



## **AIRPORT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - 2:00 PM**

**Conference Room A, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.A. July 12, 2016 Draft Minutes**

[July 12 2016 draft minutes.pdf](#)

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**4.A. Revue and recommendation to Mayor of committee applicant Jim Shaw**

[Jim Shaw member application.pdf](#)

**4.B. Discussion: Prioritizing recommendations from the Regional Task Force.**

4.C. Update re: Acquisition of property at south end of airport.

[CM report grant agreement.pdf](#)

[Map.pdf](#)

5. OPERATIONS REPORT

5.A. September 2016 Operation Report

[Operations Report for September 2016 meeting](#)

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA

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# Airport Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. 2016-558

Submitted by: Bob Fuller

Submitting Department: City Manager's Office

Meeting Date: September 13, 2016

## **SUBJECT**

July 12, 2016 Draft Minutes

## **Recommendation:**

## ATTACHMENTS

- [July 12 2016 draft minutes.pdf](#)

July 12, 2016

2:00 PM

Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Airport Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A, Newport City Hall. In attendance were: Committee chair Jeff Bertuleit, committee members Ralph Grutzmacher, Susan Reese-Painter, and Ken Brown. Mark Watkins was not in attendance. Also in attendance: City Manager Spencer Nebel, City Council liaison Ralph Busby, Airport staff Lance Vanderbeck, and Committee staff Bob Fuller (Public Works).

1. The meeting was called to order by committee chair Jeff Bertuleit at 2:06 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve the draft minutes from the June 14, 2016 meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.
4. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. FAA Hangars Notice of Final Policy
    - i. Vanderbeck advised the policy will take effect August of 2017. He said he did not see any glaring issues at the airport regarding the policy.
  - b. Air National Guard training visit scheduled for August 2017
    - i. Grutzmacher asked if there had been any movement regarding getting youth involved somehow in this event. Vanderbeck said he had talked to Air Guard personnel who advised they would contact him after talking to command staff to determine if this was appropriate for the training event. As of this date he has not had any further response. The committee approved Grutzmacher's suggestion that he go ahead and contact command personnel regarding a recruiter at the event. If he gets a reply, he will forward any contact information to Vanderbeck.
  - c. Additional staffing at airport
    - i. Nebel said the City Council unanimously accepted the committee's recommendations regarding long-term staffing needs at the airport.

5. Operations report

- a. Vanderbeck reviewed the monthly operation report, included in the packet.
- b. He noted there was a shortage of storage space for some of the maintenance equipment; Grutzmacher suggested purchasing a shipping container; Brown said Les Schwab in Prineville has several available, the cost is about \$1200 plus \$900 shipping.

6. Committee comments

- a. Bertuleit suggested staff research the possibility of offering discount pricing for volume purchases of fuel; Grutzmacher suggested offering gift cards (for local business or similar) to employees/pilots for purchasing large amounts of fuel, as an incentive.
- b. Nebel requested Vanderbeck look into the possibilities of these and similar sales incentives.
- c. Reese-Painter said the next task force meeting is August 3<sup>rd</sup> and she said there would be a report regarding this meeting at the next committee meeting.
- d. Bertuliet asked if there had been any inquiries from contractors regarding building hangars. Vanderbeck said it is a challenge to find qualified contractors; also there are water issues and building codes issues.
- e. Motion was made and passed to hold the next meeting at the airport.

7. Public comments

- a. Jim Shaw advised he had several comments for the committee.
  - i. He said no progress had been made on the barbeque area shelter.
  - ii. Doug Nebert's memorial tree had been damaged and has been replaced.
  - iii. The drone demonstration has not been scheduled. The Sheriff's Office will do it if the National Guard requests same.
  - iv. Local pilots group is willing to host Boy Scouts groups as an intro to aviation but has not had any replies from the Boy Scouts.
  - v. Shaw said he would like to see dollar amounts on fuel sales rather than just the gallons sold; Bertuleit said this has been considered in the past but there were too many variables involved to get an accurate number.

