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WAMA Legislative Day

LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION!

The Wisconsin Airport Management Association will be hosting a Legislative Day in Madison on March 7, 2017. The Legislative Day will provide airports an opportunity to talk to their legislators about issues facing airports across the state and to network with other airports. We will set up the appointments with your legislator so all you have to do is register!

Not used to talking with legislators? Don't worry, we will provide you with the tools and the talking points! Planned topics include: State Statute Conflicts with Local Zoning, Mechanics Lien Legislation, and Economic Benefits of WI Airports. Opening and closing events will be held at the beautiful "Top of the Park" meeting room, located at the Best Western Plus Inn on the Park, 22 South Carroll Street, Madison, WI 53703.

The Agenda for the Legislative Day is as follows:

9am-10:30am	Welcome and Lobbying Tips
10:30am-12:30pm	Meetings with Legislators
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm-3:30pm	Meetings with Legislators
4:00pm-6:00pm	Evening Reception

Register now for the WAMA Legislative Day at
<https://fs9.formsite.com/WIAMA/LegislativeDay/index.html>.

To ensure a successful first annual Legislative Day, we would like to offer (for this first year only) complimentary registration to all WAMA members and non-members. Complimentary registration is also open to WAMA Corporate Members (consultants and vendors).

The Lieutenant Governor will be attending this year's Legislative Day on March 7th. Please register ASAP so the meetings with your legislators can be coordinated right away.

62nd Annual Wisconsin Aviation Conference April 24 - 26, 2017



The next Wisconsin Aviation Conference (WAC) is less than 2 months away, and will be held in beautiful Waukesha, WI - April 24-26, 2017.

Returning to the conference program this year are the popular Aviation Issues Panel with the BOA and FAA, and "Speed Dating" with the FAA Chicago Airports District Office. The conference program also includes something for everyone with current topics such as:

- Airport Revenue Generation and Leasing Issues
- Aeromedical reform with the EAA's Sean Elliott
- Aviation Education Programs
- Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA)
- The Pilot Supply Issue and Other Air Service Challenges
- Runway Incursion Prevention, and TSA & Airports

The full program can be found at <http://wiama.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/WAC-2017-draft-Program-02.28.2017.pdf>.

In an effort to introduce you to the WAMA organization, the Board of Directors are offering **FREE Conference Registration** for Airports who haven't been a WAMA member in the last two years and sign up for a WAMA membership this year. Membership in the Small GA category is only \$100 and you can register online at <http://fs9.formsite.com/WIAMA/MembershipApplication/index.html>. Contact Bob O'Brien at director@wiama.com if you are interested in taking advantage of this free conference opportunity.

Registration Information - <http://wiama.org/attendee-registration/>

We hope you will join us at the 2017 Wisconsin Aviation Conference!

WAC Sponsors and Exhibitors

The Wisconsin Aviation Conference is not possible without the support of Sponsors and Exhibitors! On behalf of the Wisconsin Airport Management Association and the WAC planning committee, please consider joining us again as a sponsor or exhibitor in 2017.

Exhibitor Information - <http://wiama.org/exhibitor-information/>

Sponsor Information - <http://wiama.org/sponsor-levels/>

Thank you to the following Sponsors and Exhibitors who have already signed on to join us at the 2017 Wisconsin Aviation Conference:

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WAMA Awards, Professional Development Grants and Scholarships

AWARDS: The Wisconsin Airport Management Association is seeking nominations for the 2017 WAMA Aviation Awards. To nominate a person or project is really very easy online at <http://wiama.org/awards/>.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS: Each year WAMA awards up to \$4,000 in professional development grants and collegiate scholarships. <http://wiama.org/scholarships/>

Nominations for awards and application for professional development and collegiate scholarships must be submitted before March 31, 2017. Award winners will be recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin Aviation Conference. If you have any questions on awards or scholarships, please contact Dave Jensen at 608-235-6416 or jensen.david@msnairport.com.

About the Airport

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Austin Straubel International Airport (GRB)*



As the third largest airport in the State of Wisconsin, the Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport (GRB) operates a 24-hour, 365-day a year operation. GRB handles approximately 600,000 commercial passengers and nearly 50,000 aircraft operations each year, and is home to over 100 based aircraft. GRB is currently served by three major airlines (Delta, American, and United) with connections available to any destination in the world. In addition, the Airport is host to a multitude of support businesses such as a parking facility, car rental agencies, restaurant/lounge, hotel, gift shops, airfreight companies, and two full service FBOs (www.jetairgroup.com and www.executiveair.com). GRB is a regional base of operations for the Transportation Security Administration and is a U.S. Customs Port of Entry with a newly completed International Arrivals Terminal. The Airport can also handle international trash regulated by the USDA.

With so much activity, the Airport is a key ingredient to northeastern

Wisconsin's economic growth and quality of life. The Airport provides job opportunities for over 700 people in northeast Wisconsin and contributes over \$111.9 million to the region's economy. The Airport is a self-funded enterprise fund with an operating budget that has no impact on the tax levy of Brown County.

Named for local hero Austin Straubel, the Airport recently honored the Green Bay native by installing a new, three-panel display chronicling the life of Austin Straubel, including his early years in Green Bay, all the way through to his heroic service in World War II. In October of 2016, Austin Straubel was inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. Be sure to check out the display the next time you are in Green Bay.



FAA Issues General Aviation Medical Rule

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today issued a final rule (PDF) that allows general aviation pilots to fly without holding an FAA medical certificate as long as they meet certain requirements outlined in Congressional legislation.

"The United States has the world's most robust general aviation community, and we're committed to continuing to make it safer and more efficient to become a private pilot," said FAA Administrator Michael Huerta. "The BasicMed rule will keep our pilots safe but will simplify our regulations and keep general aviation flying affordable."

Until now, the FAA has required private, recreational, and student pilots, as well as flight instructors, to meet the requirements of and hold a third class medical certificate. They are required to complete an online application and undergo a physical examination with an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner. A medical certificate is valid for five years for pilots under age 40 and two years for pilots age 40 and

over.

To read the full article, please visit the [FAA website](#).

On a lighter note...

[Flappy bird-drone helps to keep airports safe](#)