 2016**

**Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport,
North Terminal**

**No cost to attend!
Free parking!**

For more info, call (907) 266-2119.



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Air Traffic Control, A.A.S. - provides enhanced career opportunities for graduates, preparing students for careers in air traffic in both the private and public sectors;

Aviation Administration, A.A.S. and B.S. - prepares graduates for various administration and management positions within the aviation;

Aviation Maintenance Technology, Undergraduate Certificate (Airframe & Powerplant) and A.A.S. - prepares graduates for entry into positions as maintenance technicians in general aviation, corporate aviation, airlines, or aerospace manufacturers; and

Professional Piloting, A.A.S. and B.S. - this program is FAA certificated under Part 141 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. UAA has fully-equipped flight training airplanes, advanced aircrew training devices (AATD) and a level B flight simulator to enhance students educational experience.

Message from DC Binder:



As we head into spring, airports across the state are readying for the busy summer flying season and increase in passenger traffic. While there are airport construction projects scheduled for this summer, none are expected to impact airline operations. However, TSA is already projecting much higher passenger travel nationwide than in recent years, raising concerns over potential security screening delays. Airline baggage fees have resulted in a dramatic increase in carry-on baggage and this, combined with the increased scrutiny necessary to counter an ever-changing national security posture, means that longer security lines are likely, especially during the peak travel times (10pm – 2 am in Alaska). We encourage all travelers to allow for more check-in time this summer. Fortunately, both Fairbanks and Anchorage airports have added several new concessions with which you can help fill any extra time spent there.

The state's budget realities continue to be a common topic. Recognizing that 82% of Alaska's communities depend on aviation for their very survival, state-owned airports have been relatively sheltered from recent DOT&PF budget cuts. However, being good stewards of all Alaskans' resources demands innovation, increased efficiency, and thoughtful consideration as to what defines essential aviation service to Alaska. The Department will be actively engaged with aviation stakeholders and the public over the next several months to more clearly define Alaska's airport system, quantify the state's aviation needs, and identify opportunities for improvement. Your

participation is strongly encouraged and appreciated, with additional details to follow soon.

As thousands of private pilots and general aviation operators take to the sky for flightseeing, hunting and fishing expeditions I want to highlight some of the organizations focused on aviation safety and draw attention to their upcoming events. Partnering in the [Circle of Safety](#), the FAA, air carriers, pilots, passengers, and DOT&PF strive to prevent accidents and educate passengers. The Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation will hold their annual Spring Floatplane Safety Seminar on April 16th, and the Medalion Foundation (see page 6) will be focusing on training and sharing successful practices between air carriers. Finally, I encourage everyone to come out to the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering on April 30th – May 1st and take part in one of the nation's premier aviation events.

In conclusion, I want to send a heart-felt thank you to the many maintenance and operations professionals who kept our airports open and safe through another Alaska winter. Well done!

Have a great summer, and Fly Safe!

John Binder
Deputy Commissioner

Did You Know:

- In 2015 the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) served nearly 5.4 million passengers with more than 50% flying between May and September. Fairbanks International Airport (FAI) served over 1 million passengers.
- There are 16 retail outlets and 12 food and beverage outlets at ANC and a new Starbucks and full service restaurant opening in FAI.
- The Kodiak Airport Runway Safety Area project was highlighted in the March/April issue of Airport Improvement magazine. It's an interesting article with some amazing photos.

Aviation People!



Welcome Aboard Jeremy Worrall, A.A.E.! Jeremy recently joined [Statewide Aviation](#) as the Airport Operations Superintendent overseeing rural airport operations and all aspects of FAA and TSA compliance for the state's 19 certificated airports.

Congratulations to Bob Hajdukovich for being selected as the [University of Alaska Fairbanks Business Leader of the Year!](#) Bob is CEO of Ravn Air Group, Inc and he's a key member of the Governor's Aviation Advisory Board. In both of these roles, Bob demonstrates a deep commitment to aviation in Alaska. Bob, we thank you!



Nicholas Mastrodicasa won the 2015 U.S.G.S. Henry Gannett Award for his contributions to the mapping of Alaska. Congratulations Nick!



Troy LaRue, Statewide Aviation Operations Manager at the Alaska Air Carriers Association Annual Convention & Tradeshow.

DOT&PF

Looking for Innovative Ideas

By Mike Coffey, Southcoast Region Director



Global Entry or TSA Precheck?

DOT&PF impacts every Alaskan, every day. We all benefit from efforts the department makes to reduce operating costs while improving the services it provides. Along with encouraging DOT&PF employees to rethink how we operate, I ask that you, our customer, also share your ideas for how DOT&PF could improve upon the services we provide.