8. Adjourned at 3:15 PM.

# **Airport Committee Agenda Item Report**

Agenda Item No. 2016-567

Submitted by: Bob Fuller

Submitting Department: City Manager's Office

Meeting Date: September 13, 2016

## **SUBJECT**

Revue and recommendation to Mayor of committee applicant Jim Shaw

## **Recommendation:**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- [Jim Shaw member application.pdf](#)

Date: 7/25/16

Application  
For  
City of Newport  
Committee Appointment

Which committee are you interested in serving on (list in priority order if you are interested in multiple committees): \_\_\_\_\_

AIRPORT

Name: JAMES SHAW

Address: MAIL P.O. Box 128 SW BEACH OR 97366

Telephone Numbers: Cell: 541.961.5017 Home: N/A

E-Mail Address: SHAWSHAQ34@GMAIL.COM

Occupation: FORESTER

Employer: U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE (RETIRED)

(1) Why would you like to serve on a City of Newport committee? YES

(2) What is your educational and professional background?  
BS FORESTRY/WILDLIFE SYRACUSE UNIV (1957)  
LICENSED REAL ESTATE APPRAISER (SREA)  
REAL ESTATE LAW  
USAF PILOT TRAINING (1957-58)

(3) Have you ever served on a community committee? If so, what kind?  
CHM MOUND MN PARKS; CO-CHM SHERWOOD OR.  
PARKS; LINCOLN COUNTY OR. PARKS ADLEBY.  
DNP MASTER PLAN; BOARD OF DIRECTORS LINCOLN CO.  
OREGON HUNTERS ASSOC.

Continued on reverse...

(4) Do you agree with consensus decision making?

YES

(5) Are you willing to attend regularly scheduled meetings for the term of appointment?

YES

(6) Would you make decisions based on the facts and standards even though you may not agree with the ultimate decision?

DEFINITELY YES

(7) Do you anticipate having any conflicts of interest, due to personal and/or business relationships, that may disqualify you from making decisions?

NO

(8) List all other pertinent information/background for this position.

AIRCRAFT - HELD PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE  
REAL ESTATE - LICENSED APPRAISER, AGENT,  
NOTARY, CONSULTANT, COURT TESTIMONY,  
LAND SURVEYS, CHIEF REALTY USFWS (PDX) 40 EMPLOYEES  
BUDGET - DIRECTOR USFWS ALASKA BUDGET

Thank you in advance for your community spirit in offering to serve! Please return to

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City Manager's Office  
169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365  
541.574.0613

*J. Skahan*  
7/25/16

# **Airport Committee Agenda Item Report**

Agenda Item No. 2016-568

Submitted by: Bob Fuller

Submitting Department: City Manager's Office

Meeting Date: September 13, 2016

## **SUBJECT**

Discussion: Prioritizing recommendations from the Regional Task Force.

## **Recommendation:**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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# Airport Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. 2016-571

Submitted by: Bob Fuller

Submitting Department: City Manager's Office

Meeting Date: September 13, 2016

## **SUBJECT**

Update re: Acquisition of property at south end of airport.

## **Recommendation:**

## ATTACHMENTS

- [CM report grant agreement.pdf](#)
- [Map.pdf](#)

## CITY MANAGER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Meeting Date: September 6, 2016

### Agenda Item:

### **Authorization of an Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the Purchase of Land at the Airport**

#### Background:

The City of Newport has been working with the FAA regarding the acquisition of three parcels of property that are located within the Runway 34 Protection Zone at the south end of the Airport. These parcels include a 19.99-acre parcel, a 5.03-acre parcel, and a 25.03-acre parcel. The Federal government will pay 90% of the acquisition costs, with the maximum application of the FAA being \$400,000 for this project. The city has appropriated the local match in the current year budget for this acquisition.

#### Recommended Action:

I recommend the City Council consider the following motion:

**I move approval of a grant agreement with the US Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration to acquire Runway 34 Protection Zone land, with the FAA paying 90% of the allowable cost for this acquisition, up to a maximum obligation of \$400,000, with the City being responsible for 10% of the eligible costs; and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Newport.**

#### Fiscal Effects:

\$59,611 has been appropriated for the city's participation in this acquisition.

