



NEWSLETTER

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2017 Wisconsin Aviation Conference Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2017 Wisconsin Aviation Conference! We had an extremely successful conference this year with 200 registrants, 31 exhibitors, and 34 sponsors. Each year the conference planning committee looks for opportunities to improve. Please help us determine what we did well and areas we can improve by completing our conference survey at the link below.

<https://fs9.formsite.com/WIAMA/Evaluation/index.html>

Please note that electronic copies of some of the conference presentations can be found at <http://wiama.org/program/>.

FAA Reauthorization Update

Current authorization for FAA programs and taxes expire on Sept. 30. House Transportation and Senate Commerce committees plan to consider and approve FAA reauthorization legislation prior to the July 4 recess. ATC corporatization will likely be a serious consideration in reauthorization discussions. Work may also begin this Summer on a number of other major issues that impact airports, including a proposed \$1 trillion infrastructure package and fiscal year 2018 appropriations.

WI Bureau of Aeronautics Update

Matthew (Matt) Malicki started his new position as the Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) Engineering Section Chief on March 20th. Matt began his career with the Department of Transportation in 2006 as a Civil Engineer. He graduated from UW-Madison with a BS in Civil Engineering. He received his MS in Ocean and Resources Engineering from the University of Hawaii. Matt is a PE and worked as an Airport Development Engineer/Project Manager in the Bureau of Aeronautics. He will occupy the office previously occupied by his predecessor Mark Arnold.

Keith Gerard, BOA Program Section Chief, will be retiring on July 28 after 28 years of service to the State of Wisconsin. Best wishes and thank you for your service, Keith!

About the Airport

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The Platteville Municipal Airport (KPVV) is nestled in the beautiful driftless region of southwest Wisconsin. The airport is home to 35 based aircraft including 4 turbo-props and 2 jets. Over 7,000 operations are recorded a year, many of them a result of local business activity, flight training, crop dusting, medivac, and recreation. An on demand air charter also services the airport providing quick and convenient air-transportation for the local community. A full service FBO, A&A Aviation, is also located on the field providing aircraft maintenance, flight training, and aircraft rental.

As a gateway to the fertile, agricultural-focused region the airport itself sits on approximately 532 acres, 459 of which are rented to local farmers. This in combination with hangar rent and fuel sales results in the airport being completely self-funded, including the local match needed for major projects. In addition to having such a positive impact on economic development the airport is proud to say it is of no tax burden to the local community.

Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment Update Meeting

Beginning October 1, 2016, 0900 UTC, federally obligated airports were required to use Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessments (TALPA) procedures to conduct runway assessments and to report those conditions in newly formatted Field Condition (FICON) Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs). The TALPA initiative aims to reduce the risk of runway overruns by providing airport operators with a method to accurately and consistently determine the runway condition when a paved runway is not dry. This information will enable airplane operators, pilots, and flight planners to determine the distance required to stop on a wet or contaminated paved runway in a more accurate way.

The FAA's Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA) working group will host a TALPA Update meeting, July 11-12, 2017, in Washington, D.C. to:

- provide an overview/summary of TALPA's effectiveness per the first winter's data,
- host a discussion of lessons learned and stakeholder's feedback, and
- serve to describe potential changes under consideration to the TALPA process.

The event will include formal presentations, in the Heritage Center's Burke Theater, by FAA's Flight Standards Service, Office of Airports, Air Traffic Control Organization, Transport Aircraft Standards, and the Federal NOTAM Systems. There will be question-and-answer opportunities as well as breakout sessions in adjoining rooms.

All stakeholders in the TALPA process are invited, including: Airplane Operators/Air Carriers, Airport Operators, Airplane Manufacturers, Aviation/Airport Industry affiliated organizations, and TALPA-associated FAA and NTSB personnel. To attend, RSVP to 9-AWA-TALPA@FAA.gov Include your name, title, and organization affiliation (e.g., airline, airport). For more information visit <https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/talpa/>.

In Case You Missed It

Looking for a unique way to clear fog at your airport?
Check out how the airport in Medford, OR is dealing with fog at their airport!

<http://kuow.org/post/unusual-fog-clearing-apparatus-keeps-airline-passengers-moving>

Mark Your Calendars



Mark your calendars for the 63rd Annual
Wisconsin Aviation Conference in the Wisconsin
Dells, May 7-9, 2018.