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WAMA Membership

Membership in the Wisconsin Airport Management Association provides a valuable connection to vital industry information. WAMA facilitates networking opportunities between aviation professionals; offering a platform to better understand mutual concerns affecting aviation in Wisconsin through conferences, meetings and correspondence. As an industry we'll continue to face many challenges which will require airports to work together. Your airport's participation is critical to overcoming legislative and industry-wide challenges. Additional information and membership registration for WAMA can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you to the following airports and corporations who have already renewed their membership in the Wisconsin Airport Management Association:

- Appleton Int'l Airport
- Austin Straubel Int'l Airport
- Avflight Milwaukee Corporation
- Boscobel Municipal Airport
- Bruce Municipal Equipment
- Burnett County Airport
- Central Wisconsin Airport
- Chippewa Valley Regional Airport
- Cumberland Municipal Airport

- Dane County Regional Airport
- Delta County Airport - Escanaba, MI
- Dodge County Airport - Juneau
- Door County Cherryland Airport
- Eagle River Union Airport
- General Mitchell Int'l Airport
- Gogebic - Iron County Airport
- John H. Batten Int'l Airport - Racine
- John F. Kennedy Memorial Airport - Ashland
- Kings Land O' Lakes Airport
- La Crosse Regional Airport
- Lawrence J. Timmerman Airport - Milwaukee
- Manitowish Waters Airport
- Manitowoc County Airport
- Marshfield Municipal Airport
- Mead & Hunt, Inc.
- Middleton Municipal Airport - Morey Field
- Platteville Municipal Airport
- Portage Municipal Airport
- Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport
- Don Rowlett
- Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport
- South Wood County Airport - Wisconsin Rapids
- Stevens Point Municipal Airport
- Strand Associates Inc.
- Taylor County Airport
- Waukesha County Airport
- West Bend Municipal Airport
- Wittman Regional Airport

63rd Annual Wisconsin Aviation Conference - May 6-8, 2018

The next Wisconsin Aviation Conference (WAC) is fast approaching, and will be held in the Wisconsin Dells, May 6-8, 2018.

[Registration Information](#)

[Exhibitor Information](#)



The conference planning committee has made some exciting changes to the conference format this year including a new Sunday start for golfing, sporting clays, or time to enjoy all the amenities the conference hotel has to offer. The Welcome Reception will be a fun night of networking with conference attendees and exhibitors with an opportunity to win prizes at various casino games stationed throughout the exhibit hall!

This year's conference program includes something for everyone with an interest in aviation. The following topics have already been confirmed:

- Changes in Airport Operations
- Trends in Airport Law
- Basic Med Updates
- Grant Assurances and Non-Aeronautical Development
- Aviation Education Opportunities
- AOPA On the Airport
- Managing Construction Impacts

Returning to the conference again this year are the popular Aviation Issues Panel with the BOA and FAA, and "Speed Dating" with the FAA Chicago Airports District Office. A current draft of the conference program can be found [HERE](#).

The venue for this year's conference is the Wilderness Resort and it's adjacent conference facility the Glacier Canyon Lodge. Discounted rates for hotel reservations are available until April 3rd by calling 800-867-9453 and mentioning the Group Code: 657839. Reservations must be made via the phone to receive the reduced conference rate. Additional hotel information can be found [HERE](#).

For the latest conference information and to stay informed on the Wisconsin Airport Management Association, follow us on Facebook [HERE](#).

WAMA Awards & Scholarships

We are still seeking nominations for the following awards to recognize your employees, colleagues, consultants, and contractors. Awards will be presented at the Wisconsin Aviation Conference.

Distinguished Service Award - Awarded to persons who have made an outstanding contribution to aviation.

Blue Light Award - Awarded to persons in the media who have distinguished themselves by their excellent reporting on Wisconsin Aviation.

Person of the Year Award - Awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves in Wisconsin Aviation during the past calendar year.

Lifetime Service Award - Awarded to persons who have devoted themselves to promoting and serving Wisconsin Aviation for at least ten years.

Airport Engineering Award - Awarded to persons who have made significant professional contributions in the airport engineering or architecture fields in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Airport Management Association ALSO offers two scholarship opportunities to students currently enrolled in an aviation

degree field who are attending a Wisconsin college or university, a resident of the State of Wisconsin attending a college or university outside the state, or an active duty service member with an entrance point in Wisconsin at the time the award is made.

WAMA members are likewise eligible to apply for a professional development grant!

It's easy to nominate someone for an award or apply for a collegiate or professional development scholarship by visiting the following links:

[AWARDS](#)
[SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Application deadlines are March 16th. Please contact [Dave Jensen](#) if you have Scholarship or Award questions or need assistance.

Wisconsin Aviation Events

Send us your 2018 aviation events so we can include them in the Wisconsin Aviation Conference program! Include the name of the event, dates, contact information and a brief description to [Brian Grefe](#).

AAAE ASOS School - Save the Date!

The American Association of Airport Executives will be hosting a [Basic ASOS Onsite Training](#) July 17-18, 2018 at the Green Bay-Austin Straubel International Airport. The two-day Basic ASOS School is designed for individuals who are relatively new to airport operations, or have not attended a Basic ASOS before and are currently working in airport management, planning or operations. Through prepared presentations instructed by industry professionals, the Basic ASOS School will cover the following elements of Part 139 (subject to change): 14 CFR Part 139 Requirements, Records, Paved/Safety Areas, Markings, Signs & Lighting, ARFF, AEP, Self-Inspection Program.

For additional information and to register please visit this [link](#).

Wildlife Management News

Kristine Kirkby is a wildlife conservationist and raptor biologist-someone who has studied and works with birds of prey-and a wildlife management technician. On the falconry team at Vancouver International Airport, Kristine works with trained peregrine falcons, hawks, and an eagle. Together, they work to naturally deter shorebirds, ducks, and snow geese from the air field to keep flight operations safe. In an amazing collaboration between human and bird, this crack team also traps and relocates wild raptors that take up residence on the air field, manages the ones that come back to stay, and recruits them to

help in wildlife management.

[Click to view](#) a video on Kristine's wildlife management work.
