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## AIRPORT MANAGER'S CORNER



Summer is here and that means two things: tourists and construction.

Probably more noticeable is the work that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public facilities is doing at the intersection of Jewell Lake and International Airport Road.

This summer we plan to have a lot of tourists and a little construction. The usual seasonal carriers are back, American, Frontier and jetBlue as well as the normal additional flights our year round carriers provide. We are welcoming Condor with scheduled service as well as Japan Airlines and Korean Airlines with charter flights. So far the carriers have indicated that it looks to be a good summer for tourist travel.

On the construction side we have already completed a lighting replacement project at Lake Hood Strip (Z41) and will soon be starting a taxiway reconstruction around the cargo parking spots.

In addition to those fairly tangible items we continue to plan for the airport's future. As you may have heard, the Municipality is finishing up the West Anchorage District Plan which spent a lot of time focused on the airport.

The Alaska International Airport System Plan continues to progress and the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Master Plan is about to begin. We will be looking for public and industry involvement to help us plan the airport's future. If you are interested, sign up for **GovDelivery** to be notified of the meetings and other news from the airport.

### 2012 Alaska International Air Cargo Summit

October 7 & 8 at the Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska



Ted Stevens  
**Anchorage**  
International Airport



Fairbanks  
International  
Airport

Alaska International Airport System

## GENERAL AVIATION NEWS

The Lake Hood Strip Lighting Upgrade project is complete. The new LED lighting for the runway, taxiway edge, and runway end lights has been wired with conduit surrounded by concrete. This replaces the old system of incandescent bulbs linked by buried wire.

The taxiway edge lighting was also upgraded along the parallel taxiway from Echo parking to Taxiway H4 and along Lakeshore taxiway just west of the strip's pilot controlled gates. New additions for the project are "hold position" signs and Elevated Guard lights, or Wigwags (see photo). The hold short positions were added where taxiways H1/2/3/4 access Lake Hood Strip's Runway 13/31. A new internally-lit 15 knot wind cone just south of Taxiway H3 completes the improvements.

The runway work was completed a week ahead of schedule. The impact of the closure was minimized by the planning, communications, and team work. The combined efforts of Anchorage Air Traffic Control Tower controllers, led by Monique Stowers and Melanie Whately, ANC Operations Construction Coordinator, Tim Lufkin, and the General Aviation pilots, who demonstrated great flexibility and cooperation, combined to make a complex situation safe, efficient and effective.

Article and photos by John Stocker



## AIRFIELD MAINTENANCE

As the seasons begin to change around Anchorage so does the scenery and the same goes for the ANC. We can thank Master Gardener Bruce Jokela for helping make this transition smooth for us. Bruce has been in the gardening scene in Anchorage for 30 years. Since 2002, he has been in charge of our in-house greenhouse and planting program, using his finely tuned skills to grace our eyes with the gorgeous gardens on the airport property.



Some may think that the cost of running a greenhouse might cost ANC a lot. However, the greenhouse takes about \$5,000 dollars to run including purchase of plants and other needed materials. If we were to purchase plants from an outside source, the cost would be \$40,000-\$50,000. This gives us an amazing savings of \$35,000-\$45,000!

While you are traveling thought the airport grounds take a moment and smell the flowers and to enjoy the foliage that Bruce has grown!



Article and photos by Brian Belcher

## CONTINUING EDUCATION BY AAAE

ANC is pleased to announce that the following employees have earned the designation Certified Member (C.M.) from the American Association of Airport Executives:

Eland Conway, Airport Operations Officer  
 Alex Moss, Airport Operations Officer  
 Teri Lindseth, Airport Planner  
 Tim Mearig, Airport Engineer  
 Tonia Winkler, Airport Leasing

To earn this designation, candidates demonstrate an in-depth knowledge in a wide range of airport related topics including management, Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Agency regulatory requirements, property management, and environmental regulations.

“I congratulate and applaud our airport managers and staff as they advance our department’s competency as aviation professionals and their continued pursuit of excellence in airport management,” says Deputy Commissioner of Aviation Steve Hatter. Congratulations, to you all on a job well done!

## CDC ANCHORAGE QUARANTINE STATION

Summer has arrived in Alaska, and whether it’s by plane, ship, or automobile, millions of travelers are making their way to the Last Frontier. ANC, which has been dubbed the “air crossroads of the world,” receives international flights throughout the summer. It also serves as the passenger transportation hub for numerous cruise lines, as Alaska is the top cruise ship passenger destination in the United States.

