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WARREN “BUD” WOODS PALMER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT Newsletter

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Airport Advisory Commission Calendar

All meetings are at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month on a quarterly basis in the Palmer City Hall Council Chambers, 231 W. Evergreen Avenue. Special meetings will be held on an “As Needed” basis on the fourth Thursday of the month following the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting.

- ❖ January 27, 2022
- ❖ April 28, 2022
- ❖ July 28, 2022
- ❖ October 27, 2022

Contact Chair Ken More at 907-240-3286 or flyartic@articsairacademy.com for more information.

Your source for news at the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport.

“The aeronautical gateway to Palmer and the Matanuska Valley”

What’s Happening?

“Taxiway November Design Project Grows to Add New Apron E”

Along with the new Taxiway November the Airport will be looking to add an additional aircraft parking apron at the west end of E. Yukon street. This new aircraft parking apron will help to absorb the waiting list experienced in the summer of 2021 and will feature apron lighting and powered tie down spaces. Different design options are currently being considered, but the new apron should be able to accommodate 25 to 30 additional small aircraft. Once the project is farther along, a reservation list will be announced.



Additional PAQ News Updates

ARFF Truck Arrives at the Palmer Municipal Airport

Thanks to the continued outstanding work of our Fire Chief Chad Cameron, the Palmer Fire and Rescue Department took delivery of a new “gently used” ARFF truck at the Training Center on November 17, 2021. The Fire and Rescue Department is in the process of obtaining training on the new apparatus this spring, along with outfitting it with equipment and environmentally friendly foam for eventual use later in the year. The City is also developing plans for a new “gently used” ARFF building on the Training Center grounds for the fall of 2022. As the Airport continues to develop new lease lots with the addition of the new Taxiway November Project, ARFF capabilities at PAQ will ensure the City is well prepared of aeronautical emergency responses.



Chad Cameron
Fire Chief



Photo: The new “gently used” ARFF truck arrives at the Palmer Fire and Rescue Training Center on November 17, 2021.

A Statement of Gratitude

The Airport and the City of Palmer would like to thank all of those individuals who assisted in the herculean efforts required to keep as many aircraft as possible intact during the SNOwnADO event that started the new year! This devastating storm ravaged many parts of the greater Palmer and Wasilla area with impacts that will be felt for many months to come. Unfortunately, 5 aircraft were totally destroyed, and several others damaged as the winds pounded the airport, breaking windows, removing signage, freezing pipes, and leaving the airfield with a sheet of wind-blown ice, a nonfunctioning airport lighting system, and a shuttered Flight Service Station. Luckily the airport was able to reopen a short 48 hours after the event. Also, thanks to the round the clock efforts of our Public Works Department, aircraft and business owners were able to actually drive to the airport on streets that otherwise might have been closed due to continued snow drifts and debris.

The Alaska Airmen's Association Corner

Have you heard, the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering will be returning to the Palmer Municipal Airport and the Alaska State Fairgrounds on May 6th, 7th, and 8th 2022! Thanks to the efforts of Executive Director Abby Austin and the Alaska Airmen's Association Board of Directors, this wonderful event will be returning to Palmer for its second year. This year's event is shaping up to be better than ever with more things to see and do including more exhibitor space, more educational opportunities, more food trucks, more aircraft, more youth activities, more aviation demonstrations, and an all-new business to business component. The Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce is also teaming up with the Airmen's Association to make sure that there is plenty to do and see in downtown Palmer as well. Please continue to join and support the Alaska Airmen's Association as they advocate and educate for general aviation throughout Alaska. You can visit their website at www.alaskaairmen.org or call them at (907) 245-1251 for additional information.

Get The Lead Out!

By Adam White, Government Affairs, Alaska Airmen's Association

That phrase brings back memories of my dad "motivating" me as a teenager to work harder. Today you can hear that phrase about AVGAS. Last year, the EPA was sued by a group wanting to get the lead out of AVGAS. As a result, the EPA has restarted its process of "endangerment." The EPA will evaluate if now is the time to force the aviation industry to stop using leaded fuel.

Right after the first of the year, we heard rumors that this was coming. The Alaska Airmen's Association worked with other alphabet groups and formed a coalition before the EPA's press release was made public. The goal was to have a proactive message to the EPA and legislators that we want a safe, effective, and fleet-wide direct replacement for 100LL. The aviation industry is not insisting that lead stays in our fuel, but we do not wish anything draconian to be forced on us. While there have been tremendous strides in replacing lead in fuel, we are not ready to give up 100LL because there is no fleet-wide direct replacement yet.

The Alaska Airmen's Association will continue to advocate for a reasoned and well-researched transition from leaded fuel. Our Congressional Delegation is up to speed on this issue and understands the implications to Alaska. We would appreciate adding your voice to our membership. Please visit www.alaskaairmen.org for more information on the benefits of membership.



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