



Wisconsin –

Cornucopia reaps community support

What began on May 18 as the annual Winter's Finally Over (WFO) hangar party developed into a work party at Cornucopia Airport, followed by the inaugural fly-in to celebrate the improvements, and reciprocate for the outpouring of community support.

The Village of Cornucopia showed its appreciation for its airport by turning out for



a community fundraiser the same evening as the WFO hangar party. Around 40 people attended. "As the population of the entire village is only ninety-eight people,

this was a fantastic turnout," RAF Wisconsin Liaison Jeff Russell said.

Cornucopia (W123) is a 2,000-ft turf airstrip located 46 nm east of Duluth,

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RAF and AOPA Safety Institute conclude successful series

The Recreational Aviation Foundation is pleased to have teamed up with AOPA's Air Safety Institute on more than fifty of their in-person live seminars, "From Peaks to Pavement: Applying Lessons from the Backcountry". This ambitious six-month series concluded after 88 separate two-hour sessions were held across the country. A total of 8,526 people attended the seminars.

Thirty-five key RAF volunteers participated with ASI's select seminar leaders during the presentations. Some of the sessions were standing-room only, attracting over 200 attendees.

"We are delighted with the feedback we've received on the Peaks to Pavement

seminars," said ASI Executive Director Richard McSpadden. "ASI and the RAF teamed in hopes to further aviation safety, and advance awareness and participation in the RAF and its important mission. We achieved both objectives and gave pilots a fun way to learn and meet new friends," he added.

RAF State Liaisons, Ambassadors and other key RAF volunteers were available for the Q&A discussion following each program, and shared the RAF mission with audiences.

"No organization does more for GA safety than ASI. We look forward to continuing to team up on RAF-ASI efforts, because we know it benefits our members

and all pilots," RAF Vice President Jack Tyler said.

Pictured is a Wisconsin AOPA-ASI Peaks to Pavement presentation, one of the 35 in which RAF volunteers participated

– Jeff Russell photo.



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RAF brand – the new way to flight plan

– RAF Chairman John McKenna



Before the RAF, there was little to no conversation at a national level about backcountry flying. You, through the RAF, shaped those discussions.

– RAF Chairman John McKenna

As Pilot-In-Command we do our best to plan our trip. In days gone past we'd sprawl on the floor with the newest sectionals all laid out. With great anticipation we'd draw lines, plot our route, and contact Flight Service for weather – even if we weren't leaving for weeks. Planning the journey was nearly as exciting as the flight itself.

Today we tap our iPad, open ForeFlight, touch the screen a few times, and everything we need magically appears. I happen to love it and I depend on it all the time, but sometimes I wonder if something has been lost in the preflight excitement.

What does all that have to do with the RAF? You are now seeing the new version of who we are. Some call it branding, but we like to say we are just planning our next flight. Back in 2003, we laid maps on the floor and did our best to draw a line to our planned destination. But something happened along the way. That something was you. You joined in and took us to places across the country we had not thought about going. Places that offered new opportunity and where we met new people who helped accomplish things we did not imagine possible.

You, the RAF member, have shaped who we are. We are not an organization driven by people trying to build an empire, but rather a group of people just trying to make a difference. You have done that. Before the RAF, there was little to no conversation at a national level about backcountry flying, conserving the resources, protecting access, or being a part of the dialogue with other land users. You, through the RAF, have shaped those discussions and decisions.

Just like that long cross-country flight, there have been delays and detours, but just look how far we've come. Look at the good friends we've made along the way: AOPA, GAMA, and many state aviation organizations. People who are in the mix daily and have our backs . . . we have theirs, as well.

We did not change for change's sake, but rather to reflect the RAF of today. So when you look at our new logo, log onto our new website from your desktop, laptop, tablet, phone, or other mobile device, we hope you'll recognize yourself in that electronic mirror.

We have not thrown out those sectionals that plotted our course to this point, nor should we discard the things that got us where we are today, including that cool original RAF logo. We should all be proud to show our support for all that we have become together.

You, my friends, are the RAF and we hope you are as proud of who we have become, as RAF leadership is of you.

