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From the Editor

One of the greatest highlights of the year for aviation in North Dakota is the annual Fly-ND Conference, which returned to Grand Forks, ND, this past March. The conference was a great success, and I hope you were able to attend! You can find photos, awards, and highlights in the following pages.

As we move into the warmer months, I hope you are able to support our local communities by attending the many aviation events happening across our state. We have a calendar of events on our back cover and you can always find updates at www.aero.nd.gov/events. If your airport or organization is hosting an event, email ndaero@nd.gov to have it added to the list. Don't forget to bring your aviation veterans or newcomers, old or young, to the airport with you this spring!

Wishing you clear skies and unlimited visibility, Nicolette

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Warm Weather is On the Way

Summer is right around the corner, and the North Dakota Aviation Association (NDAA) is gearing up for another Fly-ND Summerfest! What is Fly-ND Summerfest? Fly-ND Summerfest is an annual NDAA event with a simple goal and a significant purpose: to celebrate summer and celebrate aviation, while raising scholarship funds for North Dakota high school students looking to begin their careers in the aviation industry. **This years' NDAA Fly-ND Summerfest will take place in conjunction with the Airports Association of North Dakota (AAND) Summer Meeting at the Woodland Resort in Devils Lake, ND, on August 7-8, 2024.**

One of the items on the agenda for the NDAA's Summer Meeting will be a discussion on the proposed updates to our organization's bylaws, as well as an organizational update and information on our future events. Be sure to save the date and plan to join us for great food, outdoor fun, and networking – all while celebrating summer and celebrating aviation! Stay tuned to our website, www.fly-nd.com, for additional information and event registration coming later this spring! In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email admin@fly-nd.com.

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Update From the Hill

Earlier this year, I was able to participate in the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., which brought together representatives from twenty-five states. Among the distinguished guests were FAA Administrator Mike Whitaker, Congressman Rick Larsen (WA), FAA Associate Administrator for Airports Shannetta Griffin, congressional staffers, and delegates from major aviation associations.



NASAO's State Members pictured with the Honorable Michael Whitaker (Administrator of the FAA) at NASAO's 2024 Washington Conference (Photo by Daniel Stanley).

Our discussions centered on critical aviation policy issues, with a focus on enhancing air service to small communities through collaborative efforts between the FAA, states, and local municipalities. Valuable insights were shared regarding the FAA reauthorization bill and updates were provided on key activities within the FAA Office of Airports.

The concerns voiced by the states reflected a shared commitment to advancing common priorities in federal reauthorization legislation. These priorities include (but not limited to):

- Ensuring robust aviation funding and modernizing the non-primary entitlement program.
- Providing federal support for the transition to florine free firefighting foam at airports.
- Enhancing weather observation resiliency and redundancy.
- Preparing for the integration of uncrewed aircraft systems & advanced air mobility into the airspace.
- Safeguarding air service to small communities.
- Improving the timeliness of FAA issuance of Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants.

For additional details on all national priorities advocated by the states, please visit the NASAO website at **https://nasao.org/page/LegislativeAgenda**

The main concern that has been shared across the states is that FAA Reauthorization is currently “stuck” in continuing resolutions, with funding approved for only a few months at a time. This poses a significant challenge for the upcoming 2024



North Dakota’s 2024 Aviation Weather Map

construction cycle as the absence of a fully funded FAA program until at least the end of the current federal fiscal year hinders the FAA's ability to proceed with its full program. In states like North Dakota with short construction cycles and contractors with busy schedules; the delay in project funding undoubtedly poses additional challenges. Congress has until May 10th before the current extension expires, and we urge Congress to prioritize the passage of a long-term FAA Reauthorization bill and work to provide the FAA with the resources needed to maintain and modernize our aviation system.

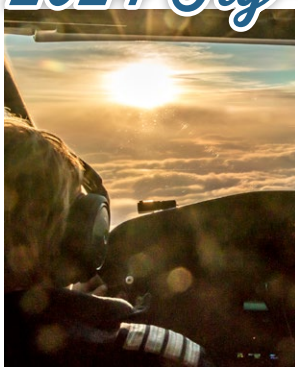
Additionally, states have shared concerns with the complexity of the federal programs and variety of funding programs. Since 2020, airport projects have had to navigate through various funding mechanisms outside of the Airport Improvement Program. The acronyms for these various programs includes: CARES, CARESA, ARPA, BIL AIG, BIL ATP, BIL FCT, and Supplemental AIP. While the additional funding has been beneficial, the complex funding environment has presented significant challenges due to differing criteria, application deadlines, and eligibility requirements. Moreover, high project costs have necessitated multiple federal grants being required from different programs for the exact same project. This has required each project to be split into identifiable usable units of work and results in additional grant management requirements.

