



MADRAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT NEWSLETTER

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Look at that apron! The Apron Construction and Fencing Improvement project is progressing smoothly. Phase 1 is nearly complete with the new asphalt set and the new tie-downs in front of the FBO ready to use. Construction has now begun on Phase 2 of this project. The helibase is coming along great! The interior perimeter road is now in place and the wash rack is now up and running! More on these projects on the next page.

The airport has been actively engaged in various construction projects while simultaneously preparing for the busy summer months and making arrangements for Madras Airport Day scheduled for **June 1st**. Registration opened for the EAA Young Eagles flights on May 1st and the event was full before the end of the second day! If you are a trained and youth protection certified EAA pilot, contact Thomas Wright at the Bend EAA chapter. I'm happy to send you his contact info. This response shows that kids want to fly!

With the huge response to Airport Day, we are definitely in need of more enthusiastic pilots that are available and see the value in displaying their aircraft and sharing about aviation (if you are not giving Young Eagles flights). The hope is that members of the community and families will attend and have the opportunity to talk to pilots, flight schools, and aviation businesses about all that is available in aviation. Please reach out to me right away if you would like to be involved in this event.

We are also in need of individuals who are available to help put on this event. Those who connect with me **before May 15th will receive an event t-shirt.**

At the beginning of April, I had the opportunity to attend the NWAAAE Workshop and Conference. At this event, the FAA provided a vast amount of information, and it was an opportune time to make important connections with our airport's FAA team, engineering team from Century West, and other airport executives.

Throughout the month, I also had the opportunity to meet airport executives with vast expertise. Their invaluable support and insightful discussions have been truly enriching.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

UPCOMING

- Continued:** Apron construction work
- May 13:** Airshow of The Cascades Board and Committee meetings
- May 16 @ 4PM:** Industrial Site - Airport Commission Meeting at General Aviation Building conference room
- June 1 @ 8 AM - 1 PM:** Madras Airport Day
- June 1 @ 8 AM - 1 PM:** EAA Young Eagle flights

FUTURE: SAVE THE DATE

- June 6-9:** Cherokee to Oshkosh group
- June 17-21:** Tri-Pacer Fly In
- August 5-8:** Aviation Day Camp (Tentative date)
- August 23-24:** Airshow of the Cascades

ONGOING

- Sunday mornings @ 9 AM:** Coffee & doughnuts @ General Aviation Building
- Third Thursday of the month @ 4 PM:** Industrial Site - Airport Commission Meeting @ General Aviation Building conference room

Call 541-777-4935 to add Madras Airport events to the calendar (Madras Airport business/tenant/aviation related)

The Public Works Director, Jeff Hurd, and I visited Redmond Municipal Airport and were treated to a tour of their facilities. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the history and processes that Redmond Airport has experienced leading up to their current expansion and terminal projects. It is exciting to see the growth that is occurring in Deschutes County. Rest assured, this growth will not remain contained but will and is flowing into Jefferson County. We must wisely prepare for growth and set a sustainable foundation for the future.

As we look to the future, we are most importantly focusing on the needs of the present. On July 1st, the City of Madras will provide the FBO services, including full-service fuel delivery. We look forward to a smooth transition and thank all of our tenants and visiting pilots for patience during the transition period.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

All the best,

Lorraine Martinelli

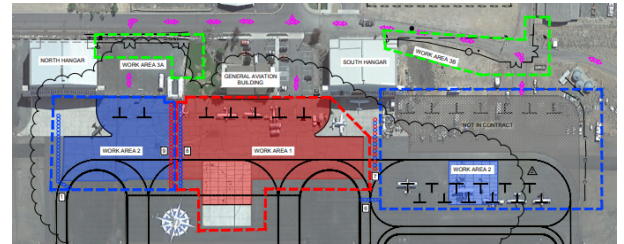


APRON RECONSTRUCTION AND FENCING IMPROVEMENT

Work Area 1 is nearly complete and work is now commencing in Work Area 2 (on the area north of the self-serve fuel farm and the concrete pad at the south transient parking area). Tie-downs are set and ready for use in front of the General Aviation Building (FBO). In order to allow room for planes to use the self-serve fueling, we ask that pilots do not tie-down at the two spaces near the self-serve. As another improvement, over the next month tie-down chains will be installed.