Anchorage’s longstanding global connection doesn’t end with passengers; as the fifth busiest cargo airport in the world, millions of packages pass through ANC each year, including more than 90% of express air cargo between Asia and North America.

This daily convergence of international travelers and cargo shipments presents the possibility for introducing and spreading travel-related infectious disease in Alaska. To prepare for the possibility of this threat, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) operates a quarantine station at ANC.

CDC has served the Anchorage Airport for decades. The Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak in 2003, along with pandemic influenza planning and the growing threat of bioterrorism, demonstrated the need for public health officers in Alaska to assess passengers who had a potential exposure at ports of entry. This need, along with the unique characteristics of the state with respect to global migration and human health, led to the onsite reopening of the Anchorage Quarantine Station (ANC QS) in 2005.

The ANC QS is one of 20 quarantine stations located at U.S. ports of entry, and is part of a comprehensive system that serves to limit the introduction and spread of contagious disease into the United States. While the ANC QS is based at ANC due to its status as Alaska’s population center and point of convergence for travelers and cargo, its jurisdiction stretches far beyond the airport boundaries, and includes all the international land, air, and sea ports of the state of Alaska.

The ANC QS wishes everyone at ANC a happy and healthy summer! Do not hesitate to contact the station if you have any questions or would like to learn more about our operations.



ANC QS Staff, from L to R: Quarantine Medical Officer Petra Illig, Regional Officer in Charge Shah Roohi, and Quarantine Public Health Officer Kimberly Rogers

### Additional Information:

[Anchorage Quarantine Station Overview](#)  
[Reporting Onboard Deaths or Illnesses](#)  
[Importing Animals and Animal Products](#)  
[CDC Traveler's Health](#)

Article and photo courtesy of Kimberly Rogers and CDC Staff

## CONCESSIONS AND LEASING

There have been a few delays with this summer's construction, but have no fear! The majority of the venues we've been touting are set to open prior to the end of summer.

The new **Cinnabon/Alaska Dog Haus** in the Concourse B Hex will serve a full line of Cinnabon products as well as grilled hot dogs with the works. The Cinnabon/Alaska Hot Dog Haus is set to open for business in mid-July.



A new landside restaurant, **Grizzly Pizza and Wings** is also slated to open prior to the end of summer.

In addition, the proposed opening for the new **In-Motion** kiosk is mid-July.



**Silver Gulch brewing and Bottling Co.**, serving pizza and other food items along with a variety of Alaskan Beers and offering a retail brewery store, is expected to open by the first of July at Gate C0 inside security.

Soon you'll be able to grab a growler or 6-pack to go—it's a great way to bring a taste of Alaska to your destination!

## SUMMER AIRLINE UPDATES

Summer is here and we are delighted to have the increased passenger traffic at ANC! United, Sun Country Airlines, American Airlines, Air Canada, Frontier, Condor and jetBlue began operations in May. Japan Airlines and Korean Air are returning with charter service.

Our new passenger carrier, Yakutia Airlines announced in mid-May that final approval from United States and Russian governments had been received to operate scheduled passenger and cargo service between Eastern Russia and Anchorage, Alaska. On July 12, the airline will inaugurate service between Anchorage and Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, on the Kamchatka Peninsula.



According to a press release from Yakutia Airlines, the new flights are expected to draw fishermen and adventure travelers to the isolated region, renowned for pristine rivers, volcanoes, geysers, native culture and unique wildlife. In addition, travelers will be able to connect to Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Yakutsk and other destinations across Russia.

Service is slated to run weekly from July 12 through September 13, 2012. Yakutia Airlines plans to operate with 737-700 aircraft, and the flight time between the two cities is approximately 4.5 hours. For more information, including ticketing and pricing, please contact [www.AirRussia.US](http://www.AirRussia.US).

## AIRPORT POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

The Airport Police and Fire Department is pleased to announce a new member of the family! Officer William Kemper has returned from 10 weeks of training with his furry new partner, Xxylon.

Officer Kemper and Xxylon have been working together at a comprehensive training academy at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, completing their training with final testing on June 22, 2012.

A two-year –old chocolate Labrador Retriever, Xxylon now begins his new career working as a full time police dog with his own law enforcement credentials. In his off-time, he will stay at home with Officer Kemper.

