

WISCONSIN AIRPORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
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**Registration for the 66th Wisconsin Aviation Conference (WAC) is open!** The 2022 event will be held October 3-5 at the Lismore in downtown Eau Claire.

Early registration rates are available through Monday, August 15. But why not just get it off your to-do list? Register [HERE](#) today. And make sure to [book your hotel room](#) as we anticipate rooms going quickly.

You really should plan on staying Monday night as well as Tuesday. This summer, we will open registration for the Monday social events — golf and trap shooting. And you don't want to miss the Monday dinner and tours at the Leinie Lodge.

The WAC planning committee is putting together a spectacular conference lineup. Keep an eye on the [current conference agenda page](#) for updates as we get closer to the event.

Thanks to the host city, Eau Claire, WAC 2022 will be an exceptional conference for all attendees and an excellent opportunity to connect with friends and colleagues.

**Note:** If you haven't paid your 2022 WAMA membership dues yet, it is not too late to do so and receive discounted registration for this year's conference. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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## CALL FOR WAC SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS

The Wisconsin Aviation Conference is only possible because of the support of our sponsors and exhibitors. Please consider joining us again as a sponsor and/or exhibitor in 2022.

- **EXHIBITORS** - Please register [HERE](#) by Monday, August 15, to receive the early bird rate.
- **SPONSORS** - You will find sponsorship options [HERE](#).

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## CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? 3RD ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Because of our generous 2021 Silent Auction donors, WAMA will be able to award up to \$1,000 for a professional development scholarship in 2022.

We ask that you consider donating an item for this year's silent auction at WAC 66 instead of a giveaway with a drawing at your booth. We will display your silent auction item at your booth as another means to draw traffic.

You don't have to be an exhibitor to participate. All donations are welcome, and all proceeds will go to fund the increasing demand for collegiate and professional development scholarships.

A silent action item can be almost anything of value, and you have plenty of time. But here are some ideas:

- Sports memorabilia
- Fishing rod and equipment
- Go Pro jacket and tractor model
- Bose Bluetooth speaker
- Lego airplane set
- Gift card
- Golf balls
- Bose noise-canceling headphones
- Aircraft model
- Ray-Ban Aviator sunglasses

All other ideas are welcome.

Exhibitors and sponsors, please indicate your interest in participating when you register or drop an email to [director@wiama.org](mailto:director@wiama.org).

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## 2022 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

WAMA is providing \$1,000, funded by last year's Silent Auction, for a professional development scholarship. The recipient will be able to use the funds for costs associated with any employer-endorsed aviation-related professional/career enrichment opportunity.

This scholarship is open to all full-time and part-time employees of WAMA airport members in Wisconsin.

The recipient will be selected and announced by September 2022 and receive special recognition at the October Wisconsin Aviation Conference.

**Applications are due by Monday, August 15.** Please apply online [HERE](#).

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## WAMA AWARDS

The Wisconsin Airport Management Association is seeking nominations for the following 2022 WAMA Aviation Award categories:

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

- **Distinguished Service Award** - Awarded to the persons who have made an outstanding contribution to aviation.
- **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.
- **Blue Light Award** - Awarded to persons in the media who have distinguished themselves by their excellent reporting on Wisconsin Aviation.

WAMA will recognize award winners at the 2022 Wisconsin Aviation Conference.

To nominate a person, submit your recommendation through our easy online award nomination form [HERE](#). **Nominations must be submitted by Monday, August 15.**

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

A Basic ASOS course will be held **August 2-3** at the **Central Wisconsin Airport, 100 CWA Drive, Suite 227, Mosinee, WI**. Registration details will be published soon. For more information, contact Brian Grefe at [bgrefe@fly-cwa.org](mailto:bgrefe@fly-cwa.org).

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### TRAVEL WISCONSIN LOOKING FOR EVENTS

Travel Wisconsin will be running an events campaign beginning May 31, driving traffic to its events landing page through digital and social media advertising. If you know of an event in your community, consider submitting it.

All events listed must be open to the general public and actively marketed to audiences statewide or beyond. Listings are not limited to summer events – you can submit events for any season, at any time. Learn more about the listing criteria [HERE](#).

To see events in your area, click [HERE](#), and to submit an event, click [HERE](#).

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## WAMA, WISDOT AT SKILLSUSA WI

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and aviation partners showcased Wisconsin aviation opportunities and career paths at the SkillsUSA WI 2022 Conference in Madison. The annual SkillsUSA State Conference is the single largest day of skill and technical trade competitions in Wisconsin, typically involving over 1,500 high school students and hundreds of teachers and industry volunteers.

The event is a great way to reach students interested in the skilled trades, and we appreciate WisDOT including aviation partners!

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## AIRPORTS IN THE NEWS

*If your airport has been in the news and you would like us to share the story, email a link to: [director@wiama.org](mailto:director@wiama.org).*

[Dane County sues firefighting foam makers over 'forever chemicals' contamination at Madison airport](#), Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, May 4

[Public invited to welcome home veterans on Never Forgotten Honor Flight](#), WAOW-TV, May 2

[Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport reports 59% traffic increases year-over-year in March](#), WTMJ-TV, Apr. 28

[Dane County Launches Airport Noise Study; First Update in 30 Years to Account For F-35 Jets](#), AVIATIONPROS, Apr. 26

[Old Glory Honor Flight returns to Appleton International](#), WFV-TV, Apr. 26

[Appleton Airport Welcomes Record Number of Travelers in March](#), AVIATIONPROS, Apr. 22

[Badger Honor Flight returns after two-year hiatus](#), WMTV-TV, Apr. 21

[La Crosse Regional Airport on masks: 'Wear one or not, it's cool with us'](#), WXOW-TV, Apr. 19

[Chippewa Valley Airport considers petition for state funding](#), WQOW-TV, Apr. 18

[Griggs departs from Airport Manager role](#), Amery Free Press, Apr. 16

[Oshkosh's Wittman Airport to Build 'first eVTOL Vertiport in the Americas'](#), FLYING Magazine, Apr. 8

[Central Wisconsin Airport hopes to attract another carrier](#), WXPR public radio, Mar. 18

[From fuelers to pilots, women fill key roles in aviation jobs](#), Spectrum News 1, Mar. 16

[Students seeing success in Horlick High School's aviation program](#), Spectrum News 1, Mar. 14

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