



NEWSLETTER

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Mark Your Calendars - 63rd Annual WAC Date Change

Mark your calendars for the 63rd Annual Wisconsin Aviation Conference at the Wilderness Hotel and Golf Resort in the Wisconsin Dells! Please note the dates have changed slightly to May 6-8, 2018 to accommodate a social & family day on Sunday and a more productive professional agenda on Monday and Tuesday. Stay tuned for more exciting improvements to your conference!

Fly Wisconsin Airport Passport Program

The Fly Wisconsin Airport Passport is a collaborative program of WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics and the Wisconsin Airport Management Association. The program promotes safety and education by encouraging recreational flight to Wisconsin's 127 public use airports. It also supports general aviation airports, area businesses and tourism.

For more information or to register online, visit this [link](#).

USDA Wildlife Training

The Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport will be hosting a USDA Wildlife training on September 20th at 10am.

Contact Joe Brauer at RHI at 715-365-3418 or jbrauer@fly-rhi.org for

more information or to register for the training.

Volk Field Fly-In

Volk Field is hosting a Fly-In and IFR/VFR seminar on Saturday, October 14. The military airfield is open for general aviation aircraft to come in and park on the ramp during the Fly-In. An agenda for the day can be found [here](#). Food will be available for purchase both for breakfast and lunch. There are some additional requirements that need to be met to fly into Volk Field as spelled out in the link in the [attached flier](#). No services are available for arriving aircraft other than ATC and a parking space on the ramp. If flying isn't an option or there is challenging weather, people are invited to drive to the event as well.

Operations and Maintenance Conference

The Great Lakes Chapter of AAE is hosting an Operations and Maintenance Conference, October 15-17, 2018 in Chicago, IL. Click to view the [agenda](#) or to complete the [registration form](#).

Recap of the WAMA Day at EAA

On Friday, July 28th WAMA members had the opportunity to enjoy free admission into this year's EAA Air Venture and Air Show. Those who attended enjoyed a social meet-up in the NBAA tent followed by viewing of the air show. Many airport managers and employees took advantage of the free tickets this year and the event is something we plan to continue to offer in the future to show our continued appreciation towards our members.

WAMA would like to send a special thanks to Alex Gertsen and his fellow NBAA staff for their assistance in coordinating this event.

About the Airport

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La Crosse Regional Airport*



The La Crosse Regional Airport is a non-hub commercial service airport located on the banks of the Mississippi River. The airport is unique in the fact that it lies entirely on an island in the Mississippi River. The Airport accommodates approximately 100,000 passengers, 26,000 operations, and is home to 74 based aircraft. The Airport has two commercial runways and one general aviation runway with the longest runway being 8,742 x 150 and able to accommodate the largest aircraft. Colgan Air Service, the only FBO on the airfield, provides nearly all major services including charter, fueling, training, aircraft rental, service, de-icing, and aircraft hangar storage. The Airport also has a Federal Contract Tower operating daily from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

The Airport is owned and operated by the City of La Crosse, the only City owned commercial airport in WI, with an Aviation Board directing day-to-day operations. The Airport, which operated as an enterprise fund of the City, is self-sustaining in both operational and project related capacities. The current Airport location is the second airport in La Crosse and opened 1933 replacing the original Salzer Field which opened in La Crosse in 1919. The Airport was one of the original air-mail route airports and was an important fuel stop between Minneapolis and Chicago in the early aviation pioneer days. An early accident in La Crosse in 1921 resulted in significant debate that eventually resulted in the creation of the CAA.

WAMA Member Job Opportunity

Milwaukee County General Mitchell International Airport is hiring for an Airport Maintenance Manager. For details about the job posting and to apply online, click [HERE](#).

WAC Sponsors and Exhibitors

We want to thank **DBT Transportation Services LLC** this year for being an

exhibitor at this year's conference. DBT provides the NADIN Data Service and AWOS Maintenance for 48 of the State's non-fed AWOS systems and Runway Weather Information System (RWIS) maintenance to our larger federal airports. While DBT is new to the conference, the personnel in the booth are well known to the airport managers. All the DBT personnel were previously employed by Vaisala Inc. DBT Transportation Services purchased the Service and AWOS assets from Vaisala Inc. back in August 2016. We look forward to a long partnership with DBT Transportation Services and the aviation support they provide to the State of Wisconsin.

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is a longtime sponsor of the annual Wisconsin Aviation Conference (WAC). At this year's 62nd annual WAC, the firm sponsored our golf outing at Western Lakes Golf Course. Hinshaw has an Aviation Legal Team that handles a wide range of legal issues, including ownership and operation of aircraft, financing and liens, aviation manufacturing and insurance. The firm has offices in Milwaukee and Appleton and across the United States and represents individuals, airports, airlines and others in transactions, litigation and regulatory matters.

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