So tap that iPad and take a look at the RAF of the future. **RAF**

RAF branding is much more than a new logo

Not long after six fellows came up with the idea to form a nonprofit foundation to save backcountry airstrips, one of them bumped into a graphic artist at the Bozeman, MT airport. The artist enthusiastically sketched an idea on a napkin. The design was quickly adopted by the new Recreational Aviation Foundation as the logo you've seen on shirts, caps, vests, towels, windsocks, barbecue aprons, even engraved on pancake turners. The taildragger, trees, and mountain, circled by the words "Recreational Aviation Foundation" captured the passion of the organization, and served as the RAF's signature for over fifteen years.

As the RAF grows, leadership has been thoughtful about the RAF brand and has carefully considered the need to evolve as a few strong factors emerged. Our membership is more familiar with mobile devices; expects easy access to digital content, and appreciates ever-clearer, simpler imaging. RAF leadership recognized that its messaging needed to step up to this reality, while retaining its original purpose.

RAF Director Todd Simmons led the project, driven by these objectives:

- to ensure we continue our successful work making a significant impact on backcountry airstrips for our present and future members;
- to create a meaningful guidebook and filter for all decisions. The evolved brand aligns every objective, strategy and decision, reinforcing and elevating our mission.

Todd's team adjusted the RAF brand to better reflect an organization poised for future success, and the original logo evolved into the cleaner, more dynamic image you see now. "This change reflects much meaningful and thoughtful input. We have stayed absolutely true to our foundation, our diversity and our legacy," Simmons said.

The exercise also resulted in a new asset called a "brand book". The 20+ page document consolidates all the ideas of the RAF with regard to our mission, our vision, our values – basically, our purpose and passion. The book is a virtual lens through which all RAF leaders, liaisons, ambassadors and members can view our work and our goals. Please take a look at www.theRAF.org and let us know your thoughts.

A team is also streamlining the website so content is more readily available on mobile devices. We think you'll really like the simplicity as you continue to tap this valuable reference.

One thing remains steadfast: "Our pledge to remain true to our soul," Chairman John McKenna says. "We began by sharing stories and making friends around a campfire, and we won't venture from those roots."

Another thing remains — that wonderful, head-turning orange!

We are proud to reveal this work to you today. Thank you, everyone, for your commitment and support to preserve, maintain, and create airstrips for recreational access.

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The RAF also enlists Ambassadors to represent the RAF at events. The current list can be found on page 7.

Front page flag photo: Byrd's Adventure Center (51AR) – Rusty Coonfield photo.

Minnesota –

Bowstring preserved; RAF adds facilities

RAF Call-To-Action brings supporters; saves Bowstring airport from potential closure.

RAF Minnesota Liaison Kurt Pennuto led a successful spring work party at Bowstring airport (9Y0), a 2,500-ft grass strip in a beautiful setting just east of Bowstring Lake. The airstrip offers recreational opportunities like camping, fishing and hiking; and it's a good starting point to explore northern Minnesota. There is access to Bowstring Lake and the Chippewa National Forest trail system.

Thanks in part to an RAF grant, volunteers created campsites with tent pads, and installed RAF fire rings and picnic tables at each site. They built an outhouse close by. This project was a good demonstration of how the RAF works with involved parties to preserve airstrips, because the future of Bowstring had been in jeopardy.

In 2018, Pennuto learned that the Itasca County commissioners were considering closing the airport. The county feared that ownership was exposing them to liability. The commissioners were not aware that Minnesota's Recreational Use Statute includes aviation, providing a level of liability protection to the land owner/manager in the event of a mishap.

"The RAF has demonstrated that civil conversations can lead to constructive solutions," Pennuto said, so he sent out



an RAF Call-To-Action asking supporters to attend the upcoming planning meeting, or send comments in writing. The impressive turnout in May included 45 people, and twelve aircraft. Wisconsin Liaison Jeff Russell attended, and both he and Pennuto reported that the county commissioners seemed quite surprised by the turnout. "They specifically noted the

RAF's attendance and appreciated us being there," Russell said. The county also received 28 emails, letters and phone calls supporting Bowstring's open status.

After the meeting, Pennuto said, "There is still more work to do, but for now Bowstring is on good footing." Based on that optimism, he was confident to proceed on the RAF grant process.

Reflecting on the success of the June work party he said, "The support from the Bowstring airport commission is a great partnership." He pointed out that five airport board members pitched in to help. A pilot for Minnesota's Department

of Natural Resources dropped in, and "has a keen interest in our mission," Kurt said. "We look for continued partnering with the Itasca County commission and the state DNR," he added.

