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We are currently in the planning process to ensure you experience an informative and worthwhile conference.  We are working on opportunities to speak directly with FAA and state Bureau of Aeronautics officials and hear the latest updates.  We are actively pursuing the most qualified speakers to have engaging breakout sessions.  There will be a wide variety of exhibitors ready to answer your questions.  And of course, you’ll have an opportunity to meet others from around the state and exchange ideas or concerns in a social and formal setting.  Watch for an email sometime in the coming weeks with finalized program details and registration information.  We hope you can attend and enjoy the many networking opportunities.  We will follow the current CDC guidelines and adhere to the standards and practices of The Osthoff Resort in an effort to make our conference an enjoyable experience for all that attend.  Please contact us if you have questions or comments.  Thank you. | |  | | **CELEBRATING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH IN WISCONSIN**  ***Stephanie Staudinger and Harold Mester from Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport,***  ***in partnership with the Mitchell Gallery of Flight***  As we wrap up Women’s History Month in March, we felt it was important to shine a light on some of the amazing female aviators who are from Wisconsin.  **One of the most well-known local aviators is Laurel Clark of Racine.** Best known as a NASA Astronaut, Clark was also an accomplished doctor, U.S. Navy Captain, and Racine native who was tragically killed in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.  She was posthumously awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor and numerous other decorations for her work.  Today, we remember Clark for her accomplishments to NASA, her ability to practice medicine in even the most challenging environments, and the unwavering sense of wonder that she had.  Laurel remains an inspiration to us all.  **Born and raised in Milwaukee County, Margaret ‘Peggy’ Seip** earned her private pilot’s license in 1940 and became one of the first women to join the Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol.  She served as an instructor for army pilots before joining the Women’s Airforce Service Pilots Organization (WASP), This group was created by the U.S. Army Air Force to reduce staffing shortages during WWII.  Peggy was tragically killed in August of 1943 during a routine training flight crash. Her family later learned that she wasn’t even supposed to be on board but had volunteered to replace a pilot at the last minute.  Her sacrifices for our country and her many accomplishments are still honored today. In 2003, Margaret ‘Peggy’ Seip’s name was added to Wauwatosa East High School’s Wall of Inspiration. A Margaret Seip Memorial Award has also been given out to students in the Red Arrow Club at the school.  **Wauwatosa native Virginia Gallenberger was inspired at a young age** to become a pilot and pursue a career in aviation. She dreamed of being a Stewardess and traveling all over the world. Her neighbor, a flight instructor, gave her a ride in his Piper Cub. Once airborne, he gave her the controls and she became hooked on flying!  At the time, there were no female pilots flying for airlines or the military.  Gallenberger took her first flight lesson at the age of 13 in 1961, flying a Piper Colt in Milwaukee, which launched a 56-year career in aviation and flying airplanes. She worked at the airport to pay for lessons, soloed at age 16, got her private pilot license at 17, and went on to earn virtually all certificates and ratings available, including flight engineer, glider, and sea plane ratings! She flew airline, charter and cargo flights, working her way up to flying widebody jets overseas for Pan Am and Delta, before retiring in 2004.  In 2017, Virginia was named as a recipient of the FAA’s Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.  This prestigious award recognizes pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 50 or more years.  These are a small sample of the heroes who have charted a path for women to pursue their dreams in the world of aviation, and there are countless other examples of women who have blazed the trail for future generations. While this field tends to be dominated by men, these stories show how important it is for us to inspire young women to pursue careers in aviation.  Although the airline industry is currently in a state of flux, we will soon face another shortage of pilots and mechanics. These positions will come with outstanding pay and benefits, and they are great opportunities for women to explore. | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing person, outdoor, blue  Description automatically generated | | | Laurel Clark | | |  | | --- | | A group of people on a plane  Description automatically generated with low confidence | | | Margaret "Peggy" Seip | | |  | | --- | | A person sitting in a cockpit  Description automatically generated with low confidence | | | Virginia Gallenberger | |  | | **PFAS UPDATE**  **Lisa Maroney**  **Executive Director**  WAMA members are particularly interested in Per-and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) legislation due to its potential impact on airport and local fire departments that have used PFAS containing Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) to extinguish fires on the airport.  