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**Dear Hyla,**

Wow, I can't believe another quarter of a year has passed since our last correspondence. We hope you have had a pleasant time. We hope you are looking forward to some air travel in the not too distant future. Enjoy!

Hyla

**Airport Update (Another Record Year)**

The Rogue Valley International - Medford Airport is the 3rd largest commercial service airport in Oregon, serving the southern Oregon region from the mountains to the coast and our California neighbors from the south. Located in Medford, it is the region's only commercial airport. Air transportation is provided by Alaska, Allegiant Air, and Delta Connections and United Express, offered through SkyWest. These carriers operate non-stop flights to/from San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, Denver, Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. Ground transportation is available through a number of shuttles and taxi providers. For travelers wanting to explore on their own, five rental car agencies operate directly at the terminal. These include Alamo, Budget, Hertz, National and Enterprise. General and corporate aviation is supported by two fixed base operators: Jet Center and Million Air. A vintage KC-97 aircraft and a rendition of the Oval Office offer two unique areas for meetings. In addition, there are standard conference rooms available located in the terminal. For more information please visit www.jacksoncounty.org or www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyAirportAuthority.

**Another month, another record at Medford Airport**

By Greg Stiles

The Medford airport had never come close to seeing 50,000 passengers during February until last month.
The Jackson County operated airport saw an 11.2 percent surge in commercial air travel in February, as 52,784 people passed through the gates, surpassing the previous record of 47,473 a year ago.

"I was hoping for that much, but I wasn't really expecting it," said airport Director Bern Case. "Usually, February is a little slower, but we had the advantage of an extra day this year."

On average, an extra day during peak seasons might add another 2,000 passengers, Case said. But the old mark was topped by more than 5,000 as the airport reeled off its 18th-straight record month.

"I know people plan out their travel ahead, but it appears the economy is edging back, and I'm glad our strength is holding on," Case said.

The longest string of record months ran from December 2003 through February 2006.

In another matter, Case said the airport recently was able to lower its bonded debt, which will save more than $4.8 million over the next 21-plus years. He said a combination of the airport's high credit rating, low 10-year Treasury Bond rates and the lack of Oregon Municipal Paper in the market led to the favorable conditions.

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for passionate volunteers to help share our amazing valley with the world. We inspire people to discover the beauty in our community and the abundance of great performances within. We reply on our volunteers to help us accomplish this mission. If you love Medford & the Rogue Valley and are interested in volunteering at the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport, we'd love to talk to you. Meet people from around the world and share your stories and experience Medford & the Rogue Valley like never before. Please call Tammi Mendels, 541-776-4021 or tammim@travelmedford.org

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ProDigiq has been recognized within the aviation industry, receiving two "Corporate Awards of Excellence" presented by both the Northwest and Southwest Chapters of the American Association of Airport Executives. The company has also been featured in a number of industry publications including: Airport Business Magazine, Airport Improvement Magazine, and Airport Revenue News for their development of mobile applications for airports, safety management data collection, and systems used to meet Federal Aviation Administration Part 139 reporting requirements. The owner and president, Arpit Malaviya, continues to be sought as a speaker and moderator at conferences throughout the United States. They now service over 28 airports and are continuing to expand beyond U.S. borders.

These new superior monitors, which accommodate larger font and more vibrant screens and assist users to better identify the information they are looking for, were installed in March. An additional monitor was installed on the second floor to help those passengers in the restaurant keep better track of their flight information.

"We've been extremely happy with their service and look forward to many years of partnership with ProDigiq," commented Bern Case, airport director.

Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Storage Building

In August 2015, a $7,160,000 construction contract was awarded to a local business, S&B James Construction Management. The project includes a 36,000 sq. ft. SRE storage building and related site improvements. Located towards the south end of Runway 32 near the existing cargo buildings, the new building will be a single story, high-bay facility with adjacent office spaces. Design and construction management services is by M & H Architecture, Portland, OR.
The TSA website has lots of resources for travelers. Click their logo to go there.

Site preparation began in late September 2015, and work on the building pad, footings, and storm drains has continued through the winter months. At the time of this publication, the project is approximately 25% complete. Installation of the pre-fabricated metal building is scheduled to begin at the end of March, with final completion anticipated in August 2016.

Funding for the project is being provided by an FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant, a ConnectOregon V grant, and Airport revenues.

Taxi!

Taxicab Staging Lane - Like most airports, Rogue Valley International-Medford taxi cabs are required to wait in a queue in the order of their arrival to provide fair access to all ground transportation service providers. On February 5, 2016, the Airport opened a new staging lane which provides additional queuing space on the south end of the ground transportation lane and an opportunity for taxi providers to now exit the lane prior to incurring the ground transportation fee.

Allegiant Airlines Adds Flights

Seasonal Flights Added
Beginning May 20, 2016, Allegiant Airlines will be adding seasonal flights from Medford to Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona. These flights and their return trips back to Medford will run until mid August. Call 702-505-8888 or [www.allegiantair.com](http://www.allegiantair.com) for more information.

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**Airport Facebook Page**
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