

General Aviation Association (GAA) Fairbanks International Airport 2018 Fall Meeting (Oct 15, 2018)

Rod Combellick, GAA President

- Welcome, and introduction of GAA officers
- Thank-you to contributors of door prizes
 - Aircom Avionics (Meeting Sponsor, plus InReach Mini door prize)
 - ProFlite of Alaska (\$100 off flight review, \$100 off rusty pilot training, free introductory instruction flight)
 - Delcourt Aviation (case of multi-vis oil, oil filter)
 - Crowley Fuels (\$500 certificate toward any fuel they carry)
 - East Ramp Wood Fired Pizza (3 certificates for pizzas)
- Summary of recent GAA activities
- Drawing of first three door prizes (pizzas) with more door prizes drawn throughout the program

Melissa Osborn, Chief of Operations, Fairbanks International Airport

- Introduced new Acting Airport Manager, Angie Spears
- Update on Taxiway B work
- Related an incursion incident (pedestrian crossing runways & taxiways to reach terminal from east side)
- Provided information on the Runway 02R/20L sink hole
- Preview of snow removal procedures and priorities

Corey Shaw, Fairbanks Control Tower Pilot Outreach Group

- Updated contact information for ATC
- Currently 17 certified controllers and 9 trainees
- Update on traffic statistics for the year—total operations are down from 3 previous years
- Reminders of communications procedures- include call sign with readback of clearances, hold instructions, and vectors
- Reminders of operational procedures for:
 - Closed surfaces
 - Pattern at PAFA
 - Chena Marina & Metro
 - Special VFR

Tom George, AOPA Alaska Regional Manager

- Update on charting of coming MOAs
- Update on SUAIS radio coverage
 - Two frequencies: 125.3 and 126.3
 - More stations with recorded messages during inactive times
- Military GPS interference testing
 - More tests in immediate future
 - If you are impacted, let ATC know ASAP, and file GPS Anomaly Report after landing (Google “GPS Anomaly Report” to find the form)
- Reported on Alaska Flight Service Initiative and requested feedback from users
- Emphasized the need for PIREPs
 - 4 audiences, helps with current flights, ATC traffic flow, updated weather forecasts and with refining NWS predictive models
 - If you file PIREPs, and can check on them, verify they are there and accurate
 - If problems, call 455-1600 (daytime) or 455-1605/floor supervisor (nighttime)
- Airport Support Network (ASN) needs volunteers for a number of Alaskan airports

Merle Jantz, Chair of Float Pond Working Group

- Listed/introduced group members
- Discussed new wording on documents for pond
- Reviewed their set of recommendations to PAFA for signage and markers delineating controlled water lane

Brice Banning, NTSB Fairbanks Office

- Presented program on several loss of control accidents, and lessons learned for GA pilots. Great presentation!!

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- Announcements and upcoming events
- Business meeting
- Last door prize & adjourn