#### Alternatives:

Do not proceed with the grant agreement, or as suggested by the City Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. R. Nebel".

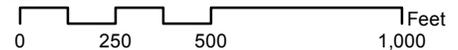
Spencer R. Nebel



City of Newport  
Community Development Department  
169 SW Coast Highway  
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### Newport Municipal Airport - Potential Land Acquisition

Image Taken July 2013  
4-inch, 4-band Digital Orthophotos  
David Smith & Associates, Inc. Portland, OR



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# **Airport Committee Agenda Item Report**

Agenda Item No. 2016-572

Submitted by: Bob Fuller

Submitting Department: City Manager's Office

Meeting Date: September 13, 2016

## **SUBJECT**

September 2016 Operation Report

## **Recommendation:**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- [Operations Report for September 2016 meeting](#)

We received a Certificate of Operational Excellence from World Fuel & Phillips 66! The certificate recognizes the City of Newport for maintaining operational excellence as a branded fuel provider to the business & general aviation flying public for 2016! I would like to give a big thank you and congratulations to my staff for all the hard work they put in on a daily basis to achieve this highest honor.

The 270<sup>th</sup> held their yearly tower training and it was a great success. We had wonderful support from local pilots using the time the 270<sup>th</sup> was here to work with them and provide a great training opportunity. Employee John Matherly also used this time to achieve getting his tower certification to be able to fly into towered airports. We did send out a late press release for a recruiting and visit day unfortunately it was unsuccessful. One of the challenges was getting a time of availability for recruiters to be here and a PIO on hand. They were able to have recruiters and a PIO on sight that came over from Albany. The time was not wasted by the 270<sup>th</sup>. While they waited for people to show up they used that time has a training exercise on how to be a Public Information Officer (PIO).

We moved on to the next part of the Connect Oregon Grant. The agreements will be reviewed by the Program Manager, the State legal counsel at the Department of Justice and the ODOT Procurement Office staff. Once the contract is approved they will be sent out for signing. At this time, they are anticipating a November 30 start date.

City Council approved the signing of the FAA AIP 24 grant contract. It has been returned it to the FAA. This AIP 24 grant is for \$400,000 to buy land on the south end of the airfield to protect our Runway Protection Zone.

I have received the Wildlife Hazard Management plan. Waiting for FAA approval for it to be put into operation.

We will have a 139 cert inspection the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark Gabel our cert inspector found some issues with ARFF on an unofficial visit in July. I have been working with Chief Murphy on resolving those issues. We will be getting brand new training material, organization, and quizzes for each section. We also ran into the issue of the live fire re-cert. That class is given by the fire school in Moses Lake. Moses Lake had moved the class to October that would put us out of certification. We were able to teamed up with Moses Lake Airport that was in the same boat, and split the cost of the instructor to get the re-cert done on time.

We had a meeting with the land owners on getting the trees down that are in the 34 RPZ. We explained the new easement and how that will affect them height wise and answered the questioned that were brought up. The meeting went very well and the land owners are open to the easement. We also went over the possible RFP to be sent out for the tree clearing and how they will be cleared. We are waiting for signatures and any further questions before we can move forward. We are hopeful to have the trees down by the end of December.

There was State Aviation Board meeting in September 1. Mark Gardiner has served his term and passed the gavel to Martha Meeker. Martha Meeker retired as a Brigadier General in 2015 after 28 years in the Air Force. Her broad range of aviation experience includes operational assignments as an EC-135, KC-135 and E-3 instructor navigator and evaluator where she totaled over 1900 flight hours. In addition, Martha has managed airports at Spokane Air Force Base, Washington and at Charleston, South Carolina, a dual use international civilian airport and military airfield. As for her ground time, Martha's staff experiences ranged from supporting air mobility operations worldwide to extensive time overseas supporting NATO to time at the Pentagon where she served as the Air Staff lead for mobility, special operations and search & rescue aircraft requirements, integrating warfighter needs within a \$122 billion portfolio. Martha has commanded the squadron and wing levels.

