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AVIATION IN ALASKA

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AVIATION HAPPENINGS | NO DRONE ZONE

Message from DC Binder:



As we anticipate spring's approach and landing, and the welcome reprieve from a challenging winter, we direct your attention to Alaska's aviation industry and the huge economic engine it provides. Employing more than 35,000 people statewide, this exciting field offers lots of opportunity, great benefits, and a variety of jobs that often become life-long careers. Whether you want to be an airline pilot, ticket agent, or operate heavy equipment at your local airport, there are jobs for everyone.

The upcoming Job Fair at the Anchorage Airport is a good place to start if you're looking to begin a career in aviation. (more info in this newsletter) The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development also has information [online](#) about Job Fairs around the state, company recruitments, and workshops.

DOT&PF airports support opportunities to talk with youth about exciting careers and the benefits of working in the aviation industry. Across the state there are flight schools, learning centers, and vocational schools offering Alaskan students opportunities to explore a career in aviation. One program having great success with advancing rural students' career paths is [Alaska EXCEL](#). High school students can explore a career in aviation at their 10-Day Introduction to Aviation. Featured on the cover of this newsletter is Kalskag student William Peterson, who proclaims that "attending EXCEL's Introduction to Aviation was the match that sparked my passion to take to the sky."

Spring also kicks off many aviation events around the state starting with the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering on May 2nd & 3rd. This event is one of the nation's premier aviation events and is held at the FedEx hangar at the Anchorage Airport. Please stop by our booth if you're able to attend.

As we launch into summer I'd be remiss if I failed to mention safety. I'm reminded of the famous quote by Captain A. G. Lamplugh – "Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect." Please take advantage of every resource available as you take to the skies. If you see something unusual, say something! We are committed to maintaining the world's safest airport system and you are often our eyes and ears.

Thank you for all you do for Alaska, have a great summer, and Fly Safe!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John R. Binder".

John Binder
Deputy Commissioner



Future aviation professionals/students from [Chugach School District](#) recently toured the Anchorage Airport's Airfield and Police & Fire Station.

Aviation Events



[Purchase Tickets for Hall of Fame](#)

Fairbanks Aviation Day



Saturday, May 16, 2020
UAF Community & Technical College
Aviation Hangar
FREE Admission

This one-day event includes airport tours, a pancake breakfast, free flights for youth, ages 8-17, display aircraft, and a chance to take a tour "behind the scenes."

35th Annual Seaplane Safety Seminar

Saturday, April 25, 2020
UAA Aviation Technology Center
2811 Merrill Field Drive, Anchorage, AK

Sign-in: 0800 - 0830
Program: 0830 - 1300
Featuring: Master Pilot Award,
presentations on techniques,
maintenance, communications, and
emergency egress

Brought to you by:



The Premier Bush Flying Event in Alaska!
May 8-10, 2020

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.

Travel Tips



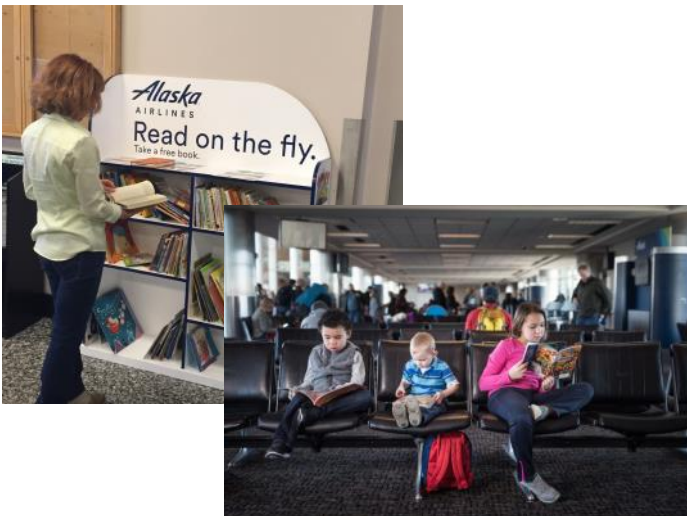
Good news for European visitors: Condor, which offers direct, seasonal service between Germany and ANC/FAI, has found a new investor and will resume operation of its Alaska routes this summer!



Starting **October 1, 2020**, Alaska residents will need to present a federally compliant ID for boarding commercial aircrafts. Common forms of acceptable IDs are:

- Alaska Real ID Compliant Drivers License or state ID
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Tribal ID, with a photo
- Military and Veteran IDs
- Trusted Traveler Cards, e.g. CLEAR

[Click here for a Real ID Checklist](#)



Read on The Fly is a great book distribution program launched in 2016 at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Currently, the program has 14 shelves in 7 Alaska airports: Anchorage, Fairbanks, Bethel, Kenai, Valdez, Juneau, and Ketchikan. More info: <http://akonthego.com/blog/read-on-the-fly-books-for-kids>



Cell Phone Lot

FAI has opened a cell phone lot designed to reduce congestion at the curb and to keep traffic in front of the terminal moving smoothly. The new lot is convenient and a safe place to wait until a call is received. Use of the cell phone lot is available for 30 minutes a visit; vehicles must be attended at all times.