It is imperative that our nation returns to a framework where the Airport Improvement Program serves as the primary funding source that is adequately funded, timely, and aligned with the evolving needs of the aviation industry.

Additionally, there is unanimous agreement among states on the need to simplify and streamline the allocation of federal funding for airport projects. Sometimes, simplicity itself proves to be a bold and effective solution.



2024 Fly-ND Conference Recap







The Fly-ND Conference is hosted by the North Dakota Aviation Association.

After ten long years, the 2024 North Dakota Aviation Association (NDAA) Fly-ND Conference returned to Grand Forks, ND. This year's conference was a great success, with more than 300 attendees, 37 exhibitors, and nearly 40 first-time attendees – the most first-time attendees we've ever had – all coming together to celebrate the rich aviation culture of North Dakota.

Themed "Beyond the Horizon," the Conference took a look into the challenges and opportunities our industry is facing and how it is set to evolve in the future. What changed in the decade since the Fly-ND Conference had been to Grand Forks? Well, a lot – and conference attendees had the unique opportunity to see this firsthand, with guided tours of the Cirrus Aircraft facility and Grand Sky, the nation's first commercial Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) business and aviation park, located adjacent to the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Grand Sky is home to a host of world-renowned aviation industry leaders, including General Atomics Aeronautical, Northrop Grumman, and the Northern Plains UAS Test Site, and it provides tenants with the ability to conduct large-scale beyond visual line-of-sight flights. Conference attendees were surprised to learn about this new era of aviation and technology and that North Dakota is at the forefront of this emerging technology integration.

At the Opening Social, attendees had the opportunity to tour the University of North Dakota (UND) Aerospace facility and experience its flight simulators, altitude chamber, and spatial disorientation trainer. That evening, five individuals were also recognized and celebrated for their Gold Level achievement in the North Dakota Airport Passport Program. Congratulations to Jim O'Day, Nathan Sayler, Rodger Haugen, Connie Hanson, and Ray Brooks!

In addition to the educational and informative breakout sessions for pilots, mechanics, and airport administrators, two general session panel discussions sparked great conversations and questions among attendees. UND Aerospace shared its experiences transitioning its fleet to UL94 (unleaded aviation gasoline), and a panel of UAS industry stakeholders discussed how collaboration between government and industry is transforming aviation for the safe and efficient integration of UAS.

We capped off the 2024 Fly-ND Conference with the North Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet, celebrating Dan Kasowski's induction into the North Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame, as well as recognizing the Devils Lake Regional Airport and Ashley Municipal Airport for receiving the 2023 Airports of the Year Awards! A special thank you to the Red River High School JROTC for the color guard presentation and to Nate Hance and NDAA Board Members Darren Hall and Devin Cole for the awesome live music performance that evening.

The 2024 Fly-ND Conference was a great success because of you, the attendees, the sponsors, and the exhibitors. We sincerely thank all of you for your continued support and participation in our NDAA events, and a special thank you to our 2024 Fly-ND Conference Site Committee Members for all your efforts!

Join us next year in Fargo, ND, at the Delta Hotel for the 2025 Fly-ND Conference, from Sunday, March 2 to Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Are you interested in helping plan next year's conference or other NDAA events? Please reach out: we're always looking for new ideas! Please contact us for more information, please email admin@fly-nd.com

Tanner Overland, NDAA Chairman

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North Dakota Aviation Scholarships

On a regular basis, I am asked about opportunities to assist in training costs for students pursuing aviation training. The opportunities for financial assistance have increased significantly over the last few years, and I would like to share some tips for those looking for funding.

First, always consider your search for scholarships to be a job. In order to receive a scholarship, you will have to put in some time and effort. Many times, finding the opportunities takes the most time, but remember that you will likely need to complete an essay, answer some basic questions, and provide some additional information such as transcripts or letters of recommendation. Much like a job, the more time and effort you put into the process, the more likely you are to receive the awards. It may be helpful to create a spreadsheet of scholarships, deadlines, and requirements to keep you on track.

Next, your search for funds will become easier as your end goal is defined. For instance, if you know you want to be an airline pilot, you may look into programs offered by each of the airlines. Programs such as Delta's Propel Pilot Career Path may help you get to your end goal quicker and easier, but may not always offer formal financial assistance. Consider all of your options. If you know what school you would like to attend or what potential employers you would like to work for, those entities may offer financial assistance. Also consider non-aviation related entities for opportunities for financial assistance. Local coops and large corporations offer a variety of scholarships for being leaders in your community. Consider all of your options.