Today, Martha is still serving her community as a city manager for McMinnville, Oregon. Her passion is economic development and that extends to the aviation industry which she sees as a critical link in Oregon's multimodal transportation system. Mark Gardiner will still be on the board of the Oregon Aviation Industries (ORAVI)

ORAVI will be holding the 2016 summit on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. They will be focusing on Rural service. Keynote speakers will include, Senator Betsy Johnson, ODA Director Mitch Swecker, Senator Ted Ferrioli, ORAVI Chair Mark Gardiner, VP Insitu John Damush, and The Governor's Senior Policy Advisor Karmen Fore. I will be attending has well, but not has a keynote speaker.

The Port of Portland held an Oregon Regional Outreach Roundtable. We discussed goals of the air service roundtable, challenges and opportunities facing airports, and regional support of air service recruitment and retention.

We will be part of the Hillsboro EAA poker run on September 17th has a stop on the game route.

Konect Aviation has been gaining more ridership interest. They also have pick up a few students and pilots that need some re-certification.

I have sent the signed rental car contract from Hertz.

The pavilion plans are with Tim Gross. Meaning it is in que to do. I was given a six-month time frame.

No issue with the Rotating Beacon.

AV-tanks and mobile refueler is losing antifreeze out of the bottom of the radiator. Pricing out repair cost and time to have truck down.

Jet-A tank was found with a missing bonding clip during the quarterly fire inspection. New bonding clip is in and on. That was the only issue the Fire inspection found.

No issues to report with the crew cars.

Operations truck front break seized shut. Got breaks fixed and truck is up and running.

Kubota has had no issues this month.

Automated gate operators are working fine. Continued lubing and tightening chains when needed.

Night inspection found the apron lights at the box hangars are not working put in a fixit ticket.

AWOS had main break flip twice this month shutting off the system. Flipped breaker back on it has been working fine since.

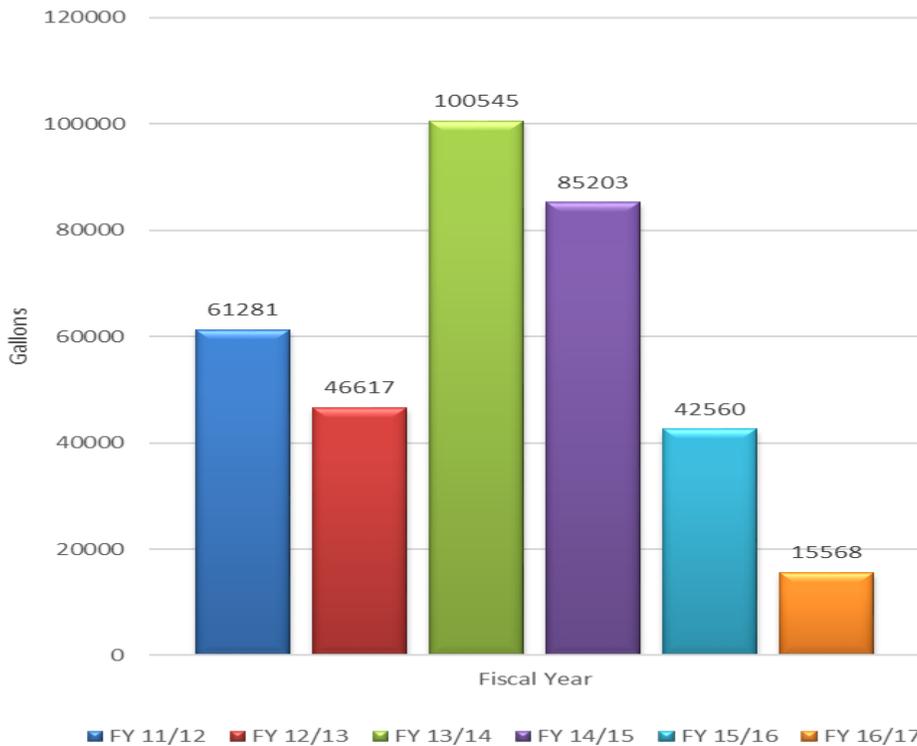
16 PAPI has been reported out to FAA twice this month.