With the start of the 2021-23 state legislative session, many items relating to PFAS have already been introduced.  There are mainly two tracts to follow; administrative rule making by the DNR and legislation introduced by the Governor and legislators.  WAMA will continue to follow this issue closely on behalf of our members.  **State Budget**  In February, democratic Governor Tony Evers introduced the biennial state budget. Identical bills [Assembly Bill 68](https://wiama.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=H5RFn8EtrTJBMRzZB5pw8iLZISp0eVVHjE9o4oItvtZhbRtR4bFGNzWQKm2PWf6tkJ9Tiii0VDwE1tHqmuG3HTRVym1WhlPPfvYjR25KbRY%3d) and Senate Bill 111 were also introduced. Final passage ought to occur by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. Although not officially announced, it is anticipated that the republican controlled legislature will introduce their own budget rather than working off of the Governor’s bill meaning many items in the Governor’s budget will be deleted.  Consisting over 1,100 pages it is chalk full of items relating to PFAS.  Below is a very brief summary:   * Allocate $1.6 million for 11 positions at the DNR to develop and implement a PFAS action plan. * Allocate $2.1 million for statewide PFAS monitoring and testing. * Provide $20 million for a municipal grant program for PFAS testing and remediation. * Add $1 million in FY 2021-22 for the collection and disposal of fire fighting foam that contains PFAS. * Require various PFAS environmental standards.   As the budget process continues, these provisions may be changed or removed and other provisions related to PFAS could be added.  **Separate Legislation**  Bills have been officially introduced since January and can be introduced until the session ends, December 2022. Here is a brief summary of PFAS bills introduced thus far:  [Senate Bill 34](https://wiama.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=Y%2f21bLhimbpe33X3%2fAXW9X%2f1C%2fiIo%2fhB91R91t9m07VAq0ANN2qww8MQPWpQ2addikialmEq3svJCqh%2flUYk2hwTHAV6EpALSMLPSarsCQU%3d) and Assembly 13 Identical companion bills  These bills were introduced by a legislative committee, as required by law, after the committee voted to partially suspend the DNR's emergency rule on fire fighting foam containing PFAS.  WAMA has generally been supportive of this rule but late in the process, DNR added language including PFAS action levels and set a definition of “treatment” requiring such a process “to immobilize, remove or destroy the contaminant.” The rule remains in effect as amended, without the suspended provisions.  [Senate Bill 156](https://wiama.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=TVY1b%2bCsam4so%2bemHx97IK21Cm44XIoUGMidKJftS1GQYsRRpUwVJRyp%2bGu9ODf8QqrAk9OO8EYSgAzJeTyflWu%2bhOIesBiWrTxR9%2fz9akY%3d)  This bill expands the clean sweep program within the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to include fire fighting foams that contain PFAS. The bill had a public hearing on March 11 and WAMA submitted [written testimony](https://wiama.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=%2bAeyladP71yO8jfCKuRdGDW89gbZsK1IVu44p53xW4RNqyXgGpNmrHmD64KMW4OPSneujza5oO1JCh2ARGVYjChqmFPYZHzcrAKYsPXRXJw%3d)in support.  **Administrative Rules**  There are three very significant proposed rules that are being considered.  They are highly technical and relate to the standards for surface water quality, groundwater quality and safe drinking water.  These rules will ultimately establish remediation standards for PFAS contamination.  If you would like to see the actual proposed rule, let me know and I can forward it. | |  | | **FEDERAL COVID RELIEF**  **American Rescue Plan Act**  President Biden recently signed the third COVID relief bill, the American Rescue Plan. In that Act there is $8 billion in emergency relief for U.S. airports.  WAMA sent [letters](https://wiama.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=vLxJMZRoiUoiVwKN2oQQFZ4kFo%2b1f3UYvCOc%2fPrC2VU5BYxO0J6LgqerQSSQ0IEtQXfhvRBxOAcDPog%2fP2rrgGoBSKHAxtHrO%2baQqN9oyBg%3d) to Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin urging their support.  As of this newsletter, few details are available about this relief bill but we will keep you posted as we know more about when the funds will become available and how they are going to be distributed. Here is an [article](https://wiama.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=vj6jnC3e6MikLa1wFm3OpkPk9tMF3IoAr9I2ASdbZULBr79feaJHCL7oZYPq7qzjoUGLsm90WWjDELj4PiRxokyR9LJ%2fvufEJfcoDzvcx8I%3d) with additional information.  The second COVID relief bill, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Ace (CRRSAA), also provided airport assistance. WI airports should have received this [letter](https://wiama.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=PBMEMSvAKcjZHt3JnftVQr5CMgfr1h%2fp%2f6ufpt%2fxggRI50BZBwKcu4%2b6xWM9hfGqpUmR%2bm59HA8usOyq3pYSxVMxvxLCDAWJJBzBk%2f7xx0I%3d) from the WI Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) outlining the process to receive funds. The BOA contact information is also provided in the letter. | |  | | **MEMBERSHIP DUES**  On the first of the year you should have received an invoice for your 2021 membership dues. A huge thanks to all those who have made payment.  Your annual support keeps us operating.  If you have not yet made payment, please send at your earliest convenience.  If you are interested in joining our efforts to advocate for WI airports or did not receive an invoice, please let Lisa know. Thank you. | |  | | |
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