ANC began employing K9 units in 2002. When a K9 position opens, officers apply to the Chief of the Airport Police and Fire Department. According to Officer Kemper, Xxylon has lots of drive and loves to play. Welcome Xxylon! We look forward to a long career with you!

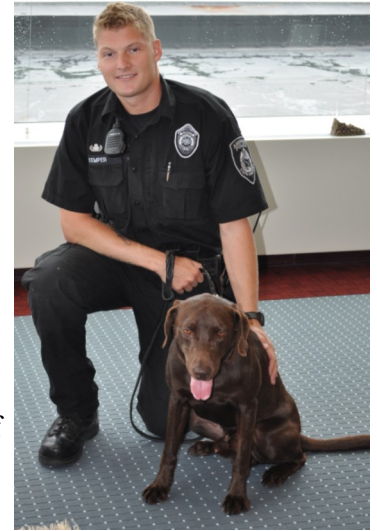


Photo by Kaitlin Hammond

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS



Photo by Brent Lowen, ARFF Academy Instructor

Anchorage Airport Police and Fire announces that our new recruits have now completed the first half of their training to become state certified Police and Fire Officers. Each of the 10 recruits successfully completed the Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Academies.

The academies started in March and each requires both a state proctored written exam and numerous practical evaluations. In August, the recruits will attend the 3 and a half month Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy in Sitka, Alaska to become certified as state police officers. The training program to become an Airport Police and Fire Officer is intense and demanding, and takes approximately 14 months to complete.

More News...

Anchorage Airport Police and Fire fielded a team of ten members to participate in the **Alaska Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics**. At the event held on Saturday, May 19, 2012, the Airport Flyers included members of the Police and Fire Department, their friends and family.

Anchorage Airport Police and Fire Officer Eric Horvath represented ANC in the Alaska Peace Officers Association Sponsored “**Law Enforcement 3-Gun Competition**”. The event, held on Saturday, June 16, 2012, brought together 36 participants from all of the state. The participants competed in a four stage event: pistol, shotgun, rifle and ambush.

Officer Horvath earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the rifle portion of the competition, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in ambush.



Officer Zach Stone with one of the athletes.  
Also pictured: Officer Julie Hellrung, Officer Adam Sparrs, Chief Jesse Davis

## TRIENNIAL EXERCISE SUCCESS!

ANC conducted an FAA required triennial exercise on Saturday, June 16, 2012. The scenario-based exercise simulated an aircraft crash upon take-off and included emergency response from the Airport Police and Fire Department, the Anchorage Fire Department and other emergency response personnel from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER).



“A lot of effort went in to planning for this exercise,” said Jesse Davis, Chief of Airport Police and Fire. “Eland Conway, Operations Officer, and Darcey Perry, Police and Fire Training Officer, worked diligently for



months to organize this drill to achieve the maximum potential for training.”

“We really appreciate the help we received from the other organizations that participated in the drill, from JBER (176 CES), The Military Youth Corps, Anchorage Fire Department, Alaska Division of Emergency Services, Municipality Emergency Management, Alaska Airlines, The American Red Cross, and several others. We’ve had great support for making this exercise valuable for all.

We especially want to thank the over 160 volunteers who came down to act in the role of victims,” said Eland Conway.



Triennial Photos by Patrick Teagarden

## FUTURE EVENTS

Mark your calendar:

A public open house regarding the **Master Planning Update** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 17, 2012** in the McKinley Room of the Coast International Inn from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. To sign up for automatic updates on the Master Plan Update, please email: [contact@ancmasterplan.com](mailto:contact@ancmasterplan.com)

**Arctic Thunder 2012** is scheduled for **July 28 and 29, 2012** at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The state’s largest air show will include demonstrations by the Air Force, Army Golden Knights parachute team, and static displays of old and new aircraft. Every two years, the base hosts Arctic Thunder to demonstrate its appreciation to the Alaska community for its support of the military.

**2012 Health Fair** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 27, 2012** from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the South Terminal. As in the past, you can get your blood pressure checked, do routine screenings. The mobile mammography unit will be joining the Health Fair this year.

**2012 Stand Down for Veterans**, will be held at the North Terminal on **Friday, October 26, 2012**. This event features health checks, hair cuts, hot meals and other assistance to Veterans in Need in our community.