Finally, consider all of the traits that set you apart from your peers and remember to include those items on your application. Have you been



in the National Honor Society, volunteered at your church, or received other awards or honors? Remember to include these items on your scholarship application. It may also be helpful to assist those writing you a letter of recommendation by providing a list of traits they may be able to highlight for you.

I believe one of the most important steps in the application process is to be sure to complete the entire application. If they ask for a transcript, remember to include it. If the application includes essay questions, always stay within their maximum word limit, and be sure to answer every question. Applicants need to sell themselves to shine above other applicants; many times your application will be thrown out for skipping even one question on the application.

So the million dollar question: Where can I apply for these scholarships?

While it would be impossible to list ALL scholarships, here are some of the groups I always recommend searching while looking for scholarships.

If ever you are looking for assistance finding scholarship opportunities, don't hesitate to reach out. After learning your situation, I may be able to help guide you in the right direction.

Where can you apply for these scholarships?

- The North Dakota Aviation Association (NDAA)
- North Dakota Professional Aviation Maintenance Association (PAMA)
- Airport Association of North Dakota (AAND)
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) www.aopa.org/
- Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) www.eaa.org/eaa
- Women in Aviation (WAI) www.wai.org/
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2023 Commercial Service Airport Award

The Devils Lake Regional Airport (KDVL) is proud of their involvement with the local community. The airport has initiated a marketing program called Jet Service, which educates travelers on the benefits that the Devils Lake Regional Airport and SkyWest Airlines have to offer.

As a result, the Devils Lake Regional Airport has seen tremendous growth in passenger traffic throughout the past year. The airport reached a record total of 8,087 enplanements for calendar year 2023, which is a 17.5% increase from 2022. This growth is great news for the airport and could lead to increased infrastructure funding from the FAA, which in turn will help fuel continued growth and beautification of the airport.

The airport has also seen growth in the General Aviation sector. Five aeronautical businesses are present on the airport, with a sixth planning to open soon. These businesses have added more employees and two new General Aviation hangars have been constructed, due to the demand for growth.

Devils Lake is currently in the process to expand and remodel their commercial terminal. The new building will double the size of the current space and will also include the installation of a jet bridge. The new space will allow the airport to accommodate larger waiting areas for passengers, new restrooms, vending areas, and nursing/changing rooms for mothers. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) area will also expand, allowing room for new screening technology which will decrease security wait times. The airport also recently reconstructed a large portion of the General Aviation apron. This project repaired a variety of age-related issues affecting the pavements and has enhanced safety for the flying public.



The Devils Lake Regional Airport receives the 2023 Commercial Service Airport of the Year award during the North Dakota Aviation Association's FLY-ND Conference awards banquet on March 5th, 2024. Pictured from left to right is Ryan Riesinger (President of the North Dakota Airport Association), Scott Cruse (DVL Airport Manager), Dennis Olson (Chair of the DVL Airport Authority), Rodger Haugen (Member of the DVL Airport Authority, and Kyle Wanner (Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission)



2023 General Aviation Airport Award



The Ashley Municipal Airport receives the 2023 General Aviation Airport of the Year award during the North Dakota Aviation Association's FLY-ND Conference awards banquet on March 5th, 2024. Pictured from left to right is Ryan Riesinger (President of the North Dakota Airport Association), Erich Schock (Ashley Airport Board Member), and Kyle Wanner (Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission)

In 2023, Ashley Municipal Airport (KASY) received a highly competitive Airport Terminal Program (ATP) grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to construct a new terminal building. This terminal will be a public building and will provide pilots and passengers with restrooms and a convenient space to rest and prepare for flights. Ashley Municipal joined the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems in 2017, making them eligible for federal funding. Since then, Ashley has made significant improvements to the airport which includes rehabilitation of all airfield pavements and the installation of a new lighting system. This past year, Ashley also became the first airport in North Dakota to install and join the FAA's Weather Camera program. These four cameras are pointed in separate directions, and constantly update with new photos every few minutes, giving pilots an excellent live view of the current weather conditions at the airport.

Ashley Municipal also excelled over the past years in community outreach. The airport consistently works with the Ashley Medical Center and assists in coordinating flights for passengers to ensure both flights and ambulances work to make transportation as quick and efficient as possible. The airport is also currently developing instrument approach procedures, which guide and allow medical flights to land at the airport during inclement weather. The airport also regularly meets with city and county officials to educate and inform the public on the impacts and value that the airport brings to the Ashley area.

