

FAI Flight Lines

Spring 2011



Cold Weather Testing at FAI



In addition to numerous other tests throughout this past year, Alaska Aerofuel notably played host to Boeing in their cold weather tests of the 787 and 747-800 aircraft. Additionally, FAI and Alaska Aerofuel were recently highlighted in an expose from *Business and Commercial Aviation* magazine.

A Word from Our Deputy Commissioner...

I'm excited and honored to be part of the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and support the vision and values set forth by Commissioner Marc Luiken. The Department's values - integrity, transparency, and outstanding service will guide and anchor every conversation we have and every decision we make. Our vision of a trusted performance driven organization, collaborating with internal and external partners, delivering a safe and efficient transportation system will enhance the quality of life for

Alaskans and promote economic resource development.

Our DOT&PF Statewide Aviation and Alaska International Airports System teams continually evaluate all aspects of the Alaska Aviation system in terms of vision, planning, design, capital project improvements, maintenance and operations. I'm extremely proud to be part of these excellent teams whose mission is to serve fellow Alaskans.

I look forward to working with all of the aviation stakeholders as together we promote safe and efficient air transportation in our great State of Alaska.

Steven Hatter, Deputy Commissioner of Aviation



Providing Interior Alaska's Gateway to the World

FAI Extends SCASD

On March 11, 2011 FAI received a second extension of its Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant—the first-ever by U.S. DOT since the inception of the grant program—to September 11, 2011, enough to cover Frontier Airlines entire 2011 season.

Recall that in 2010, Frontier Airlines, the first low cost carrier to serve FAI in over 20 years, initiated service under the SCASD program with seasonal direct service from Fairbanks to Denver. In light of rapidly escalating fuel prices and its impact to carriers serving long haul routes, Frontier felt it was critical to attain the second extension.



Aviation Events

AK State Aviation Trade Show, ANC, FedEx Hanger, 4/30-5/1, 2011, contact dee.hanson@alaskaairmen.org

AOC-FAI, Everts Air, 3rd Thursday of each month at noon. For info contact Serenity.Orth@AlaskaAir.com

FAI General Aviation Association, for info contact [Carol Scott](mailto:carolscott@mosquitonet.com)

Aviation Appreciation Day, AK Aerofuel Hangar, May 14, 2011



TAXILANE ROMEO and YANKEE (Done):

- Named uncontrolled and unnamed taxilanes east of Taxiway C "Romeo" and "Yankee"

EAST SIDE SAFETY PROJECT (Done):

- Seeding grass this summer
- Minor repairs to existing gates
- All other work complete

GATES 1 & 2 and REGIONAL PARKING

- Scheduled for this summer
- Enlarge hard stand at Gate 1
- Repaint Gate 1 & 2 markings
- Reposition Gates 1 & 2
- Repaint regional markings

FIA MASTER PLAN (Ongoing)

- Negotiating contract
- Start planning process this summer

BRAVO TAXIWAY

- Narrow hold line at elephant ear
- Move lighting on elephant ear
- Move signs closer to Bravo center to make hold bars more evident

SKI STRIP MARKING

- FAI working with FAA and general aviation user groups on ski strip test program to increase pilot proficiency.

On the Ramp....



FAI Maintenance outdid themselves to keep FAI open during November's ice storm, when Interior roads, rails, and surrounding airports were closed for two days, making FAI the only way out "town".

Additionally, FAI's maintenance crews worked round the clock in February to keep FAI open during the biggest snowstorm to hit Fairbanks since 1984, with winds gusting up to 50mph and leaving 23.8 inches of snow over a 5 day period.

In recognition of these feats, FAI has been nominated for a AAEE Balchen Post Award which recognizes excellence in the performance of airport snow and ice removal. All categories of airports; commercial, general aviation and military, throughout the United States and Canada compete for this award.

Arrivals & Departures

New Faces:

- Shelly Showalter, Business Manager, Admin
- Toni Abbey, Office Manager, Police & Fire
- Travis Brown, Officer, Police & Fire
- Vance Enderle, Officer, Police & Fire
- Donna Teffeteller, Dispatcher, Police & Fire

Promotions:

- Neil Hahn, Foreman, Field Maintenance

Departures:

- Paulette Wille, Business Manager, Admin
- Patty Pfeffer, Finance, Admin
- Kat Fyten, Dispatcher, Police & Fire
- Don Davis, Chief, Maintenance



Clark Klimascheky became FAI's new Chief of Maintenance on January 1, 2011. Clark has worked at FAI for

just over 11 years as a Foreman, preceded by working as an Equipment Operator for Northern Region DOT and as an Equipment Operator and Supervisor for the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Clark brings over 16 years of supervisory experience and 23 years of operator experience to the position.

DOT Comments on JPARC

DOT, via Commissioner Marc Luiken, submitted written comments on the Military's JPARC (Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex) EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) Scoping Proposal on March 4, 2011. The proposal is in the pre-EIS stage and has attracted considerable attention from nearly all aviation interests. Other State of Alaska departments, i.e., DEC and DNR, commented as well. The letter can be viewed on DOT's Aviation and Airports webpage. The letter's link is below:

http://www.dot.state.ak.us/documents/JPARC_EIS_ScopingComments3.2011.pdf

A big thanks to Cliff Everts for donating the world time clock to FAI. FAI installed the clock in the passenger terminal next to Twigs. Without question, it will attract admirers for years to come.



Denali Awards



Congratulations to Dave Hebert, Parts, Maintenance, for being nominated Co-Worker of the Year under the Governor's Denali Peak Performance Award Program.

The Program annually recognizes and rewards individuals and teams for excellence in service to the State of Alaska Executive Branch and citizens of Alaska.

The Governor's Denali Peak Performance Award program is a great way to recognize excellence in public service through nomination of an individual or team. Since the program's inception, thousands of state employees have been nominated for a Denali award. High quality public services are essential to Alaskans' quality of life. We encourage you to nominate a peak performer in your agency or who works for the state.