Security Spotlight

It's an exciting time in aviation, where drones are being safely integrated into the national airspace for recreational and commercial use, and for public safety uses. However, unauthorized operations can cause potential hazards to people and property both in the air and on the ground.

Drone operators must comply with safety guidance provided by the FAA. Special agents from the FAA's Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) are your point of contact for federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and international law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement agencies can now contact a LEAP special agent with reports of suspected unauthorized UAS incidents. In Alaska that number is 206-231-2089 or email 9-WAS-OPSCTR@FAA.Gov

The types of drones operations identified by the agency are as follows:

[Recreational Flyers](#) - must register drones that weigh more than 0.55 lbs.

[Part 107 Operation](#) - must register drones all drones.

[Public Aircraft Operation](#) - are conducted by recognized government entities as a function of government.

Operating a Drone 55 lbs. or Larger - drones 55 lbs. or larger require regulatory approval prior to operation.



No Drone Zone



The FAA has published a [Public Safety Small Drone Playbook](#) intended to inform public safety officials conducting investigations regarding drones. The Playbook assists in determining the difference between an authorized or non-authorized drone operation and what steps can be taken to document and respond to a UAS occurrence.

FAA Drone Incident Report - document and provide the following information to the FAA:

- Identity of operators and witnesses (name, contact information)
- Type of operation (hobby, commercial, public/governmental)
- Type of device (s) and registration information (number/certificate)
- Event location and incident details (date, time, place)
- Evidence collection (photos, video, device confiscation)

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Sharing Your Airport with the Public ***By Tom George, Alaska Regional Manager*** ***Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)***

While Alaska is a pretty aviation friendly place, many people only think of the airport as a departure or arrival point in their community. Often unseen are the many other functions an airport provides to a community. Things like maintenance facilities that keep our aircraft flying; hangars that support medivac operations; cargo facilities that handle mail; control towers and flight service stations that provide transportation infrastructure; flight schools to train pilots--the list goes on. All of these have jobs associated with them which also provide an economic contribution to the community.

A good way to help people understand the vital role of the airport is to hold an open house. Set aside a day to invite the public to come to the airport and see what happens behind the scenes. Put some aircraft on display for easy viewing and have someone available to explain their differences and uses, and answer questions. Reach out to an EAA Chapter, flight school, or local air taxi operator to provide free airplane rides for kids. Set up a hands-on maintenance demonstration, to let the public learn how to drive a rivet or patch a fabric wing.

Consider other activities that share with the public, young and old, what aviation is, and how it works. We are facing a shortage of pilots and mechanics and other jobs in aviation that can provide great opportunities, like air traffic control, flight service, and even baggage handling. Use this opportunity to expose the youth in your community to potential careers and jobs in aviation.

Organizing an airport open house is a team effort that takes the cooperation of airport staff, businesses, and aviation groups and associations. AOPA has created a document that outlines the steps involved in planning one of these events. Recently they also created a case study illustrating one airport tackling this challenge. (Links for both these documents provided below.) While all airports are different, and the highlighted activities will vary widely, these documents provide a framework and an example to inspire ideas.

Consider holding an open house at your airport!

These documents are found at:

AOPA Airport Open House Guide: www.aopa.org/openhousecase

AOPA Airport Open House Case Study: www.aopa.org/openhouseguide





JOB FAIR

March 27, 2020
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
North Terminal

Get Started in Aviation - attend a Job Fair!

There are many ways to get started in the aviation industry with lots of career paths to choose from. Find out more at the upcoming Job Fair on March 27th where you'll meet representatives from the airlines, FAA, TSA, and airport tenants looking for new hires. There will be 100s of jobs available so bring your resume!

The Anchorage Airport is hiring! Information on these opportunities can be found on Workplace Alaska or through Local 71 at the following web addresses: local71.com/jobs or dot.state.ak.us/anc/about/jobs.shtml

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development has information [online](#) about Job Fairs around the state, company recruitments, and workshops.



**ANC North Terminal Job Fair
No cost to attend and Free Parking!**



ANC Launches New Brand Bold New Look!

"The new ANC brand reflects the motion/flow of Alaska's elements, much like the motion/flow of business," says Airport Manager Jim Szczesniak, "we believe this new identity is more memorable and will increase our visibility as we market ANC to new cargo and air carriers and expand our efforts to recruit more MRO."

World-class. World-close.

Accompanying the new ANC mark is the slogan "World-class. World-close," which underscores ANC as a world-class international airport equidistant from two of the world's largest economies - Asia and North America.



**Friday – May 1, 2020
Anchorage Airport**

10:00-12:00 CLEAN-UP - Garbage, brush & covered debris should be placed near the roadside for pick-up by Airport Maintenance.

12:00-1:00 Celebration Picnic back at Old Field Maintenance Bldg. Food, beverages, prizes and **LOTS OF FUN!**

For more information contact Tom Johnston at 266-2546

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ASSOCIATION



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SATURDAY, MAY 2 9AM-5PM

SUNDAY, MAY 3 10AM-5PM

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