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Passport Program Awards

Multiple pilots were recently presented with awards for participating in the "Fly North Dakota Airports" Passport Program. This program began in North Dakota in 2011 and it rewards pilots who fly to North Dakota's publicly owned airports, attend FAA safety seminars, and visit North Dakota's aviation museums. This program promotes safety, continuing education, and encourages pilots to practice approaches and landings in many different environments. This program also offers an opportunity to promote and support North Dakota's airports and their community businesses and tourism opportunities.

The gold award was achieved by five pilots during the past year and these individuals received a leather flight jacket embroidered with the North Dakota Flying Legacy logo. These pilots join the 98 others who have completed the passport program in previous years, making a grand total of 103 pilots who have achieved the gold award since the program's inception.



From left to right are Kyle Wanner, North Dakota Aeronautics Commission director, Nathan Sayler, Jim O'Day, Connie Hanson and Rodger Haugen. Sayler, O'Day, Hanson, Haugen and Ray Brooks (not shown) received the gold-level "Fly North Dakota Airports" Passport Program award.

The following is a list of the individuals achieving the gold level in 2023:

Ray Brooks - Bismarck, ND

Connie Hanson - Devils Lake, ND

Rodger Haugen - Devils Lake, ND

Nathan Sayler - Valley City, ND

Jim O'Day - Fargo, ND







North Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame 1997 Inductee Carl Ben Eielson


North Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame 2024 Inductee Dan Kasowski - Mr Maintenance

Hall of Fame Releases Two Videos

Carl Ben Eielson Aviation Hall of Fame Video Released

A new Aviation Hall of Fame video is now available that features North Dakota Aviation Hall of Famer - Carl Ben Eielson.

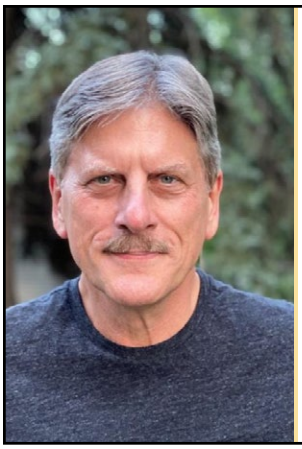
It can be watched by going to the Hall of Fame section of the NDAA website at fly-nd.com or by scanning the QR code.

Dan Kasowski Aviation Hall of Fame Video Released

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Aerospace Teams Continue Their Winning Ways

UND's Aerobatic Team wins nationals and Flying Team wins regionals, the latest championships in a decades-long tradition

In what has become a storied tradition in college aviation, UND pilots and crew members continue to perform at the highest levels, with the UND Aerobatic Team being crowned national champions and the UND Flying Team winning the regional title. The teams' exceptional accomplishments and dedication are a source of great pride for both UND as a whole and the University's John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.



The UND Aerobatic Team recently won its 11th national championship, having earned the top total collegiate-team score from International Aerobatic Club competitions during the 2023 aerobatic season. Photo courtesy of UND Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.

UND Aerobatic Team

The University of North Dakota Aerobatic Team has won its 11th national flying championship.

The Odegard School received the news after International Aerobatic Club Collegiate officials tallied competition results from around the country during the 2023 aerobatic season.

On top of an excellent team finish, UND also fielded the competition's top two individual scorers. Andrew Coughlin and Shawn Higgins Jr. took first and second overall, respectively.

"Our 2023 team started strong and kept the momentum throughout the season and into Nationals in September," said Mike Lents, head team coach and assistant professor of aviation, who has been with the team since 2008. "They supported each other through the contest season, relying on their personal experiences to train to a higher standard. I'm proud of how each represented UND, growing as professionals, individuals, and a team.

"This year's team included Andrew Coughlin, Shawn Higgins, Ryan Peene, Devin Graves, Tyler Sperry, Spencer Patterson, and Mikaila Gillis," Lents continued. "They worked hard and earned it against tough competition from the US Air Force Academy and the Metropolitan State University of Denver."

Throughout the summer and early fall, the UND Aerobatic Team competes across the Midwest in IAC contests. Open to any aerobatic pilot, UND students routinely compete against professional airline, corporate, airshow and military pilots as well as engineers, computer scientists, business professionals and many others who train for competition.

Sequences and maneuvers are flown to match specific grading criteria, and scores are awarded for accuracy, energy management, consistency and presentation. Judges apply deductions for small degrees of error in heading and attitude during maneuvers such as spins, loops, rolls, and hammerheads.

Top marks at these contests and throughout the season are hard won, said Lents.

UND Flying Team

Nine events, nine wins, nine different team members being named regional champions: That was the UND Flying Team's performance at the National

Intercollegiate Flying Association Region 6 meet.

