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Looking for Santa?

Official Norad site.

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And you probably wondered how he can fly so far without refueling - well, here's your answer!



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Greetings!



Travel safe - travel often - enjoy family and friends.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Hyla

Highway 62 Project



The Airport has been working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the FAA to facilitate the Highway 62 Bypass project. The transfer/sale of seven parcels of property owned by the County, as well as a permanent easement

located in the Runway Protection Zone at the South end of the Airport require approval by the FAA before the project can move forward. This concept approval has now been obtained, and the processes of the project are underway. The project may be set to begin construction in in the spring.

Airport Reaches Goal of "Net Zero" Carbon Foot Print



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Parking Spaces



The Rogue Valley International - Medford Airport invited the general public to a "Lights Up" event on Monday, November 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. The event was to commission the third phase of the Airport's solar energy projects.

This latest phase of the project included the installation of a photovoltaic solar system on three new canopies. In addition to the canopies, the metal Halide lights were replaced with light emitting diodes, "LEDs," throughout the Airport's 16-acres of parking lots, reducing its carbon footprint to zero. A two-vehicle electric charging station has also been installed. All three solar projects combined generates approximately 77kW.

"Each solar canopy that is constructed reduces our carbon footprint significantly. I'm learning to speak a whole new language when it comes to solar installations," stated Airport Director Bern Case. As a bonus, the new solar canopies will provide some added protection from the weather.

This Blue Sky project was awarded in June of this year to Vitus Construction, a locally owned company. As with the first two projects, the Airport partnered with Pacific Power's Blue Sky customers and the Energy Trust of Oregon, who provided incentives.

To help commemorate the event, a number of County officials attended along with the general contractor, Vitus Construction; Ron Grimes Architects, P.C.; and representatives from Pacific Power and Energy Trust of Oregon.



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Standard Parking

### 15 Months of Record Breaking Passenger Numbers



The  
year-  
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For more information Call 541-776-7222



The TSA website has lots of resources for travelers. Click their logo to go there.



passenger numbers for the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport are phenomenal! We have experienced consistent increases every month, all year long, culminating with an anticipated ¾ million passengers by year end. This is great for the Airport but spills over to all our partners and tenant businesses as well. The Airport is grateful to the airlines and their staff, rental car companies, restaurant and gift shop, airport staff, volunteers, and the traveling public for making this such a remarkable year!



### Facebook

#### Airport Facebook Pages



**FlyMFR.com**

The Airport has been maintaining two Facebook pages for a while now. The first page was established several years ago to get us involved with the growing need for social media interaction.

The second one, [www.facebook.com/RogueValleyInternationalMedfordAirport](http://www.facebook.com/RogueValleyInternationalMedfordAirport) was created when the Airport sponsored it's famous "Rogue Race" last year. That page was coordinated and administered by our marketing partner, Sixel Consulting. The time has come to simplify our social media presence, and so the decision has been made to consolidate the two pages. We ask that you go to, and "like", our page at [www.facebook.com/jacksoncountyairportauthority](http://www.facebook.com/jacksoncountyairportauthority)

It will be updated with news and events that will be even timelier than the ACE Newsletter.

### Drone Safety



Real time flight info and schedules



More real time flight tracking for other cities as well



Travel Tips



### IF YOU GET THIS FAR...

The world is going to the dogs! Even Santa has them busy in his workshop. Check out these canine elves.



Larry Cogdell, Public Relations Officer,  
Rogue Eagles RC Club

Recent media stories have reported that just in time for Christmas, many of you (perhaps 700,000) will be receiving a gift of a new DRONE. They have become a very popular gift item, but before you even take it out of the box, there are some very important things you need to know.



First, on December 14, 2015, the FAA released this statement,. "The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced a streamlined and user-friendly web-based aircraft registration process for owners of small unmanned aircraft (UAS) weighing more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) and less than 55 pounds (approx. 25 kilograms) including payloads such as on-board cameras."

Therefore, before you fly your drone, you must register with the FAA. Failure to do so could result in a civil fine of up to \$27,500. You can register online, starting December 21st, by going to [www.faa.gov/uas/registration](http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration) . Another resource you should read completely is the frequently asked questions page about this issue located here: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/faq> .

Second, although many drones are somewhat easy to fly, I suggest you contact someone experienced in these aircraft (yes, the FAA classifies them as aircraft, specifically UAS - Unmanned Aircraft System) to walk you through the setup and testing of your drone before you ever try to fly it. If you do not know anyone, consider contacting a member of a chartered club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The AMA currently has more than 180,000 members around the country. One of the largest RC (Radio Control) clubs in Oregon, the Rogue Eagles, is located in Eagle Point, Oregon with more than 160 members, many of which have experience with these types of aircraft. You can contact me at (541) 840-1514 or check out their web site at [www.rogue-eagles.org](http://www.rogue-eagles.org) for additional information.

Third, there are several specific rules and guidelines you must follow to fly your drones legally and just as important, safely. Rather than bore you with a list, comedians, Jeff Dunham and Bubba J. have made an educational video that will give you rules you need to know and also direct you to additional resources. Check them out here.

You can cozy up to a warm (digital) fireplace and hear your favorite Christmas carols.



Do you have an old airplane?  
Here's a clever "re-purposing" idea!



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