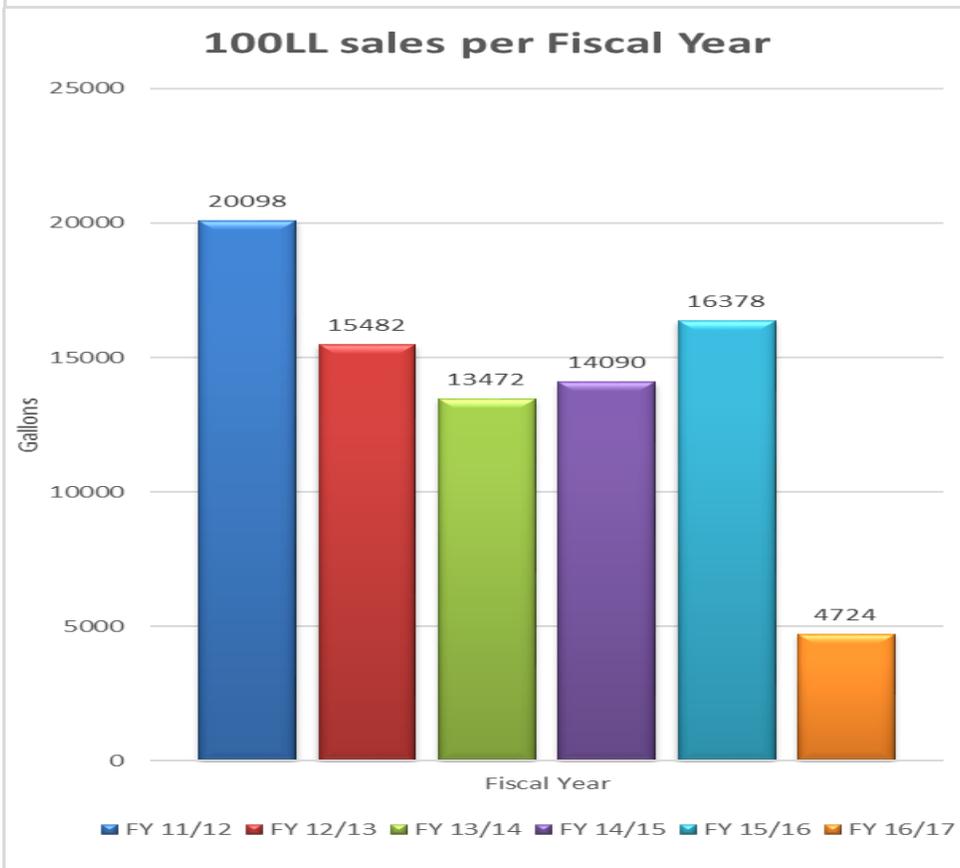
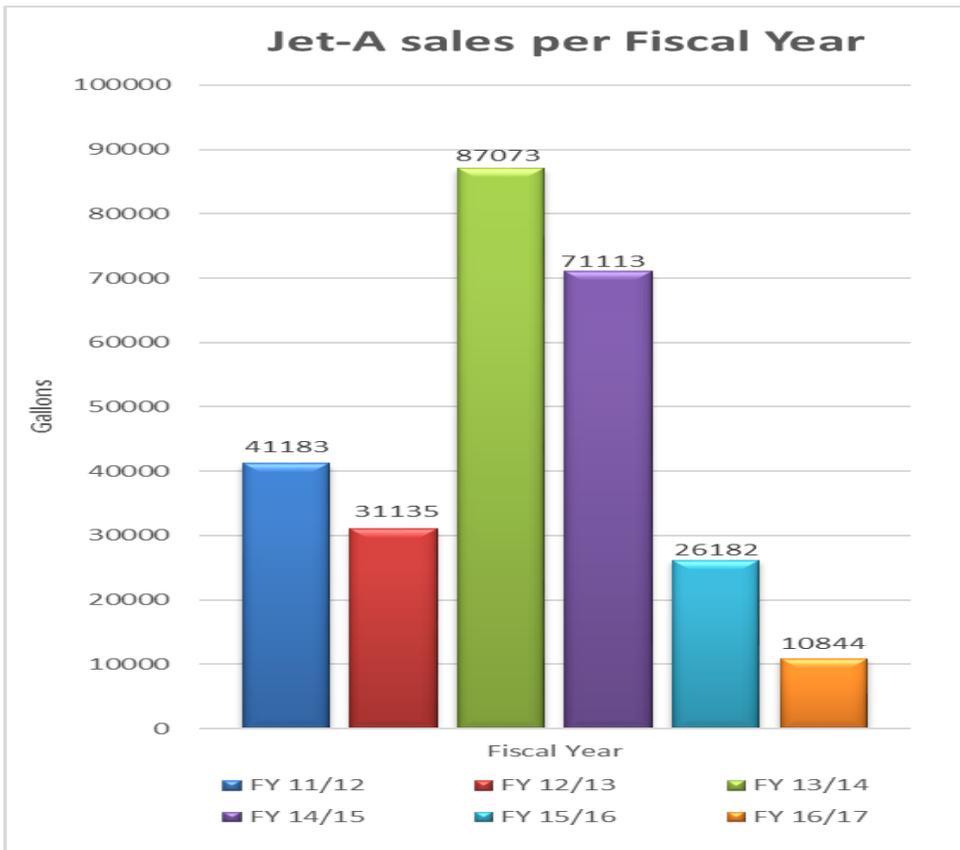
No issues with approach lighting (MALSR).

