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PAPI'S & REIL'S

The contractor has ordered the PAPI/REIL equipment and is approximately 8 to 10 weeks out for delivery. During this waiting period, the contractor will be completing field work on the concrete foundations/base pads along with the electrical feeds. The Electrical Equipment Room is concurrently under construction and awaiting equipment deliveries that have a shorter delivery schedule. After the PAPI/REIL equipment arrives there will be about a 2 week installation period. Overall, current projection is that the PAPIs & REILs will be on-line by summer.

Once the system is installed the FAA will fly the PAPI system to ensure it meets their criteria. It seems that airport users will find this to be a welcome improvement.

Another change being considered is to update the runway lighting control system to avoid triggering the lights during daylight hours and to implement the ability to turn the PAPI and REIL's on only when needed, day or night. The savings in power and wear and tear on bulbs and transformers will lower costs and increase reliability for those times when they are really needed.



We are thrilled to Welcome Our New Airport Manager Gary Judd *See photo below**

Gary Judd arrived here in Bend, having spent the last 15 years as the airport manager of the Grant County John Day airport. He previously owned a small aviation company and said he has had a lifelong interest in flight.

Gary is certified as a private pilot and flight instructor, but in recent years has focused his efforts more on the ins and outs of running an airport.

In John Day, Judd said he worked hard to get people from all aspects of the community involved in the workings of the airport — and plans to do the same in Bend.

"That's kind of my goal for this airport — that the community as a whole will come to see it as something that benefits everybody," he said. "As a rule, airports and pilots and all of us — I'm a pilot, too — we kind of do a poor job of that sometimes, because like everybody, we're focused on our piece of it."

Judd said he wants to get community members and airport users more involved in a variety of ongoing issues, including an update of the airport's master plan. "It's such a huge public investment that you have to be careful you don't let the growth right next to the airport take away an asset to the entire community," he said.

As airport manager, Judd will have to spend plenty of time in meetings or sorting through paperwork, he said he's glad his job will continue to keep him close to the activity that has fascinated him since childhood.

"There's always that little bit of fulfilling a dream in flying," he said. "I told my kids when we used to go flying, that in all of time and all of history, people have only been able to fly in the last 100 years, and you're one of them. That's something we don't appreciate sometimes, the ability to do that, the freedom to do that."



Time to get your seaplane rating?



NEW MAINTENANCE SERVICE MANAGER MARK MARTENS comes to Professional Air with more than 30 years of aviation maintenance experience. Most recently Mark was the Service Manager for Columbia Aircraft at the Bend facility.



***NEW AIRPORT MANAGER, GARY JUDD** Gary took over as the manager of the Bend Municipal Airport March 9, but he's already settling in and making plans for the airport's future.



NEW CHIEF FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR BERKELEY GEORGE has been one of our CFI's for several years, graduating to become PIC of our twin turbine Cessna Conquest. He was recently given the lead role in Professional Air's flight school.

Our maintenance staff has more than 200 years of experience

by **Mark J. Martens**
Service Manager

I am the newest member to the Professional Air Maintenance Team. Since 1978 I have been involved in multiple roles and areas of responsibilities in the Aviation industry from shop technician to managing one of the country's largest Air Ambulance maintenance and overhaul facilities. My current position at Professional Air is Service Manager for the maintenance department, the same position I held at Columbia Aircraft. It is our goal to capitalize on the years of technical experience our maintenance team has to provide your plane with the highest level of Professional Service in a timely manner. My spare time is spent on my 100th Anniversary HD Road King, or in our Jeep TJ looking for a Geo-cache. I am anxious to meet our new customers, and revisit old times with existing customers. We hope you will stop by and let us introduce you to our technical staff and take a quick tour of our facility.

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AROUND THE RUNWAY



Aero Facilities East Side Hangar project is under construction. The steel for the first few hangars has been ordered and concrete is now being poured.

* Bend Airport Day has been scheduled and is Saturday, June 6th from 8AM until 2PM. Make plans to join us out here and bring some friends for a fun filled day at the airport.



AERO FACILITIES EAST SIDE HANGAR PROJECT

Located on over twenty acres at the Bend Municipal Airport, this seventy-three hangar development comprises over 270,000 square feet under roof. All of the infrastructure is in and concrete has been ordered and should be poured in the next couple of weeks. Steel for the first 100 x 100 hangar has been ordered and is in production and will be delivered to the site as soon as the concrete is cured.

BEND AIRPORT DAY • JUNE 6TH

We have scheduled the Bend Airport Day for this year, and it is Saturday, June 6th from 8AM until 2PM. We are going to have a very exciting day, that will start off with a pancake breakfast, and airplane and helicopter rides. Plan to be at the airport early, as we are going to get a rare treat, two F-15's are going to do a fly over, something that you do not want to miss. We will have lots for kids and their families to see and do, with classic cars and planes, and fun prizes for every youngster.

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