



## MADRAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT NEWSLETTER

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We are fortunate to have such a wonderful community and airport! Madras Airport "S33" is a unique and expansive facility with a lively history and incredible potential for a successful future. My desire is to be the conduit for bridging the gap between now and future growth. In order to do so, with success, we must establish a solid foundation. Over the past three weeks my mission has been to build on the foundation that has formed since our airport began operations as a WWII B-17 training base. Internally I am working on communication with tenants, pilots, business owners, and our city officials. Producing policies, procedures, and guidelines that will help us move forward with healthy growth is essential. Airport Emergency Procedures (AEP) are under construction as well as an updated Snow Removal Policy guide. In addition, we are working with FEMA to communicate how our community will assist in an emergency situation. Externally, small fixes around the airport have been completed with more to come. To bring our aviation community together, we will have a townhall meeting on Saturday, January 13th at 3PM at the airport office. Projects completed: replaced missing taxiway lights, repaired broken runway light holder, removed items stored outside of buildings, filled gravel hole on approach end of 34, and fixed small projects inside of the airport office.

### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

#### UPCOMING

- January 8:** 5:30PM - Airshow of The Cascades, Committee meeting, Airport Office conference room
- January 13:** Noon - B.C. Air Open House - stop by and say, "Hi!"
- January 13:** 3PM - Airport Town Hall Meeting, Airport Office
- January 13:** 5PM - Central Oregon 99s Christmas Party
- January 18:** 4PM - Industrial Site-Airport Commission Meeting, Airport Office conference room
- February 2:** 8AM - Jefferson County Chamber Coffee Cuppers, Airport Office

#### FUTURE: SAVE THE DATE

- June 1:** 8AM - 1PM Madras Airport Day / EAA Young Eagle flights
- June 17-21:** Tri-Pacer Fly In
- August 10:** Palms To Pines Air Race terminus and banquet
- August 23-24:** Airshow of the Cascades

#### ONGOING

- Sunday mornings @ 9AM:** Coffee & doughnuts @ Airport Office
- Third Thursday of the month @ 4PM:** Industrial Site - Airport Commission Meeting @ Airport Office conference room

Call 541-777-4935 to add Madras Airport events to the calendar (Madras Airport business/tenant/aviation related)

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Current projects in process: fill gravel on the Erickson Aero Tanker apron, repair the wash pad water fixture, remove unnecessary taxiway lights; prepare plan to smooth out grass strip, and repair REIL lights.

How can you help?

- Keep your eye out for anything unusual or unsafe.
- If you see FOD on any airport surface, please pick it up if you are able to do so in a safe manner. If not, contact me immediately. There will be a FOD jar in the office for us to see what ends up on our taxiways and runways.
- If you ever see anything that is in need of repair or cleaning, call me right away.

Please reach out to me with any concerns, questions, or suggestions. [lmartinelli@cityofmadras.us](mailto:lmartinelli@cityofmadras.us) or 541-777-4935

Be prepared, be safe, and continue to share the joy of aviation. Happy New Year!

*Lorraine Martinelli*



## PROJECT/PROGRAM UPDATES

**FEMA:** Collaboration with FEMA to prepare the airport in the event of a catastrophic emergency. (See next.)

**Hangars:** Developing policies for a hangar waitlist that will provide us the information necessary to work with investors on building much needed hangars. We are looking for interested parties.

**Runway extension:** When I ask tenants and businesses at Madras Airport what our priorities should be, the answer has been consistent: we need more hangars and a longer runway. Lengthening the runway will take some work. I am securing data of aircraft takeoff and landings to build the case for our need. We are looking for creative ways to fund this project, if you or anyone you know would be interested in discussing this project contact me right away.

**Apron repair work:** The apron in front of the Airport Office is in need of much repair. This Spring this work will be completed.

**FBO RFP:** Extended due date to January 31, 2024.

**Lease policy:** Updating lease policy for new and renewing tenants.

## UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS

January 13 at 3PM: All interested parties are invited to attend a town hall style meeting for our airport. If you did not receive or have not turned in a survey letter, please contact me at 541-777-4935. My philosophy is that it takes communication and relationships to move forward and grow. This will give us an opportunity to hear from our Madras Airport community. Thank you to those who have already turned in a survey!

January 13 at 5PM: Ninety-Nines rescheduled their Christmas party. All are invited to attend. In order to plan for space and food please contact Kaitlan 503-354-7453 for more detail and to RSVP (by 1/10).

June 1, 8AM – 1PM: Attached is a Save the Date flyer for Madras Airport Day. This event will be open to the public and free for attendees. The vision is to have information booths available for youth and adults to explore what is available in the world of aviation. To make this event a success, aviation business, pilots, aircraft mechanics along with volunteers will work together to share aviation with our community. I'm looking for individuals are interested in collaborating on this event.