The team won the Region 6 Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference championship in October, scoring a total of 852 points (second place had 491).

The UND team also earned first place in every event in which they competed, with nine different team members being named regional champions. Additionally, the top scoring contestant is a UND student, Mikayla Weiss of Grand Forks, N.D.

The UND team now has qualified for the NIFA National SAFECON Competition, which will be held in Janesville, Wis., in May. The 12-member team is working hard to prepare for that completion, at which UND has placed first or second at least 32 times in the past 38 years.

SAFECON represents a comprehensive test for pilots' skills. From pen-and-paper navigation to powerless landing accuracy, the contest's events bring all flight skills to bear.

The national competition draws hundreds of collegiate pilots from across the country.

The Region 6 Championship was held in St. Louis and drew a total of eight teams. UND's top marks came in the following events: Preflight Inspection, Aircraft Recognition, Computer Accuracy, Ground Trainer, Message Drop, Power-Off Landings, Short Field Landings, Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation or SCAN event and Unlimited Navigation.

In addition to Mikayla Weiss, who was the top-scoring contestant out of 99 competitors, five other UND contestants scored in the Top 10.



The UND Flying Team won the Region 6 Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference championship in October. The team also earned first place in every event in which they competed, with nine different team members being named regional champions. Photo courtesy of UND's Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.

"The dedication, professionalism, knowledge and skills that our Flying Team members showcase in these competitions are a great representation of our School and University, and will serve them well as they move into careers as aerospace and aviation professionals," said Robert Kraus, dean of the Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences at UND.

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Volunteer Pilots Visit Minot To Offer Rescue Training

Flight instructors from around North Dakota gathered at Avflight at Minot International Airport Sunday to start the process of tripling Magic City Composite Squadron's number of qualified Civil Air Patrol pilots.

Pilots from Fargo, Carrington and Dickinson brought their units' aircraft and expertise to train three new members and requalify two experienced members in Civil Air Patrol (CAP) flying.

Pilots certified by the Federal Aviation Administration can join CAP to fly search and rescue, transport, disaster response and cadet orientation flights. However, additional CAP-specific training is required.

Magic City's Sebastian Forster coordinated with Lt. Col. Chad Smith, North Dakota Wing's Standardization and Evaluation officer, to gather the two additional aircraft and four instructor pilots required for the day's training. Three pilots, experienced in flying, but new to CAP, received corporate-sponsored training, up to two hours, in a Cessna 172. These initial flights are provided to better prepare pilots for their initial flight checks to become CAP pilots.



Submitted Photo Pilots from around the state prepare for a day of flight training at Civil Air Patrol Magic City Composite Squadron. From left are Capt. Benjamin Conlin, 1st Lt. Mollianne Flood, Capt. Jeremy Skalicky, Capt. John Nienhuis, Travis Lancaster and Lt. Col. Chad Smith. Photo by Maj. Jeffrey Slocum.







Submitted Photo Civil Air Patrol North Dakota aircraft wait between training flights at Minot International Airport Sunday morning. Photo by Sebastian Forster.

Two experienced CAP pilots, based in Minot, also received secondary training and evaluation. Capt. Jeremy Skalicky and Capt. Ben Conlin required use of Fargo's Cessna 182 to maintain advanced qualification, not available in the locally based Cessna 172 aircraft. Skalicky completed his annual evaluation, while Conlin returned to flying fixed-wing aircraft in preparation for his reevaluation.

Continued training is still required for CAP pilots at Minot. Two students were unable to complete training at the recent event due to illness or scheduling conflicts. Four pilots still require initial examination flights. The next flight training day for Minot is scheduled for mid-February, depending on weather conditions.

Air and ground crews from the Magic City and squadrons around the state also have been scheduled for advanced search and rescue training next month. Members plan to travel to Mandan on Feb. 10 to train as ground search and rescue teams. CAP members ages 12 and older are eligible to participate in ground searches, while aircrew members must be at least 18 years old. Previous flying experience or pilot licensing are not required to participate.

Several team positions remain open to be filled in the Magic City Composite Squadron. Positions include aerospace education instructors, ground support and aircrew. People who are interested in finding out more about CAP in Minot can visit a squadron meeting, held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Avflight.

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- Ability to vote at the NDAA annual meeting to elect officers, update bylaws, and vote on large issues and run for office and/or board position

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- Special Priority at the Fly-ND Annual Conference (Including hosting training opportunities, discounted booths, meeting rooms, and award recognition)
- Representation and link on the NDAA Fly-ND website
- Assistance with distribution of your organization's information and dues processing
- Organization member websites and logos are advertised on NDAA website and at the Fly-ND Conference
- Ability to submit articles for the Fly-ND Quarterly regarding organizational updates

Allied Member ($250/500) is for firms, companies, and consultants who are actively engaged in providing products and/or services to aviation professions, and companies who support the purpose of NDAA. Allied members do not have voting rights.

