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## AIRPORT MANAGER'S CORNER



Summer is over and the tourists have flown south. You might think that would mean life would be simpler here at the airport but trust me we have plenty to keep us busy. Leasing out Kulis, helping tenants find room to consolidate and expand their operations, continuing our dialogue with carriers that are interested in cargo transfer operations, hiring a new Police and Fire chief as well as a new Operations Manager are all keeping us busy. We are finishing up the reconstruction of Runway 7R and believe it or not are already engaged in the planning for the future reconstruction of Runway 7L. While passenger traffic was up slightly this summer our cargo numbers are lagging a bit so we are working with our air carriers to find ways that we and they can operate even more efficiently. We continue to be actively involved in the finalizing of the West Anchorage District Plan and other public efforts. We are initiating the Part 150 Noise Study and drafting the scope for our next Airport Master Plan. I am sure that I have missed several items that some of the airport staff is involved in but I hope this gives you some idea of the variety of things going on

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## ALASKA INTERNATIONAL AIR CARGO SUMMIT

AUGUST 29-31, 2011 HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK ANCHORAGE, AK

The Alaska International Airport System would like to thank all the participants of the Alaska International Air Cargo Summit. Thank you for making this program a great success!

Air China Cargo  
Alaska Air Cargo  
AIDEA  
American Airlines  
AEDC  
Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority  
Asiana Airlines  
Cathay Pacific  
China Airlines  
China Cargo Airlines  
China Southern Airlines  
Clifford T. Argue LLC  
Consulate of Canada  
Consulate of Mexico  
Customs & Border Protection  
DOWL HKM  
Eva Air  
Everts Air  
F&E Ground Services

FEDC  
FAA  
FEDEX  
FIE Ground  
Flight Svs & Systems, Inc  
HNTB  
Kalitta Air  
Korean Air  
Keiser Phillips Associates  
Lieutenant Governor's Office  
Lynden International  
Lynxs Alaska  
CargoPort  
MAP Consulting  
Municipality of Anchorage  
Northern Air Cargo  
Office of the Governor  
Pegasus Aviation  
Polar Air Cargo  
Professional Growth Systems

RIM Architects  
Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Singapore Airlines  
Statewide Aviation  
Swissport USA  
US Dept of Transportation  
United Parcel Service  
World Trade Center Alaska



## KULIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The former Kulis Air National Guard (ANG) base is located on 129 acres of State of Alaska property in the southerly portion of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport adjacent to Raspberry Road and east of the airport's existing south airpark. The Air National Guard had operated on the property since the early 1950's and in February 2011 relocated their operations to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson as part of a Base Realignment and Closure action. The lease for use of the Kulis Property between the Department of Defense and the State of Alaska was terminated on October 3, 2011.

In September of 2011, as a condition of the lease termination agreement, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) began demolition activities to remove many of the older facilities and those that have little value or purpose on a commercial service airport. The NGB will continue those demolition activities and clean-up of some contaminated soils through the summer of 2012 under a right-of-entry agreement with the State.

There will be 281,000 square feet of building space remaining after demolition is complete. This includes: three C130 hangars, four large office buildings, a fire station, a large warehouse, a vehicle maintenance building and several small storage buildings. Existing improvements also include approximately 15 acres of aircraft parking apron and three acres of vehicle parking lots. The State is working with the FAA to designate approximately half of the land as non-aeronautical to improve the probability of leasing of the four office-type buildings on uplands near Raspberry Road.

The Fire Station will be used to enhance Airport Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting capabilities and the Vehicle Maintenance Building will be used by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) for Army National Guard 103<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team under an interagency land management agreement. All other buildings and land are available to lease. Sale of some of the buildings with a long-term land lease will also be considered.

Facilities will allow the airport to generate non-aeronautical and aeronautical revenue and greatly improve our ability to support the commercial aviation community's needs. Undeveloped uplands near Raspberry Road provide a unique opportunity to work with neighbors to optimize compatibility of airport uses with residential.

If, in the distant future, aeronautical demand at the Airport justifies the expense to excavate the uplands down to airfield level, the upland buildings may be removed and excavation to accommodate apron and taxiway development may occur.

Business interest increased substantially as we got closer to the turnover. Interest includes large Alaska Business entities, governmental organizations, commercial aviation businesses, and film production companies, for short term use.

Several applications for lease have been submitted to the airport already.

## KULIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD CERMONY



The Official Transfer Ceremony marking the transfer of Kulis Air National Guard Base to Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport was held on September 19, 2011. At the ceremony, DMVA Commissioner Major General Thomas Katkus spoke fondly of the history of Kulis, remembering the many people and missions that were based from there. A highlight of the ceremony was a video produced by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bernie Kale documenting the fly away ceremony February 12, 2011.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEzri1J07LI>

The Transfer Ceremony provided the opportunity for many current and former Alaska Guard members to mingle and recall their experiences at Kulis. DOT&PF Commissioner Marc Luiken spoke of the bright future the area holds, and the significance of Kulis to future airport.