Following is how we finished the month of August 2016.

<b>Aircraft Quantity</b>				<b>Fuel Consumption</b>			
Month	IN	OUT	Tot.A.O	Jet A	Av Gas	Self Serve	Total
July	430	429	859	6869	841	840	8549
Aug	332	333	665	3231	1062	1271	5564
Sept	78	78	156	744	363	265	1372
Oct			0				0
Nov			0				0
Dec			0				0
Jan			0				0
Feb			0				0
Mar			0				0
Apr			0				0
May			0				0
Jun			0				0
<b>Cur. FY</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>10844</b>	<b>2266</b>	<b>2376</b>	<b>15486</b>
<b>FY 15/16</b>	<b>4263</b>	<b>4234</b>	<b>8497</b>	<b>26182</b>	<b>7854</b>	<b>8524</b>	<b>42560</b>
<b>FY 14/15</b>	<b>3686</b>	<b>3572</b>	<b>7258</b>	<b>71113</b>	<b>5985</b>	<b>8103</b>	<b>85201</b>
<b>FY 13/14</b>	<b>3199</b>	<b>2914</b>	<b>6113</b>	<b>87073</b>	<b>4098</b>	<b>9374</b>	<b>100546</b>
<b>FY 12/13</b>	<b>3121</b>	<b>3083</b>	<b>6204</b>	<b>31135</b>	<b>4430</b>	<b>11049</b>	<b>46614</b>
<b>FY 12/11</b>	<b>3219</b>	<b>3181</b>	<b>6400</b>	<b>41183</b>	<b>4275</b>	<b>15823</b>	<b>61281</b>
<b>FY 10/11</b>	<b>3023</b>	<b>3085</b>	<b>6108</b>	<b>73458</b>	<b>4119</b>	<b>12004</b>	<b>89581</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>3419</b>	<b>3345</b>	<b>6763</b>	<b>55024</b>	<b>5127</b>	<b>10813</b>	<b>70964</b>

**Fiscal year comparison of total gallons of fuel sold.**





<b>Rental Cars</b>				
<b>CY</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
JAN	2	2	11	4
FEB	5	4	8	4
MAR	9	5	7	4
APR	4	5	10	7
MAY	14	9	8	4
JUN	9	12	28	8
JUL	22	16	30	16
AUG	24	3	25	10
SEP	14	10	14	9
OCT	8	5	13	
NOV	14	2	11	
DEC	1	1	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>66</b>

<b>Courtesy Cars Loaned Out</b>					
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
JAN	0	0	33	23	28
FEB	2	0	16	17	23
MAR	2	0	29	41	25
APR	2	0	28	36	42
MAY	9	0	29	20	45
JUN	14	0	19	43	48
JUL	10	28	39	41	52
AUG	0	27	19	38	43
SEP	0	25	25	32	6
OCT	0	35	12	22	
NOV	0	22	19	29	
DEC	0	8	10	16	
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>312</b>

I have attached our local area's fuel prices for Jet-A and 100LL.