- Listed in *Fly-ND Quarterly* and website as an Allied Member
- Certificate of Membership
- Opportunity for collaborative involvement in aerospace advocacy
- Network with the aviation community as well as participate in the Career Expo & other NDAA functions
- Advertise open job opportunities

Student Member (free) is for individuals enrolled in an institution of higher learning who have a keen interest in aviation and support the purpose of NDAA. Student Members are not entitled to vote or hold a board position.

- Explore all facets of aviation
- Eligible for scholarships
- Professional development credits
- Member discounts from participating North Dakota aviation museums
- Complimentary attendance at the annual conference
- Networking opportunities
- Mentorship & training
- Career advancement through job boards

Congratulations to the winners of the

North Dakota Aviation Art Contest!

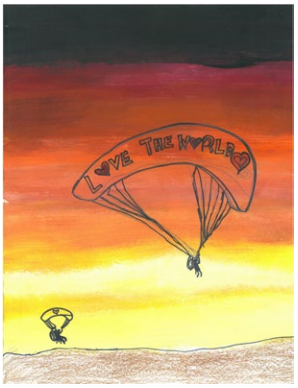
Winners were forwarded to the national competition for judging. Good luck!

THE WINNERS ARE:

Junior Division



1st Ava - Twin Buttes



2nd Lillyanna - Twin Buttes



3rd Harper - Sweet Briar

Intermediate Division



1st Faradh - Twin Buttes

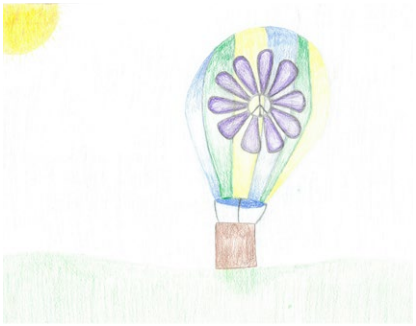


2nd Lyla - Twin Buttes



3rd Welinnah - Zeeland

Senior Division



1st Brianna - Twin Buttes



2nd Joesephine - Barnes County North



3rd Gage - Twin Buttes

Schools Nationwide Receive $13.5 Million in FAA Grants to Develop the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals

Thirty-two schools will receive $13.5 million in grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to help attract and train students for careers as pilots and aviation maintenance technicians.

Twelve of the schools will receive $4.5 million from the FAA's Aircraft Pilots Aviation Workforce Development Grants program. The schools can use the funding to create and deliver curriculums designed to prepare high school students to become pilots, aerospace engineers or drone operators. Grants may also be used to support the professional development of teachers.

Grant recipients include:

- Beaufort County Schools, Washington, N.C.: $374,930
- Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, N.C.: $393,142
- Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisc.: $27,800
- Georgetown Independent School District, Georgetown, Texas: $462,208.95
- Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Harrisburg, Pa: $169,692.58
- Iowa Lakes Community College, Estherville, Iowa: $493.,657
- Kent State University, Kent, Ohio: $419,708.47
- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.: $476,643
- Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio: $346,400
- Pacific Aviation Northwest, Inc., Grant Pass, Ore.: $500,000
- Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.: $500,000
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Md.: $335,818

The other $9 million will go to 20 schools as part of the FAA's Aviation Maintenance Technical Workers Workforce Development program. These grants will help build back the pipeline of maintenance professionals; approximately 20,000 fewer people are working in the aircraft maintenance sector than before the pandemic.

Grant recipients include:

- AAR Aircraft Services, Inc., Oklahoma City, Okla.: $500,000
- Aersale, Inc., Coral Gables, Fla.: $400,000
- Alabama Aerospace and Aviation High School, Bessemer, Ala.: $398,375
- Central Louisiana Technical Community College, Alexandria, La..: $500,000
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Cincinnati, Ohio: $493,277
- Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.: $497,317
- Conway School District, Conway, N.H.: $301,129
- DFC, Inc., Woodland, Calif.: $500,000
- Houston Community College System, Houston, Texas: $402,284
- Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa, Iowa: $302,816
- Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs, Iowa.: $500,000
- Joby Elevate, Inc., Santa Cruz, Calif.: $500,000
- Kenton County Airport Board, Hebron, Ky.: $479,000
- Lewis University, Romeoville, Ill.: $496,016
- Maysville Community and Technical College, Maysville, Ky.: $500,000
- **North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, N.D.: $307, 608**
- O.S. Johnson Technical Institute, Scranton, Pa.: $423,754
- San Bernardino Valley College, San Bernardino, Calif.: $498,555
- Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn.: $500,000
- Thomas University, Thomasville, Ga.: $499,869

Recipients can use the funding to establish new educational programs; provide scholarships or apprenticeships; conduct outreach about careers in the aviation maintenance industry; and support educational opportunities related to aviation maintenance in economically disadvantaged areas.