Pictured (left to right): Senator Hollis French, DMVA Commissioner Major General Thomas Katkus, DOT Deputy Commissioner Steven Hatter, DOT-PF Commissioner Marc Luiken, Assemblywoman Harriet Drummond, Representative Mia Costello.

## AIRPORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The end of September brought a close to not only most of our beautiful summer days but also the relocation of two well known landmarks at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC); that of the Airport Badge Office and Airport Dispatch. After a much anticipated project end, these two offices are now housed in the old ANC staff office space just off the lobby of the North Terminal. However, there is nothing 'old' about these new digs.

Airport'. Not to worry, it's the same dispatch, same service, just part of the evolution.

In recognition of the enormous work this project entailed our hats are off and our thanks go out to the project team!!



The badge office was designed with future expansion in mind and space for improvements such as computer based training. We've also added electronic sign in and an ADA compliant work station for increased customer service. In addition, we are working on updating all forms and website information. The training room will morph into an emergency operations center if needed with technology based support functions.



The dispatch center, now renamed the Airport Communications Center, has upgraded much antiquated equipment with state of the art technology. Examples such as the communication console system, emergency notifications system and computer aided dispatch are just a few. These upgrades allow for a more efficient communication center for this critical center of airport operations.

You will now hear dispatchers answering the phones 'Anchorage

Hope to see you there!!

## READY FOR SNOW!



"The men and women of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Airfield Maintenance Snow Removal Team are looking forward to another successful winter season. Dedicated to keeping ANC runways open and safe"



## NEW CONCESSIONS!

Cinnabon is coming to Concourse B! Come spring-time you will be able to get your Cinnabon without taking it through screening. This Cinnabon location will be a full service Cinnabon, offering their delicious line of cinnamon rolls along with breakfast sandwiches and offering their line of Cinnabar beverages including Mochalattas and espresso coffee drinks.



The new retail concession in Concourse B is set to open by mid-October. This location is four stores in one: 1) Tundra Critters is an Alaskana souvenir store; 2) Outdoor Advantage offers outdoor clothing and accessories; 3) Aurora Artistry is an Alaska-made jewelry and craft store; and 4) there will be a selection of duty free items available to our international passengers.



We know you love your frozen yogurt. The Airport has become a popular destination for Anchorageites to do a Yogurtland "Drive Buy" to get their favorite frozen yogurt to take home. On July 20<sup>th</sup> Yogurtland had \$4,600 in sales; that's over 500 pounds of frozen yogurt and toppings in one day. The Yogurtland concession will be opening an airside location next to the exit lane. They will offer the same items as in the current location.

Are you hankering for a hot dog? The new DogHaus will be located next to the new Cinnabon in Concourse B. This concession will offer an assortment of hot dogs, from all beef to reindeer to vegetarian with sweet potato fries or French fries on the side. There will be a variety of cold and hot condiments to satisfy any taste.

## FAREWELL TO AIRLINES

### The sign of Fall...

See you next year! September 6 marked the final flight for JetBlue for the season! We'll miss you and your daily service from Long Beach to Anchorage. We look forward to next summer and many summers to come! On May 23, 2011, JetBlue became the first new domestic passenger carrier to Anchorage in six (6) years.



### Farewell Edelweiss Air

Edelweiss Air was the first new international passenger carrier to Anchorage in nine (9) years, providing once a week service from Zurich, Switzerland between May 30<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>.



## KULIS HISTORY



Above: Civilian and military officials gather at Anchorage International Airport to witness groundbreaking ceremonies at the site of the new \$717,746 Alaska Air National Guard Hanger and Facilities



Virgil Knight, Manager of Anchorage International Airport (r), Col. Lars Larry Johnson, Commander of Alaska Air National Guard (l), Col L.H. Foote, Alaska District Engineer (c)

Kulis ANG Groundbreaking Ceremony FRI, April 30, 1954. Photos courtesy MSGT Mike Phillips (Ret.)



LAKE HOOD



One of Airport Management's main concerns is to maintain safe float plane operations by minimizing the risks posed by aquatic vegetation in Lakes Hood and Spenard. Excessive aquatic vegetation has become a nuisance and can create problematic aircraft operating conditions. However, ANC is also responsible to protect the natural environment, especially the water quality of Lakes Hood and Spenard, and to implement cost effective solutions.

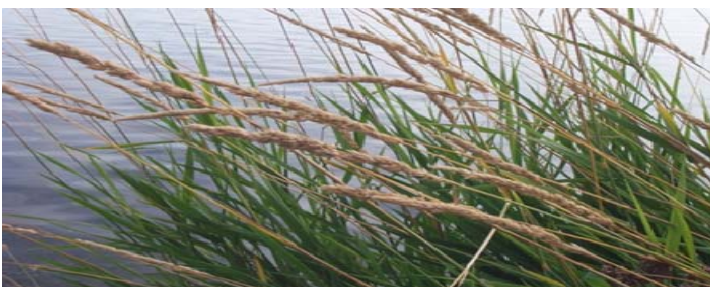
In 2005 an aquatic vegetation management plan was developed to analyze all possible weed control options that fit within three general categories: physical/mechanical, chemical, and biological. A weed harvester was selected as the most appropriate control method with regard to effectiveness, environmental considerations, cost and would meet ANC's goals and objectives. (A copy of the complete 2005 plan is available on the web at <http://dot.alaska.gov/anc/business/generalAviation/AquaticVegetationPlan.pdf>.)

