

# The Airport Report

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## LWS Once Again in the TOP TEN!

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For the second time in three years, the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport has been recognized as one of the best in the nation. On December 15 in an article entitled, "Results Are In: Best and Worst U.S. Airports in 2015," renowned travel writer Sid Lipsey summarized a recent study in which the 322 U.S. commercial airports were evaluated on a number of categories that can affect your flying experience for better or worse. Factors evaluated ranged from delayed and canceled flights to average fares to claims for lost or broken items.



The high ranking for LWS is "...due in part to its having the shortest flight delays in the country. Another thing that sticks out: their average fares are lower – about \$323."

Low fares, on-time performance, free parking? Next time you need to travel, why not consider your hometown airport?

### Reminders

- The Stout Flying Service self-serve fuel system has been upgraded and relocated, adjacent to the ramp and west of the main Stout hangar.

## Keeping the Spirit Alive...Friends of the Airport



There really is no place like home for the holidays. But for those who can't stay home, the Friends of the Airport have something a little special this year.

Commissioner Pat Nuxoll helped, but wanted a special "shout out" to volunteer Art McIntosh and Friends DeAnn Scrapeck, Doug Black, Sandra Lee, Leroy Chausee, Marlin Israel, and Joe Hulett for creating a warm atmosphere in the airline terminal.

## School Tours are Back!

Prohibited for years due to security concerns (...we pause here for those who wish to roll their eyeballs and let out a sigh...), the once wildly popular school tour program is back!

Denise Gustin with the Airport Authority recently tested the waters with a trial group. From the tower where they gazed wide-eyed at the view of the surroundings to the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station where they compared their own height to that of the tire on the airport's ARFF attack vehicle, to Stout Flying Service where they actually got to "sit in a real airplane," the excitement was obvious.

"It's worth it, just to see the

excitement on the kids' faces," said Wendy Fredrickson, Air Traffic Control Manager. "But if we can interest one child out of a thousand in a career in aviation, that's what it's all about."

"Denise did an outstanding job coordinating with the various agencies to conduct the tour," Chris Hayes, Airport Manager said.

Schools interested in scheduling a tour should contact airport administration at (208) 746-4471.



Wendy Fredrickson and Rick Smith with the "Sandcastle Day Care" Kids

## Don't Get "Personnel" With Us!

There's an apology in the mail for that cheeky pun. Can't help it!

After all, this article's original byline was, "Personnel Changes." That introduction not only seemed impersonal, it wasn't consistent with the tone set by Bill McCann, Jr. on his first day as Chairman of the Authority Board when he told the airport manager, "...so there's no misunderstanding, we are in the *people* business."

That philosophy was one of the cornerstones set as board members built the newest governmental agency in the region.

Today, the Airport Authority is still—as organizations go—an adolescent. And though much

was accomplished during its formative years, there were accomplishments only because of the good people involved.

Most recently, two Board vacancies were filled, the first by Jim Finley.

Originally from



Jim Finley

work in Epidemiology. He's a private pilot with an instrument rating and currently serves as the Commander of the Nez Perce County Sheriff's Air Posse.

Emmett McCormick is the newest Board member. He earned his instrument, commercial, multi-engine, and flight instructor ratings, then served as a flight



Emmett McCormick

**“Personnel”**

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instructor in Seattle for a couple years, before landing in the pilot’s seat flying for a Denver-based airline. Emmett is now a Development Manager at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories.

“Sometimes you have to search far and wide only to find what you were looking for right in your own back yard,” Bill McCann, Jr. said.

After two nation-wide searches looking for someone to replace former manager Robin Turner, the Authority Board of Commissioners “discovered” Chris Hayes. “We knew he was serious when he resigned his position on the Board.”

Nevertheless, Commissioners insisted he compete with candidates from a third nation-wide search.

“We’re really impressed with Chris,” said Verl Long, Board Secretary. “He’s energetic, he’s a quick learn, and he’s got a tremendous work ethic.”

Chris is a long-time resident of the Lewis-Clark Valley with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business and a private pilot license with a helicopter instructor’s rating.

Chris joins the Authority Staff and Commissioners in wishing the entire region a Merry Christmas!



**“...we’re in the people business...”**

-Bill McCann, Jr. Chairman  
Lewiston-Nez Perce County  
Regional Airport Authority

***Life Flight’s New Home***

When LifeFlight moved into the Lewis-Clark Valley six years ago, they found a welcome market, and they’re here to stay. Six years later, “home” is a beautiful, new hangar. Granted, only aviation folks would use that word to describe a *hangar*.

“But beauty is truly in the eyes of the beholder,” said Dominic Pomponio, regional manager, “and we’re proud of our new facility.”

LifeFlight recently hosted an

open house to showcase roughly 7,200 square feet of floor space that allows the air ambulance company to consolidate their maintenance, aviation, and clinical needs under one roof.

Congratulations,



***Drones...Not Just for the Battlefield Anymore***



The one on the left is a drone and the one on the right a model airplane, right? Actually, both may be both. Huh?

Safety concerns have led the FAA to create a new set of regulations models and drones may require registration. For additional information, go to [www.faa.gov/uas/model\\_aircraft](http://www.faa.gov/uas/model_aircraft).



## *Development-Ready Land*

After years of either having either no land available for aviation development, or constantly running behind demand's power-curve, the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport Authority Board recently hung out the welcome sign!

Development-ready lots are now available for both commercial and private aviation. And for the private hangar developer, this means lots, *really* ready now with taxilanes, paved landside access roads, and infrastructure (water, sewer, electricity, and gas). And the infrastructure isn't simply within the neighborhood. It's engineered to a planned layout and plumbed to the lot.

become available as demand presents itself. In the meantime, if aviation plays a role in your company's future, contact Chris Hayes, Airport Manager at (208) 746-4471. Better yet, stop by and look the area over personally.

Long term plans include expansion of the area as demand presents itself. But with the north side of the airport built-out, it will only be a matter of time.



*South Side Layout Plan*

*The above schematic shows one of many potential layouts for the Airport's south side. The light gray area (upper left) depicts a large apron area already in place. Two taxilanes, a landside access road and supporting infrastructure potentially serving up to eight hangars have also been installed. The land available could accommodate most anything from a Forest Service tanker base to multiple specialty commercial aviation companies.*

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LEWISTON-NEZ PERCE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT



**Feedback.....**

**It isn't something we put up with. The Authority Board and Staff appreciate input and suggestions—not just about this newsletter, but about ways we can improve our airport and the services provided**

**LEWISTON-NEZ PERCE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT  
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**William V. McCann, Jr., Chairman**

**Jim Finley, Vice Chairman**

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**Verl Long, Secretary**

**Emmett McCormick, Commissioner**

**Meetings**

For up-to-date information on schedules, check the Public Meeting section of the Lewiston Morning Tribune.

