

FAI Flight Lines

Winter 2012



A Beautiful Terminal!

What all Fairbanksans and most Alaskan's have known for quite a while just became national news—the Fairbanks Airport has a beautiful terminal!

The Atlantic Cities magazine which covers innovations and issues in global cities, recently showcased nine airports that “stand out as some of the best a traveler could experience.” Fairbanks International had received numerous design awards and international press in the design community but this new recognition comes from the traveling public.

Completed in 2009, the airport renovation and addition integrates efficient passenger facilities and airport operations with the visitor experience.

“The idea was always to have a gateway, the visitor’s first impression that truly reflected the frontier spirit of Fairbanks, that when you arrived here, you knew you had arrived in the far north, with its wonderful light, broad landscapes, wilderness, adventure, land,” said Charles Bettisworth, Principal Architect on the project. (courtesy of Linda Bustamante, Statewide Aviation)

Higher Education

Alaska Aerofuel Inc. is in negotiations with University of Alaska to sell its hangar on the West side of the Airport. UAF plans to purchase and retrofit the structure to accommodate classrooms for approximately 80 students participating in their Part 147 A & P Mechanic school currently located on University Avenue in the Hutchison Career Facility. The hangar sale is scheduled to occur Spring 2012. This will provide an opportunity and enough area for students to have hands-on training for large jet aircraft. UAF hopes to commence the program at Fairbanks International Airport in Fall 2012.



Future home of University of Alaska’s FAA Part 147 A & P Mechanic School

Project News

<p>FIA Apron Improvement Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reconstructing older apron pavement on the West Side -Reconstructing concrete hardstand by Gates 1 & 2 -Install additional security fence on NW ramp -Project will start in early Spring with a completion of August 2012 <p>Warranty Carpet Replacement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All Gates -Customs area -Rental Car lease space 	<p>FIA Master Plan (ongoing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Public Open House meeting in November -Gathering Aviation Facilities inventory and working on GAP analysis -Continuing work on updating FIA master plan <p>Gate 20, Mail Trail Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Install card readers at Gate 20 -Install new Gate opener <p>Alaska International Airport System Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Aviation demand forecasting at Anchorage and Fairbanks -Cargo demand and Passenger Demand -System Planning to optimize AIAS infrastructure at both ANC and FAI. 	<p>FIA GIS Database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Develop an Electronic Airport Layout Plan (eALP) -Developing Data Management Plan and compiling data . <p>Interactive Employee Training System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Install 3 Interactive work stations this summer -Interactive video training for safety, security and ID badging. -Start videotaping in February, continuing through summer.
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*Providing Interior Alaska’s Gateway to the World
Get Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure*

Police & Fire Training Updates

It has been a busy winter for Police & Fire so far! In our effort to provide the traveling public, air carriers, and tenants with the safest environment possible, we spend a considerable amount of our time training and preparing for the worst of circumstances. This fall we have seen the completion of recruit training for our newest officer, Travis Brown with the finish of his state certified Firefighter II and ARFF courses. Through the partnership and teamwork of the Flint Hills Refinery Fire Brigade, our department was able to select an officer to attend the University of Nevada - Reno Petroleum Fire School in Elko, Nevada at no cost to the department. Officer Allen attended, and praised the training as not only extremely relevant to our field, but a great opportunity to learn on unique and different training props while gaining valuable experience filling numerous roles within the Incident Command System. The department's medical training falls in November of each year, and this year Officer Moore and Officer Lewis provided top notch training to our staff. Also in November, our department hosted a Fire Service Methods of Instruction course, that included students from our department as well as 6 other area fire departments. Our 4 attendees, Sergeant Rifley, Officer Allen, Officer Pratt, and Officer Mount, put in a lot of hard work over the 40 hour course, and all came away with State of Alaska Certification as Fire Service Instructors! Last but not least, Officer Rob Harley (pictured above), gained training and instructor certification in a highly refined and effective defensive tactics program early this fall. Officer Harley worked hard to put together an effective curriculum for the department, then over the last month, trained the entire department in this new methodology. We train like peoples lives depend on it - because they do! Despite the heavy training schedule, our officers have been as busy as ever maintaining a constant vigilance. We have responded to numerous medical calls, ARFF emergencies, and have handled police and airfield security related call outs on a regular basis.



Ski Strip Proficiency Markings



Summer of 2011 Fairbanks International and Palmer Airports took part in painting of gravel landing surfaces to help pilots with proficiency of landings and takeoffs. Markings provided known distances for aviators to gauge their performance. This successful program was made possible by participation of many people including Tom George (AOPA), Ron Dearborn (ERPA), Matt Freeman (FAA) and a host of volunteers. The markings withstood air traffic for most of the summer, and only had to be reapplied one time.

Arrivals & Departures

Return from Service Overseas:

Officer Andrew Klaetsch

Arrivals:

Chris Tapp, Equipment Operator

Promotions:

Angie Spear, Division Operations Manager

Mark Whitmire, Operations Officer

Josh Hebert, Stock & Parts Journeyman

Departures:

Jeanne Aguilar, Badging Office Assistant

Hardstand Upgrades



Fairbanks International Airport's Field Maintenance crew upgrades the Hardstands to accommodate Group 6 aircraft.