This year, a supplemental aquatic vegetation study was conducted and is in the final stages of completion. While it will reassess the cost feasibility of the control options identified in the 2005 study, it will also more effectively identify the aquatic vegetation species found in Lakes Hood and Spenard. Ten aquatic plants have been identified, all classified as native submerged aquatic species; plants which have buoyant stems and leaves, but remain below the water surface. Pondweed and milfoils are the primary species found in the lakes and tend to be more of a concern for floatplanes; and are the primary focus for removal and control. Once the 2011 aquatic vegetation study is completed it will be available through the Lake Hood Operations Office and will be posted on the ANC website.

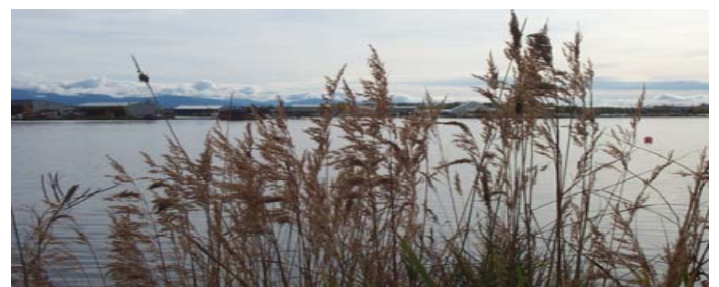


Late this summer members of the Lake Hood Users Group, Pilot Association and other stakeholders participated in a field trip around the lakes led by U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) to learn how to identify an invasive terrestrial weed, Reed Canarygrass. (Learn more about invasive weeds at [www.cnipm.org](http://www.cnipm.org).) While not prevalent, it is found in patches along the shores of the lakes. Reed Canarygrass looks very similar to a native species Bluejoint Reedgrass with the main exception that the seed heads are more dense/compact and are yellow/straw colored. USFWS is one of many organizations trying to provide an educational venue to help the public recognize invasive weed species and what they can do to reduce the likelihood of it spreading as well as its removal. Join the Alaska Committee for Noxious & Invasive Plants Management for their Alaska Invasive Species Conference being held October 19-21, 2011 (<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/pests/cnipm/calendar/>.)

Canary Reedgrass



Bluejoint Reedgrass





**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!**

**WE'RE GONNA BE IN THE MOVIES!**

This past summer, the Airport was approached by Piksik, LLC, a NANA development company, who is working with Georgia Film Fund Five, LLC, to talk about where best to shoot a few scenes from the upcoming movie *The Frozen Ground*. This movie is set in the late 70's/early 80's so after touring both terminal buildings it was decided that the North Terminal fit the bill. The scenes are set to be shot in early November. The main characters for this shoot are played by Nicholas Cage and Vanessa Hudgens. You never know, you might catch a glimpse of them, but please stay out of the way of the film crew!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**NWAAAE Aviation Excellence Award**

The Northwest Chapter of the American Association of Aviation Executives awarded the 2011 NWAAAE Aviation Excellence Award to Trudy Wassel, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Business Manager. Trudy was nominated for the award by Deputy Commissioner Steve Hatter.

Airport Manager John Parrott accepted the award on Trudy's behalf at the NWAAAE 2011 Annual Conference, held September 25-27 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**7th Annual Mystery Shop Award Ceremony**



30 employees of various airport businesses gathered on September 29th to receive the 2011 Mystery Shop Award. The awards honored employees for "above and beyond" customer service from October 2010 to September, 2011.

Additional prizes were drawn from among the award winners, Aileen Minoshima (HMS Host) won 2 tickets anywhere PenAir flies. Robert Kimura (Delta) won a year family membership to the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum.

Already several new members have signed up to participate next year. Don't miss out! To enroll your company in the program, contact Sherry Cole at 266-2526 or email her at [sherry.cole@alaska.gov](mailto:sherry.cole@alaska.gov).



**AAAAE Accreditation**

John Johansen, Manager of Engineering, Environmental and Planning for Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, recently completed Accredited Airport Executive Program through the American Association of Airport Executives.

To qualify for this distinction, John had to (1) pass a 180-item multiple-choice examination, (2) obtain an advanced degree, and (3) demonstrate, in the final interview by a panel of A.A.E.s, his knowledge of airport management, business administration, and general transportation economics. John's achievement attests to his ability to meet these stringent requirements and his experience in managing a public airport.

By fulfilling all the requirements leading to the title of Accredited Airport Executive, John joins a select group of individuals who have earned this designation within the Accreditation Program. At present, fewer than 10 percent of AAAE's members throughout the country have earned this distinction.