## Jet-A prices within 65 miles of Newport, OR 97365

Jet A

\$3.20—\$4.84

Average \$3.62

KONP Newport Municipal Airport Newport, OR

Newport Municipal Airport Phillips 66 FS \$3.90

KCVO Corvallis Municipal Airport Corvallis, OR

Corvallis Aero Service EPIC FS \$3.60

6S2 Florence Municipal Airport Florence, OR

Florence Airport Volunteer Group SS \$3.20

KEUG Mahlon Sweet Field Airport Eugene, OR

Atlantic Aviation

EPIC FS \$4.84

KSLE McNary Field Airport Salem, OR

Salem Aviation Fueling @ Salem Air Center

EPIC FS \$3.45

KTMK Tillamook Airport Tillamook, OR

Tillamook Airport Phillips 66 PS \$3.39

KMMV Mc Minnville Municipal Airport Mc Minnville, OR

Cirrus Aviation

Epic \$3.25

77S Hobby Field Airport Creswell, OR

Creswell Airport Phillips 66 SS \$3.20

17S Chehalem Airpark Newberg, OR

Precision Helicopters PS \$3.89

2S6 Sportsman Airpark Newberg, OR

Sportsman Airpark independent FS \$3.45

100LL Avgas prices within 55 miles of Newport, OR 97365

100LL

\$3.99—\$5.64

Average \$4.73

KONP Newport Municipal Airport Newport, OR

Newport Municipal Airport Phillips 66 SS \$5.00 or with pre-paid fuel card. \$4.50 FS \$5.10

KCVO Corvallis Municipal Airport Corvallis, OR

Corvallis Aero Service EPIC SS \$4.85 FS \$5.35

6S2 Florence Municipal Airport Florence, OR

Florence Airport Volunteer Group SS \$4.60

7S5 Independence State Airport Independence, OR

Nutsch Aviation Phillips 66 SS \$3.99

Independence Aviation LLC SS \$4.25

S12 Albany Municipal Airport Albany, OR

Infinite Air Center, LLC EPIC SS \$4.39

KEUG Mahlon Sweet Field Airport Eugene, OR

Atlantic Aviation EPIC SS \$4.45 FS \$5.64

S30 Lebanon State Airport Lebanon, OR

LebanAir Aviation independent SS \$4.71

KSLE McNary Field Airport Salem, OR

Salem Aviation Fueling @ Salem Air Center

EPIC SS \$4.85 FS \$5.35

KTMK Tillamook Airport Tillamook, OR

Tillamook Airport Phillips 66 SS \$4.55

KMMV Mc Minnville Municipal Airport Mc Minnville, OR

Cirrus Aviation

Epic SS \$4.10 FS \$4.45

I have attached an FAA News & Update in regards to Hangar usage.

The following is a News & Update from the FAA.

## News & Update

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You are subscribed to [News & Updates](#) from the FAA Homepage. This information has recently been updated, and is now available.

### **Section 333 vs. Part 107: What Works for You?**

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) new small drone rule – formally known as Part 107 – is effective on August 29. You may also be wondering what happens to your Section 333 exemption grant or petition for exemption. [View the video here.](#)

The biggest question is whether you are better off flying under the provisions of Part 107, or should continue using your existing exemption?

Your exemption is valid until it expires – usually two years after it was issued. Even after Part 107 becomes effective, you may choose to fly following the conditions and limitations in your exemption.

However, if you want to operate under the new Part 107 regulations, you'll have to obtain a remote pilot certificate and follow all of the rule's operating provisions. You must apply for a waiver if some parts of your operation don't meet the rule's requirements.

If you already have a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization under your Section 333 exemption – a "COA" – you can continue to fly under the COA limitations until it expires. If you don't already have a COA, you probably won't need one when the new drone rules go into effect.

However, if you want to fly in controlled airspace, you will need permission from FAA air traffic control. Details about obtaining that permission will be online at [www.faa.gov/uas](http://www.faa.gov/uas) when the small drone rule is effective on August 29, 2016.

