



NWAAAE Newsletter

April 2009

Upcoming Conferences

June 14-17
AAAE Annual Conference
Philadelphia, PA

August 1-2
Basic ASOS Course
Reno, NV

August 2-4
Airport Facilities Mgmt. Conf.
Reno, NV

September 27-29
Annual Chapter Conference
Spokane, WA



NW Chapter Meeting
at the
AAAE Conference in
Philadelphia

Sunday, June 14
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Check conference
materials for location.



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Dear Colleagues,

We are well into the second quarter and the economic outlook continues to be challenging at best for both the commercial and general aviation sectors. While bright spots appear, other indicators suggest a protracted recession with a capital “R”. Especially consumer spending, which represents 70% of our economy and drives travel on airlines and spurs consumption that make GA airplanes fly, remains anemic. Yet, this is also a time for opportunities to *right size* (remember that term from the last recession?) and to take another look at the way we do business.

It seems every week we receive another request for comparative data on operations, fuel flowage fees, benefits and the like, which tells me that people are looking at alternative ways to operate. It also tells me that necessity remains the mother of invention even if some decisions are difficult. There are creative ideas out there and perhaps you would like to share one of those ideas in our next newsletter? If you have a story to tell, please send it to me at rolislagers@centennialairport.com and we will share it with our membership. To make it worth your while, I will throw in a signed limited edition lithograph by famed aviation artist Joe Jones for the top three stories on “riding out the recession”, as selected by Linda Tepper. The deadline is May 29.

Good luck—Robert Olislagers

Make Plans for Annual Chapter Conference in Spokane

Mark your calendars and start making plans now to attend the Chapter’s Annual Conference in Spokane, September 26-29 at the beautifully restored Davenport Hotel (<http://www.thedavenport.com>).

Plan on coming early to enjoy the comforts of the Davenport Hotel and explore Spokane – your host, Spokane Int’l Airport, promises a Saturday evening exploration of all the great local secrets to be found downtown. The conference will officially wrap up Tuesday afternoon but make plans to stay one more night to enjoy dinner with a view at the Arbor Crest Winery (<http://www.arborcrest.com>).

More information on the conference can be found on the Chapter’s web page <http://www.nwaaae.org>. Hotel reservations can be made at any time by contacting the Davenport directly at 1-800-899-1482 and identifying yourself as part of the Northwest Chapter AAEE group. Room rates are \$155 for single or double occupancy.

***Airport Facilities Management Conference
August 2-4 / Reno, NV***

The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and the Northwest Chapter AAAE are pleased to present the **Airport Facilities Management Conference, August 2-4, 2009, in Reno, NV**. Don't miss this opportunity to learn what's new in airport facilities.

Join your colleagues and other industry experts at the only airport-specific facilities management conference that explores in depth the issues you want and need to know about. Through panel discussions, case studies and shared experiences, you will have the opportunity to learn about the following topics: asset lifecycle management, funding efficiency, wind and solar energy, LED airfield lighting and others.

All sessions will take place at the [Peppermill Resort Casino](#). A welcome reception will take place on Sunday, August 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. Sessions will begin on Monday, August 3, at 8:45 a.m. (registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m.), and end at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4. Registration fees include one reception, two continental breakfasts, two lunches, coffee breaks, the Monday facilities tour, Monday evening event and all handout materials. Confirmation of registration will be e-mailed to all attendees. Dress for all sessions is business casual.

For more conference information or to register please visit AAAE's web page at: <http://events.aaae.org/sites/090806/>

**Regional Basic
Airport Safety and
Operations
Specialist (ASOS)
School, August 1-2,
2009, in Reno, NV**

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Attendees aren't the only ones that can benefit from this conference. Product and service vendors should take advantage of this opportunity to show the more than 100 airport executives attending this meeting how your products will enhance their day-to-day operations! See link at left for more information or contact Susan Lausch of AAAE at (703)824-0500 ext. 128.

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