DOT&PF is realizing savings through the Everyday Lean initiative. Simple solutions such as a sand spinner guard on plow trucks protect a \$5,000 piece of equipment that typically is replaced 4 to 5 times each year. This simple fix has the potential to save the state \$20,000 or more annually. While this one item may not sound like much, add this idea to 100 more with similar savings and we're talking big numbers.

Over the past several years many excellent ideas and innovations have been implemented at the local, district and regional levels. The Everyday Lean Innovations & Ideas is providing a mechanism to promote the sharing of the information.

The department is committed to improving the way it conducts business. If you have ideas to share please contact [me](#). I'm confident that together we can find creative solutions to the budgetary challenges our state faces.



Both Global Entry and TSA Precheck are expedited screening programs designed to get you through the airport quicker.

Global Entry members skip the lines at Customs and Border Protection and instead use touch-screen kiosks in the arrival area of airports. Global Entry members are automatically eligible to the TSA Precheck program for no additional fee.

TSA Precheck qualified flyers go through an expedited TSA security line, where you don't have to remove your shoes, belts, coats, and laptops.

Fees

Global Entry - \$100 valid for 5 years

TSA Precheck - \$85 valid for 5 years.

TSA Precheck program is available at more than 160 airports across the country. Participating airlines include:

Air Canada
Alaska Airlines
Allegiant Airlines
American Airlines
Delta Air Lines
Hawaiian Airlines
jetBlue Airways

OneJet
Southwest Airlines
Sun Country Airlines
United Airlines
Virgin America
WestJet

Global Entry allows expedited customs screenings 100% of the time at [59 airports](#) in the program, including Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

For More Information on both programs visit:

www.tsa.gov

www.globalentry.gov

Cold Bay Airport - Meet the Team

Harold “Hap” Kremer Cold Bay Airport Manager and Southcoast Region Employee of the Year!

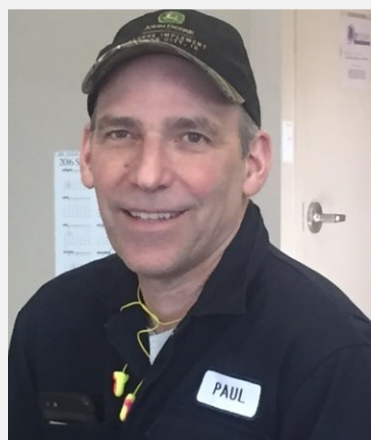
ADOT&PF awarded Cold Bay Airport Manager Hap Kremer the 2015 ADOT&PF Southcoast Region Employee of the Year award for excellent service and innovation on the job. This award is especially meaningful since employees make the award nominations.

Hap has been with the Department since 1997 beginning his career in Cold Bay as an equipment operator. His time with DOT also includes working as an operator at the Deadhorse Airport. He was promoted to Cold Bay Airport Manager in January 2014.



This airport's five-man crew maintains the state's fifth-largest public runway, seven days a week to keep operations running smoothly. Along with Hap, the airport team includes Paul Schaack who has been at the airport for 15 years and three new DOT employees who came onboard in 2015 - David Lyons, Darrell Robbins, and Bill King.

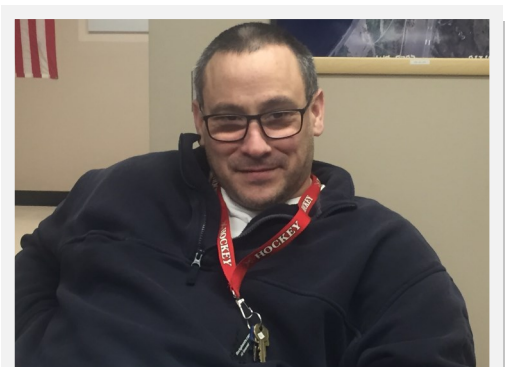
For over 70 years, the Cold Bay Airport has been a strategic airport supporting emergency landings, military exercises, and air carriers that fly up and down the Aleutian chain daily.



Paul Schaack, Heavy Equipment Operator



Bill King, Heavy Equipment Operator



Darrell Robbins, Heavy Equipment Operator



David Lyons, Equipment Fleet Operator



Where: **East Ramp, Fairbanks International Airport, 3504 South University Avenue**
When: **Saturday, May 21st, - 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
Who: **Youth, adults and anyone who is just "plane crazy."**

FREE Admission and Open to the Public

Curious about what happens at Fairbanks International Airport? Would you like to get up close to real airplanes? Receive instructions from an FAA Air Traffic Controller? Plan a flight-seeing trip for this summer? You will be able to do all these things, and a lot more on Saturday, May 21st at Fairbanks Aviation Day. This one-day event includes airport tours, mini-seminars, a pancake breakfast, free flights for youth, ages 8-17, display aircraft, and a chance to take a tour "behind the scenes."