If you applied for a Section 333 exemption but haven't received it yet, you should have received a letter from the FAA with specific information about the status of your petition. Generally, if your petition is pending and falls within the provisions of the rule, you should follow the steps outlined in the rule.

Whether you choose to fly under your exemption or under the new small drone rule is your choice, depending on how you want to operate your aircraft. You'll have to compare the conditions and limitations in your exemption to the operating requirements in the rule to determine which one best addresses your needs.

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## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

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**Date:** August 29, 2016

**Contact:** Les Dorr or Alison Duquette

**Phone:** 202-267-3883

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You are subscribed to News updates for the Federal Aviation Administration. A new Press Release is now available. We've included a copy of the release in this email.

**WASHINGTON** – Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator Michael Huerta today announced the implementation of the first operational rules for routine non-hobbyist use of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS or “drones”). The regulations on June 21, 2016 officially take effect today.

“People are captivated by the limitless possibilities unmanned aircraft offer, and they are already creating business opportunities in this exciting new field,” said Secretary Foxx. “These new rules are our latest step toward transforming aviation and society with this technology in very profound ways.”

“The FAA’s role is to set a flexible framework of safety without impeding innovation,” said Administrator Huerta. “With these rules, we have created an environment in which emerging technology can be rapidly introduced while protecting the safety of the world’s busiest, most complex airspace.”

The provisions of the new rule – formally known as Part 107 –are designed to minimize risks to other aircraft and people and property on the ground. A summary is available here: [http://www.faa.gov/uas/media/Part\\_107\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/uas/media/Part_107_Summary.pdf)

Effective today, the FAA has several processes in place to help users take advantage of the rule:

- **Waivers.** The agency is offering a process to waive some of the rule’s restrictions if an operator demonstrates the proposed flight will be conducted safely under a waiver. Users must apply for these waivers at the online portal located at [www.faa.gov/UAS](http://www.faa.gov/UAS)

The FAA is issuing more than 70 waivers today, based on petitions for Section 333 exemptions. These waivers will be posted on September 1. The majority of the approved waivers were for night operations under Part 107.

- **Airspace Authorization.** Users can operate their unmanned aircraft in Class G (uncontrolled) airspace without air traffic control permission. Operations in Class B, C, D and E airspace need air traffic approval. Users must request access to controlled airspace via the electronic portal at [www.faa.gov/UAS](http://www.faa.gov/UAS).

The FAA will evaluate airspace authorization requests using a phased approach. Operators may submit their requests starting today, but air traffic facilities will receive approved authorizations, if granted, according to the following tentative schedule:

Class D & E Surface Area	October 3, 2016
Class C	October 31, 2016
Class B	December 5, 2016

The FAA will make every effort to approve requests as soon as possible, but the actual processing time will vary, depending on the complexity of an individual request and the volume of applications the FAA receives. The agency is urging users to submit requests at least 90 days before they intend to fly in controlled airspace.

The FAA will use safety data from each phase to ensure appropriate mitigations are in place as small UAS operations are integrated into controlled airspace.

- **Aeronautical Knowledge Test.** Testing centers nationwide can now administer the Aeronautical Knowledge Test required under Part 107. After an operator passes the test, he or she must complete an FAA Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application to receive a remote pilot certificate at:

<https://iacra.faa.gov/IACRA/Default.aspx>

It may take up to 48 hours for the website to record that the applicant has passed the knowledge test. The FAA expects to validate applications within 10 days. Applicants will then receive instructions for printing a temporary airman certificate, which is good for 120 days. The FAA will mail a permanent Remote Pilot Certificate within 120 days.

In the future, the FAA also will address operations not covered by Part 107 without a waiver, including operations over people, beyond line of sight operations, extended operations, flight in urban areas, and flight at night.

Part 107 does not apply to model aircraft. Model aircraft operators must continue to satisfy all the criteria specified in Section 336 of Public Law 112-95 (which is now codified in part 101), including the stipulation they be operated only for hobby or recreational purposes. Click [here](#) for more information on hobby or recreation uses.

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