Visit the FAA website for additional details about the grant recipients.

NASAO and FAA Signs MOU to Enhance Cooperative Partnership

The National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to renew the longstanding relationship between the two organizations. FAA Administrator Michael Whitaker and NASAO Board Chair and North Dakota Aeronautics Director Kyle Wanner signed the MOU on Thursday, January 4th, 2024 at the FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"Our recent meeting with the FAA Administrator was an incredible opportunity to highlight the valuable partnership that exists between NASAO and the FAA," stated NASAO Chair Kyle Wanner. "This MOU signing is another important step forward for all of our state aviation agencies, as we collectively work together to further collaborate with the FAA in order to strengthen and grow our nation's air transportation system."

This recently signed MOU seeks to address key issues through continued collaboration on federal and state levels. The MOU outlined key objectives, action goals, and the overall process and structure to work towards the stated goals.



From left to right: (top row) Pete Hearding, Joe Miniace, Shannetta Griffin, Greg Pecoraro, (bottom row) Michael Whitaker, and Kyle Wanner.



Fighting the Ice Jam

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A North Dakota National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter carries 660 gallons of water in a Bambi Bucket to drop on an ice jam on the Missouri River in Bismarck, North Dakota, Feb. 29.

The North Dakota National Guard launched an aerial operation to respond to an ice jam on the Missouri River in Bismarck, Feb. 29. (National Guard story by Sgt. Michaela C.P. Granger and photos by Staff Sgt. Samuel Kroll, North Dakota National Guard Public Affairs Office)

Two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters deployed, repeatedly dropping 660 gallons of water to dislodge ice. The river crested at 15.43 feet, and due to mitigation efforts, fell nearly 2 feet and ended the day at 13.49 feet, dropping below minor flood stage



The day before, a large ice jam caused the Missouri River to quickly rise above minor flooding levels, passing 14.5 feet and flooding low-lying areas along the shoreline. Gov. Doug Burgum signed an executive order declaring an emergency for Burleigh and Morton counties, activating the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan. All state agencies, including the NDNG, are directed to maintain high readiness and provide appropriate levels of flood response resources.

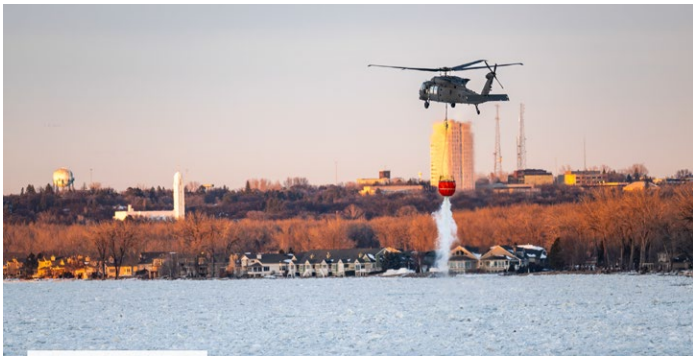
"There were a lot of dedicated team members putting in additional hours to ensure north dakota had a successful assessment," said maj. Gen. Al dohrmann, ndng adjutant general. "This accreditation proves our state partners' 'work as one' mindset. We all work together so that when north dakotans are having their worst day, we are ready to respond to save lives and property."



