



# Pathfinder

RENTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT CLAYTON SCOTT FIELD NEWSLETTER

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## COMING UP...

**Renton Airport Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
September 14, 5 p.m.**

To be added to the RAAC  
information list, email  
[rentonairport@rentonwa.gov](mailto:rentonairport@rentonwa.gov)

## REMEMBER

**The RAAC is currently  
accepting applications for  
the following positions:**

West Hill  
South Renton  
Airport-at-Large  
Airport Leaseholders

## SAFETY TIPS

Help us keep unauthorized  
individuals out of the air-  
port. When entering via  
any vehicle gate, please be  
sure it fully closes behind  
you. Report any  
"piggybacking" or unau-  
thorized access to Airport  
Administration.

Please be aware of noise  
sensitive areas. Review the  
Airport's noise guidelines  
in the [Pilot Info Brochure](#).  
Hard copies are available  
at the airport offices.



*The Renton Municipal Airport Blast Wall Replacement project was completed by Merlino Construction October 28, 2015.*

## The Pathfinder Newsletter

WELCOME to the first quarterly newsletter from the Renton Municipal Airport. We are excited to announce the *Pathfinder* as a communication method to notify tenants, the airport community, and the public of the latest events at Clayton Scott Field. The Renton Municipal Airport has a rich history of aviation and aviators that spent many years here. To show homage to Clayton Scott and his incredible life story we have decided to name our newsletter after the monument of him located at the Airport's main entrance.

On July 5, 2005, the City of Renton designated the Airport's name as the Renton

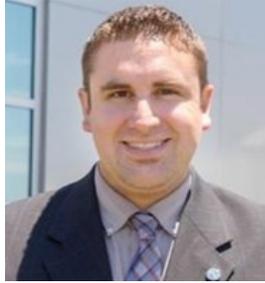
Municipal Airport Clayton Scott Field. As a tribute to Clayton Scott and this generation of pathfinding aviators, the Museum of Flight President Ralph Bufano announced the Clayton Scott monument "*Pathfinder*" installed at Clayton Scott Field. The Museum of Flight dedicated the memorial upon its completion on Clayton Scott's 101st birthday in 2006.

To learn more about Clayton Scott and how the Pathfinder Park came to fruition, visit the Clayton Scott Field website at [claytonscottfield.com](http://claytonscottfield.com).



# Meet Airport Director David Decoteau

WELCOME to the first edition of the Renton Airport *Pathfinder* newsletter! This quarterly newsletter will provide you with updates to what is happening around the airport including new construction, airfield projects, tenant updates, Renton Airport Advisory Committee updates, and other important airport information. Please also ensure that you are signed up for our email alert system to keep updat-



ed on current changes.

First, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome over the past several months.

After eight years working at airports in California it is my honor to come home to serve this airport and community. I

have over 17 years of airport management experience including tenures at Boeing Field, Hayward Executive, and Livermore airports. I am a commercial rated pilot and certified flight instructor. Over the next few months, I look

forward to continuing to meet everyone. In the meantime, please feel free to stop by the administration offices for an introduction.

In each edition of this newsletter, you will find information from airport staff, air traffic control tower, and a quarterly featured tenant. As this is a new venture for the airport, please provide us feedback on anything you would like to see included in future issues. We appreciate all you do to make this the safest and finest airport in the region.



## Summer Spotlight: Ace Aviation

ACE AVIATION is excited to commence construction on our adjacent hangar, next door to the “Big Red Barn” in the southeast corner of the Renton Municipal Airport. The expansion of our multi-purpose aircraft hangar for general aviation customers was recently approved by the City of Renton. The project includes an addition to the existing building of over 4,800 square feet, expansion of the maintenance offices and storage, company offices, and flight training facilities. The addition will be located on the “airside” or southwest side of

the building and will include improved access with the installation of a new rolling door system, approximately 100 feet wide by 20 feet tall.

The team at Ace Aviation and our contractors took considerations to ensure preservation of the of the nearby Cedar River ecosystem by carefully planning and designing the expansion and construction process to avoid removal of existing trees and vegetation on the site.

Construction started in April and is expected to be complete this fall.

## Airport Alerts

**The Airport and Runway Crack Seal project:** June 27-30, 5 a.m.-12 p.m. PDT.

**The Lake Washington Loop Trail project** has commenced along Airport Way. Completion later this year.

**The Airport Lift Station Rehabilitation project** is underway at Gate V2. Completion late summer.

**Coming up: Portland cement concrete panel repairs.** Dates TBD. Watch for more information.

# Air Traffic Control Tower Talk: Runway Assignments

Clear communication keeps the airport safe for everyone.