## FEMA

Following is an email that airport tenants will receive on behalf of IEM (for FEMA) once we have a set date for an on-site visit. This will be our opportunity to come together as a community to help be part of a solution in a catastrophic event:

*IEM has been contracted by FEMA to perform the assessment and develop the Disaster Response Air Operations Plan. During this assessment, the IEM team will be looking to identify resources at the airport and in the local community that may be available to support Disaster Response Air Operations. The purpose of this assessment is to develop a Disaster Response Air Operations Plan to support local or regional disasters. The assessment focuses on identifying sites, facilities, equipment, and services to support Air Evacuation, Air Reception, Logistics Staging, Aeromedical Staging, Responder Air Bridge, and Air Search and Rescue Operations. While the IEM team has already been conducting internet research on the airport, they may be looking to schedule an initial meeting of approximately 30 minutes with you to review some general information about your specific mission as well as your facilities and equipment.*

*While the bulk of the assessment is accomplished virtually, a one-day Site Visit to the airport is critical for validating research and ensuring effective plan development. During the Site Visit, the IEM team will ask to meet with various airport tenants to assess the Airport Operations Area and those sites and facilities that may be considered to support Disaster Response Operations. If a visit is requested, a time will be coordinated with your organization. Once a date for the site visit has been agreed upon, you will receive information for the visit.*

## COMMUNITY

On December 14th, our Madras City Council congregated at the Madras Airport office conference room for a day-long City Council retreat. As a break from their discussions, The Council was treated to a tour of an MD-87 at Erickson Aero Tankers and the B-17 at Erickson Aircraft Collection. While standing on the compass rose, I passionately explained the airport's function and how we, as pilots, communicate and navigate while we are in our airport's vicinity.

Before The Council went back to their retreat discussions, they had the opportunity to visit one of our newer businesses on the field. Julian of New Moon Aviation explained his company's function on the field and plans for growth.

Thank you to Erickson Aero Tanker, Erickson Aircraft Collection, and New Moon Aviation for opening your doors to an inside look at your businesses.



## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

This newsletter aims to provide essential information about Madras Municipal Airport and communicate upcoming events. It's important to note that it will not be utilized for advertising or political purposes. To enhance the newsletter's value, we encourage contributions from those who possess comprehensive knowledge about the airport, including any historical perspectives. If you're interested in contributing a piece of historical or informational significance, we'd love to hear from you.

Following is our first contribution from a local pilot, Richard Smith:

*The Madras Airport has a very special place in the hearts of northwest pilots and non-aviators alike. With its World War 2 history gleaming from the windows of the majestic hangars that stand guard over the Central Oregon landscape. The spirits of the men and women who trained here to protect this great nation can still be felt and heard upon entering those hangars. The Madras Airport is still training the protectors of our country. The wildland firefighters call this home and launch an attack against the burning embers that destroy millions of acres of forest, 100s of homes, and many lives. These men and women are the descendants of the greatest generation. And on the north end of the field aviation history is still alive and flying. There is more than just aircraft to see at the Erickson Aircraft Collection. When you witness one of our senior pilots admiring a plane that he flew into battle, you see and feel the respect and admiration that he feels for the plane and crew that flew it. And the pride he has when he speaks of that plane to his children and grandchildren makes us all fortunate that we are Americans.*

*Sunday mornings have been special at the terminal building for close to 20 years now. Chairs are filled with old pilots, young pilots, and non-pilots. Upon entering the room, you may not know everyone, but every one of them is your friend. You grab a doughnut and cup of coffee and settle in; you will soon be engaged in conversation. We call it Church.*

*The staff at the Madras Municipal Airport are very friendly, knowledgeable, and accommodating. You can get what you need and get on your way quickly or relax in the living room style terminal on the couch in front of the fireplace. Or sit outside on the bench and be amazed at the height of Mt. Jefferson. The small town feel of this airport cannot be artificially duplicated. The other airports in the area do not have what S33 has, HEART.*





## SNOW REMOVAL

Although it has been slow to snow this winter, it inevitably will happen. Watching from the sidelines for years I do know that the process of snow removal takes much time and effort.

As you see from the diagram, the first priority is to clear runway 34/16, and taxiways A1, A2, and A. This will allow medical transports the ability to land here in case of emergency. From this point we will begin clearing in front of the fuel farm and airport office.

It will be important for me to know what our tenants' expectations will be during the snow season. If certain tenants will not be accessing their hangars during this time that will help me to prioritize where to plow. For those who regularly fly, I will need to know that as well.

Communication will be important to help alleviate misunderstandings and unmet expectations.

Thank you for working with me through this process. Be safe!

**Madras Municipal Airport  
Snow Plow Procedure Diagram  
Priority 1**



## CITY OF MADRAS AIRPORT OFFICE

Pilot lounge available 24/7. Door code information on airport office door (north side).

### Airport Operations:

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If you did not receive this newsletter directly, please email me your contact information to stay up to date with Madras Airport news.

## FBO NEWS: BERG AIR, LLC WINTER HOURS

Monday - Saturday	9 AM - 4 PM
Sunday	9 AM - 1 PM

Self Serve 100LL and Jet A available 24/7  
Call to schedule full service fueling 541-475-4899

### Contacts:

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**SAVE THE DATE**

# **MADRAS AIRPORT DAY**

**JUNE 1, 2024**

**8AM-1PM**

MISSION FOR THIS EVENT:

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOCUSED ON SHARING ABOUT OUR AIRPORT

OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE EDUCATION/OCCUPATIONS AVAILABLE IN AVIATION.

PROVIDE E.A.A. YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS FOR YOUTH 8-17: ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, 2024

LOCAL PILOTS AND AVIATION BUSINESS HOST INFORMATION BOOTHS WITH S.T.E.A.M. AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

PILOTS/AVIATION BUSINESSES DISPLAY AND SHARE ABOUT AIRCRAFT

**Ready to join the adventure?**

Volunteers, aviation enthusiasts and businesses,  
pilots, flight instructors, food trucks:  
contact the Madras Airport at 541-777-4935