A listing of the [Fairbanks Aviation Day activities](#) provides highlights of the day.
A [sponsor and exhibitor packet](#) is available.
Mark your calendar and come to the airport!



The Premier Bush Flying Event in Alaska! ***May 6 - 8, 2016***

The 13th annual [Valdez Fly-In](#) and Air Show will be in Valdez at the Pioneer Field Airport. Pilots from all over Alaska and the lower 48 participate in a Poker Run and STOL competition in various classes of planes. It also includes a Flour Bombing competition, Aerobatics, Sky Divers, Static displays and a kids Balsa Plane event.

The Fly-In has a variety of vendors who participate adding to this true family/spectator event. For additional information, please call (907) 835-8244 or email valdezflyin2014@gmail.com



Over 2,000 people attended the Valdez Air Show last year.

Arctic Thunder 2016

The [Arctic Thunder 2016 Air Show](#) and Open House is scheduled for July 30 & 31, 2016 and will feature the Blue Angles as the jet team!

This airshow is the largest event in Alaska open to the public; thousands of people enjoy demonstrations by the Air Force, acrobatic airplanes, static displays of old and new aircraft, World War II aircraft and the Confederate Air Force.

Location:
[Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Anchorage, AK](#)
Open to the Public and Admission is Free





Medallion Foundation

Changing the Culture of Aviation Safety

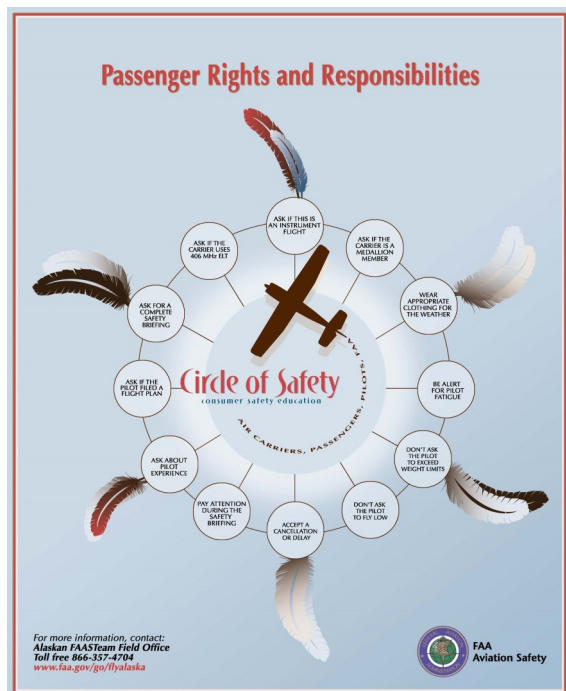
By Executive Director Jerry Rock

The mission of the Medallion Foundation is to reduce aviation accidents by fostering a proactive safety culture and promoting higher safety standards through one-on-one mentoring, research, education, training, auditing and advocacy. The Medallion's programs and services enhance aviation safety through multiple avenues, such as the Shield® award, education and advocacy programs, and numerous initiatives in cooperation with industry and the FAA. The Medallion Shield aviation safety program was established to provide safety management systems and support to Alaska aviators. The foundation uses a Five-Star Program to provide process guidelines, training, and follow up with audit support and coordination to ensure compliance. The five stars are awarded in the following disciplines:

- * CFIT Avoidance
- * Operational Control
- * Maintenance and Ground Service
- * Safety
- * Internal Evaluation

The number one cause of fatal and serious injuries in Alaska are accidents caused by CONTROLLED FLIGHT INTO TERRAIN (CFIT). This year Medallion will be making some major changes to the CFIT-A star focusing on the training air carriers provide pilots in order to maintain the Star. We also will provide tools to provide better training and share successful training practices between operators.

The Medallion Foundation provides pilots across Alaska with free aircraft training devices and simulators, reducing fatal accident rates. And, passengers are now more educated about the operator they choose to fly with, in part to the Circle of Safety® program. Working together we can improve aviation safety.



Circle of Safety - Information for Passengers

The Circle of Safety is a consumer education program that results from the continuing need to prevent and reduce accidents. The aviation consumer or passenger can increase the safety of a flight by:

- ◆ Choosing a provider of aviation services wisely
- ◆ Preparing well for each flight
- ◆ Paying attention during boarding and throughout the flight
- ◆ Taking appropriate action when required

The aviation passenger has rights and responsibilities with regard to safety as well. The FAA, air carriers, pilots, and passengers are all partners in the Circle of Safety in an effort to prevent accidents.

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