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65TH WISCONSIN AVIATION CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Aviation Conference (WAC) will be taking flight in a little over a month. The 2021 event will be held October 17-19 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake.

The WAC planning committee is excited to announce Sunday night's reception and dinner at [Road America](#). Established in 1955, Road America is one of the fastest permanent road racing circuits in the world and is a little over 4 miles with 14 turns and multiple elevation changes. Road America hosts over 500 events with nine major televised races each year, entertaining 800,000 visitors and competitors. Check out the opportunity for a VIP tour under Sunday social events.

So, make your plans and register [HERE](#) today! And don't forget to book your room. WAMA's room block at the Osthoff Resort closes on Friday, September 24. Call the Osthoff Resort (1-800-876-3399) and mention the Wisconsin Aviation Conference to book your room at our special conference rate.

Thanks to the host city, Sheboygan, the WAC planning committee, and you, WAC 2021 will be an exceptional conference and an excellent opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues!

Note: If you haven't paid your 2021 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.

FAA SPEED DATING TIME SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE

The upcoming conference provides an opportunity for you to meet with the Chicago Airports District Office (ADO) representatives about issues specific to YOUR airport. Space is limited, so please email director@wiama.org as soon as possible to reserve your time slot, including how much time you need (half-hour or one-hour block).

REGISTER NOW FOR SUNDAY SOCIAL EVENTS

Join us on Sunday, October 17, for some fun and to reconnect in person. This year, we are offering three great ways to spend a Sunday afternoon:

- A VIP Road America tour will give a behind-the-scenes look at this unique Sheboygan County Wisconsin venue. The bus will take off from the Osthoff Resort at 1 pm.
- The WAC 2021 golf outing will be at Quit Qui Oc golf course, a half-mile from Osthoff Resort. The golf event is a shotgun start at 12:00 pm.
- Trap shooting will be at the Sheboygan Falls Conversation Club located near the Sheboygan County Memorial Airport. The Conservation Club is about 13 miles from the Osthoff resort. Trap shooting begins at 1:00 pm.

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the sporting events.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for either sporting event. And [HERE](#) to register for the Road America Tour.

CALL FOR WAC SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS

The Wisconsin Aviation Conference is only possible because of the support of our sponsors and exhibitors. There is still time to support its much-anticipated return. On behalf of the Wisconsin Airport Management Association and the WAC planning committee, please consider joining us again as a sponsor and/or exhibitor in 2021.

EXHIBITORS - Please register [HERE](#).

SPONSORS - Sponsorship options can be found [HERE](#).

WAC SILENT AUCTION, HELP FUND WAMA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The first silent auction in 2019 was such a success that we are bringing it back! Because of our generous sponsors, exhibitors, and friends, WAMA was able to award two collegiate scholarships (\$1,000 each) and support the professional

development of a colleague by helping him to obtain his C.M. designation.

Once again, we ask that you consider presenting an item for our silent auction. If you are exhibiting, we will display your silent auction item near your booth as another way to draw people to your booth.

All proceeds will go to fund the increasing demand for collegiate scholarships and professional development.

A silent action item can be almost anything of value. Here are some ideas from 2019:

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

All ideas are welcome.

Can we count on you to participate in the silent auction? If so, please email director@wiama.org by September 17 to be included in a special acknowledgment in the program.

CALLING ALL AIRPORTS: INPUT REQUESTED ON MANAGING TREE GROWTH

Are trees creating approach issues for your airport? If so, Mead & Hunt wants to hear about it!

Mead & Hunt, NV5 Geospatial (formerly Quantum Spatial), and The Solco Group are currently developing a guidebook to assist airports in managing tree growth. We're looking for examples (the good, the bad, and the ugly) from airports across the nation to collect information related to your experiences with tree removal and approach management. We'd greatly appreciate it if you'd complete our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CZD9RKV>. Please feel free to contact Stephanie Ward, AICP with Mead & Hunt, at 517-908-3121 or via email at stephanie.ward@meadhunt.com. Share your story with us and help other airports manage their approach obstruction issues. This study is part of the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) and is Project 04-27.

WISDOT SEEKING SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FOR AVIATION MAINTENANCE APPRENTICESHIP

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is working with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and industry partners to develop a new statewide Youth Apprenticeship in Aviation Maintenance.

WisDOT is looking for Aviation Maintenance subject matter experts to attend three virtual meetings this fall, expected to total 3.5 hours, to help develop performance skills checklists for the new training program. If your company/organization would like to participate as a subject matter expert in developing the new Aviation Maintenance Youth Apprenticeship, please send the names and contact information as soon as possible to Meredith Alt, WisDOT Aviation Education Program Manager, meredithalt@dot.wi.gov. See more information [HERE](#).

HOUSE TO VOTE ON INFRASTRUCTURE BILL BY SEPT. 27

On August 24, the House adopted a plan to vote on the Senate-passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) by September 27. And in a statement, Speaker Pelosi announced her commitment to passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill, which includes a five-year reauthorization of surface transportation programs, by that date. This timeline is significant because the current authorization of federal highway and public transportation programs, the FAST Act, expires on September 30.

The package includes \$25 billion over five years for airports with \$5 billion targeted for facilities and equipment, \$15 billion for regular Airport Improvement Program grants, and \$5 billion for competitive grants for airport terminal development projects.

The September 27 date is a compromise between moderate Democrats, who sought an immediate vote on the IIJA, and progressive Democrats, who want to pass a separate \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation package that includes “soft infrastructure” before taking up the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES AIRPORT CONFERENCE

The Great Lakes Chapter American Association of Airport Executives Airport Conference is October 24-26 in Chicago. Attendees will also have the option of attending virtually.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

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