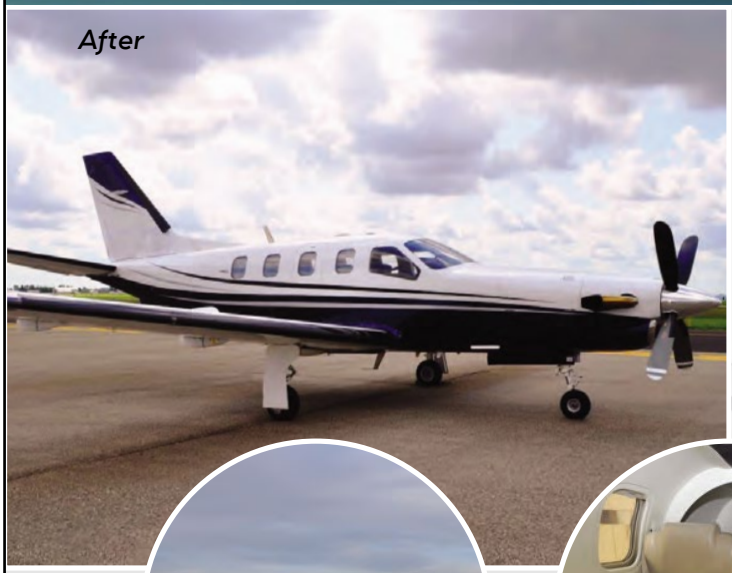
"Year After Year, The North Dakota Department Of Emergency Services Has Successfully Led Our State's Whole-Of-Government Response To Natural Disasters And Other Emergencies With The Utmost Professionalism And Preparedness. These Consecutive Accreditations Are A Testament To The Extremely High Level Of Services Provided By The Des Team And Their Emergency Management Partners Across Our State," Burgum Said.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers committed to reducing flows from Garrison Dam upstream of an ice jam causing minor flooding on the Missouri River in Bismarck-Mandan, as state agencies coordinated with local and federal partners on a whole-of-government response. By 3 p.m., the two NDNG UH-60 Black Hawks were activated. Each helicopter was equipped with a Bambi Bucket system, capable of holding 660 gallons of river water. The 5,000 lbs of water was then repeatedly dropped onto the ice. A 20 by 20-foot section of ice was dislodged on the first pass. Around 6 p.m., progress was made, and the ice began to move down the river. One hundred and eighteen buckets dropped over 70,000 gallons of water in four hours.

"This Was A Group Effort Responding Quickly To The Ice Jam, We Continue To Monitor The Situation And The North Dakota National Guard Remains Ready To Answer The Call To Support Our State And Communities", Said Lt. Col. Matt Voeller, Ndng Director Of Domestic Operations.



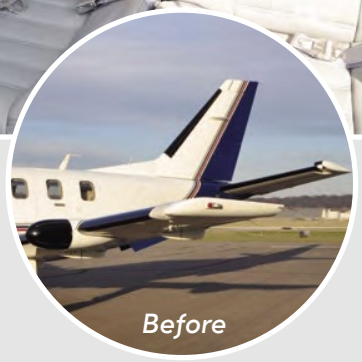
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Check out the online calendar for details on these events: aero.nd.gov/events

June 2024

Wishek Fly-In
June 14-15, Wishek (6L5) Kick-Off to Summer

Valley City Fly-In
June 15, KBAC, Valley City, ND

4th Annual Bottom Line Aviation Poker-Run
Jun 22 KBWW, Bottom Line Aviation Poker-Run at the Watford City Airport - S25. Contact Brent Kline with any Poker-Run questions via text 701-440-7449, or e-mail to Fuel@bottomlineaviation.com

New Town Fly-In
Jun 22, 05D, New Town Fly-In

9th Annual Fly-In/Drive In
June 22, 9Y1 - 151 Hwy 22 N, Killdeer ND 58640
Join us for the 9th Annual Fly-In/Drive In. Lunch provided, kids airplane rides, door prizes, and more!

S25 Fly-In & 4th Annual Bottom Line Aviation Poker Run
Jun 22, Watford City Airport to host the 4th Annual Bottom Line Aviation Poker-Run!

Bowman Fly-In/Grilled Hamburger Lunch
Jun 29, KBWW, Fly-in for Grilled Hamburger Lunch

July 2024

Fargo AirSho
July 27-28, Performances from the US Navy Blue Angels and the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team

North Dakota Aviation Association
FLY-ND SUMMERFEST
AUGUST 7-8, 2024
Woodland Resort, Devils Lake

This years' NDAA Fly-ND Summerfest will take place in conjunction with the Airports Association of North Dakota (AAND) Summer Meeting at the Woodland Resort in Devils Lake, ND, on August 7-8, 2024.

See page 3 for more details.

August 2024

4th Annual Williston Basin Airshow
Aug 03, Williston Basin International Airport
Join us for the 4th Annual Williston Basin Airshow for an immersive and unforgettable experience! Through captivating aerobatic displays, awe-inspiring aerial performances, and interactive exhibits, we aim to honor our past and inspire the future of aviation.

September 2024

Annual Bismarck Fly-In Pancake Breakfast
Sep 08, Bismarck Aero Center, Come have some *Plane Fun*!

Harvey 3rd Annual Fly-In
Sep 14, 5H4 Join us for the 3rd annual Fly-In!

October 2024

8th Annual Props & Hops — Oct 03Y19, Mandan, ND