The contractors of 1859 Infrastructure/JAL and our engineers from Century West are working diligently to complete this project and ensure that our visiting pilots and our resident tenants are able to continue business as usual.

The fencing around the fuel farm and south of the South Hangar is now up. This is an extremely helpful addition to the security of our airport. We are now determining costs to complete additional fencing around the airport property that will ensure a secure area.



TRAINING AT S33

During April we had multiple trainings at our airport. We are honored that Madras is a choice location for training for the military, Columbia Helicopter, Erickson Aero Tankers, and other entities.

Pilots may have noticed that we had aerial exhibition activity at our airport for a few days in April. The Erickson Aircraft Collection manages a FAA approved aerobatic box that they are able to activate for practice, recurrency, and training. The process to activate the box requires a detailed approved plan from the FAA, high levels of safety measures, and NOTAMs placed. On the airport side we communicated NOTAMs with the FAA, posted signs at the airport office, and included caution messages on the AWOS. One requirement of the practice aerobatic box is that the public not be invited to attend while the box is open, as only required personnel should be on site. We are fortunate to have this resource available to our local airshow pilots, providing them the opportunity to be fully prepared for their upcoming airshows.

Always check NOTAMs and be sure to calculate active NOTAM times that are in Zulu.



PROJECT UPDATES

Wash pad: Thank you to our Public Works Wastewater Management team for diving in and bringing the wash pad up to working condition. Below the wash rack is a holding tank that catches the soap and water that must be emptied periodically. It is EXTREMELY important that this wash pad be used only for washing aircraft with cleaner and water. This is NOT a dumping site for oil, fuel, grease, chemicals, wastewater, human waste, etc. Please help to keep this area clean and organized. If there is ever an issue with this facility, please let me know right away.

Hangars: We are still in discussion with one contractor on building t-hangars. If you are interested in being added to the list of possible tenants at this new build, please email me with details of the aircraft you would like to hangar. We are also happy to discuss other builds. If you are interested in building a corporate, box, or set of t-hangars – contact me!

Runway extension: This important project remains an active part of our discussions.

Apron repair work: See previous page.

Run up area taxiway lights: We have been patiently waiting for reasonable days to remove the inner taxiway lights of the 16 runup area. We are confident that a warm day is coming soon!

Grass strip: Weekly maintenance has begun again and will be conducted on Wednesday mornings. Be sure to listen to the AWOS for any temporary maintenance and grass strip closures. Also be mindful to not use the grass strip during and after significant rain, as aircraft use may create unwanted ruts.

REIL lights: There has been a delay on repairing the REIL system but it should be repaired soon. This system currently has an inop NOTAM until May 31st.

FOD: Thank you for helping to keep our airport clean and free of debris. There is a FOD box in the GAB. Our local Scout Troop came and picked up many zip ties that have been left from the past. Thank you, Scouts! If you see any FOD, please pick it up. Thank you to the Public Works Fleet department for tuning up a golf cart for us to pull along a blower to clear FOD. We have nicknamed our little craft, Wall-E.



Helibase and access road: The helibase project is nearing completion, with the base and a section of the road being asphalted. Markings will be painted mid-May. K3 Construction has done a fantastic job on this project, and we are thankful for the COAR funding to make this project possible. We are excited for this facility to be operational and ready for helicopter pilots to use.

Pilot lounge: For the convenience and comfort of pilots who fly in at night, our 24/7 pilot lounge now has a microwave, Keurig, and a small fridge with drinks. This month we will be enclosing the pilot lounge to create a rest and study room. We will be expanding this area to ensure that pilots flying through when the main office is closed, have amenities available. This is a secure area for pilots only – please contact me for the current door code. 541-777-4935.

Aviation outreach: Female aviators from around Central Oregon enjoyed a movie night at the airport office. Connecting with other pilots is an important part of building the aviation community.

Since I am late on sending out May's newsletter I can include photos from Madras' First Thursday event. Our youth intern, Abby, and I represented the City of Madras and shared about the upcoming Madras Airport Day. Kids enjoyed making gliders and flying them in the target.



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Pilot lounge available 24/7. Please call for the current door code.

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