TAXI INSTRUCTIONS can feel a bit mundane and repetitive at the Renton Municipal Airport (RNT). After all, we have a simple airfield configuration – one runway, two parallel taxiways – simple, right? Although it may feel a bit routine, taxi instructions and a positively controlled flow of ground traffic cut down on inadvertent controlled area incursions, which can cause hazards for aircraft operations. One way we ensure aircraft do not unknowingly or unintentionally cause an incident is to verify runway assignments when aircraft taxi for departure. Air traffic controllers are required, per Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7110.65Y, to ensure aircraft operators read back runway assignments during taxi instructions. For example, aircraft N11111 has contacted Renton ground control on 121.6 for taxi instructions from Pro Flight Aviation. The taxi conversation should be as follows:

**Aircraft operator:** Renton ground, N11111, at Pro Flight Aviation, request taxi, departure to the north with information Alpha.

**Renton ground control:** N11111, Renton ground, Runway 34, taxi via Alpha.

**Aircraft operator:** Taxi to Runway 34 via Alpha, N11111.

This demonstrates the ground controller issuing a runway assignment, followed by specific taxi instructions routing the aircraft to that runway.



*The Airport Control Tower was built in 1962 and is the fifth busiest tower in the Washington. Current operations are managed and staffed by Serco.*

N11111 responded by repeating the runway assignment. This practice indicates the aircraft operator is aware of the runway destination.

In the event of an intersection departure, the runway assignment is going to be, “Runway \_\_ at \_\_.” This phrase followed by taxi instructions indicates assignment of an intersection departure at that specific intersection.

The Renton Airport control tower always strives to keep airfield opera-

tions safe and within FAA regulations and policies. Control tower staff is available to answer questions and respond to inquiries. Please contact Renton FAA Contract Tower Air Traffic Manager Chris “BB” Bahlman at 206-764-6632 (desk), 206-305-2227 (cell) or via email at [Christopher.bahlman@serco-na.com](mailto:Christopher.bahlman@serco-na.com) or [Christopher.s-ctr.bahlman@faa.gov](mailto:Christopher.s-ctr.bahlman@faa.gov). Meanwhile, fly safe and have fun this summer!

# Airport Upgrades Safety Management Systems

Planning for robust infrastructure changes and long-term development.

AS EVIDENT by the various construction sites around, things at the Renton Airport are starting to move. The Airport is excited to foster changes for robust infrastructure and long-term development. Although these projects are obvious, there are many other projects that are not so apparent.

The Airport team is excited to begin working with Veoci to develop our new airport management system. This system will allow for a more confident filing and communication within our team and tenant base. The development and implementation are going to take time and will be incremental, with the most essential systems rolling out first.

The initial attributes of the implementation plan will be increasing productivity in our leasing, inspection, and work order systems. The all-inclusive system will enable airport management to associate trends and forecast or anticipate what needs to be completed. This will prove immensely beneficial in our preventative maintenance practices so that repairs may be conducted before catastrophic failure. All aspects will feed a "Safety Management System" (SMS) and the common issues or concerns can be identified and resolved before a significant incident occurs. The SMS will also provide notifications of upcoming requirements. On the leasing side this refers to generating notices for inspections, insurance, Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases, in addition to other capacities. System benefits



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for management include identifying upcoming workorders, lapsing inspection, and potential weather impacts, among other vital tools. This system will better ensure all parties are notified as needed so they are able to prepare as appropriate.

The system is also capable of having a public facing form, which will allow tenants to submit work order requests and safety concerns, and accessible to the public to submit noise complaints and general inquiries. Eventually the system will coordinate multiple aspects of airport management including scheduling construction projects, pavement management, wildlife mitigation, and mowing and plowing operations.

The Airport is impressed and excited about the capabilities of our new system. We look forward to working with Veoci to implement more efficient practices through its use. As with any change, there will be hiccups and learning curves, but we ask for your patience as this may lead to the unearthing of conflicting procedures and policies. Such potential conflicts will be worked out and resolved as we proceed with implementation.

We welcome feedback from our tenants as we move forward with implementation of the Veoci airport management system. Please submit your inquiries and/or recommendations about this system to [rentonairport@rentonwa.gov](mailto:rentonairport@rentonwa.gov).