Taylor joins RAF board

Steve Taylor has stepped up to serve on the all-volunteer RAF Board of Directors. He grew up in and around airplanes and soloed a Super Cub on his 16th birthday and earned his private pilot's license on his 17th birthday.

His career at Boeing included assignments as the President of Boeing Business Jets, and Chief Pilot for Commercial Airplanes, giving him the distinction of having flown on all seven continents.

In his "retirement", he flies a Gulfstream G650ER for a local client as well as a host of "fun" airplanes.

Taylor's wife Kris has a degree in Aerospace/Aeronautical

Engineering. They have two teenage children and the family lives in Bellevue, WA. "Kris and our kids have grown up in little airplanes," Taylor says. "Our whole crew is very excited to have the opportunity to contribute to the RAF."

"Steve brings the unique blend of profession, pilot, and passion to the board of the RAF," Chairman John McKenna said, adding, "Steve grew up in aviation, lives it today and is concerned about the future. He understands the RAF's role in all of that, and is excited to roll up his sleeves and pitch in."



RAF Grant projects add recreational access

How RAF grants work

The RAF is primarily volunteer-driven, meaning your donations go directly toward on-the-ground projects that further the RAF mission to preserve, maintain, and create airstrips for recreational access. Most projects involve all volunteer labor, and donated or discounted materials and equipment usage. Occasionally, products or services must be purchased, but the emphasis is always on maximizing donors' contributions to deliver the best value on these tangible improvements.

Volunteer RAF state liaisons identify places where an airstrip project will improve safety, add amenities, or enhance access to recreational opportunities. They apply to the RAF grant committee, whose members review each application for relevance to the RAF mission. Applications come in from all over the country, and the review committee takes great care to marshall RAF resources, and place dollars where they'll do the most good.

This issue includes details on some of the projects that have been completed in the past several months. States where projects are completed or underway are Colorado, Florida, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Oregon, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

One example that brought immediate results is West Yellowstone Airport campground, adjacent to the north tie-down area. RAF Montana Liaison Scott Newpower identified it as in need of some investment of both cash and labor, and applied for an RAF grant to replace the crumbling concrete campsite fire rings,

add a gazebo, and in general clean up and improve the appeal of the place. The volunteer work party took place on Saturday, June 22, and visitors to the campground who'd flown in from Colorado wrote to the RAF, "You people are single-handedly contributing to the quality of people's days . . . Much appreciated. Best regards."

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Volunteer group photo at West Yellowstone.

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in a beautiful part of Wisconsin, near the shoreline of Lake Superior with many recreational opportunities.

This outpouring of support enabled Russell to obtain a matching RAF grant to build a pilot shelter with rustic half-log siding, install four tie-downs, provide three picnic tables and loaner bicycles for the one-mile trip into town.

The June Fly-in brought sixteen planes and over 25 people who appreciated the natural beauty of this very special place, and "the folks in the village of Cornucopia welcomed us so unbelievably warmly," Russell said. "I think we had a very positive impact on this little village. I am sure that Cornucopia is going to continue to benefit from the exposure we have given to their little slice of heaven with lots of returning pilots."

Russell credits the community and the RAF for the funds for the pilot shelter and the bicycles. "Both were used heavily during the event, and we are already making plans for next year and Phase II of airport improvements," he said.

Below: Cornucopia Fly-in flightline; just a short walk from the airfield yields scenery and kayaking.



Team Building – RAF adds State Liaisons



Bill McCormick, Kentucky

Bill joins Kentucky Liaison Jeff Smith in advancing the RAF mission. Bill served as an RAF Ambassador since January 2018, and is “excited to explore opportunities for more recreational use strips in our state,” he says.

Growing up in St. Joseph and Kansas City, MO, Bill always wanted to take flying lessons. He began his training in 1997, “but then a move, life and work got in the way,” he says.

While on a fishing trip in western Alaska with his brother in 2011, each day’s flights on and off the water in seaplanes to the day’s fishing spot rekindled his passion and he decided to finish training for his private pilot license. He was certified in 2012, obtained a Maule MX7-180C in 2015 “and I’ve been having fun ever since,” he says.

When not working with clients’ financial and retirement planning, Bill enjoys back-country flying, camping next to the plane, (especially if there’s some good fly fishing by), hiking, and biking.



Dustin Welker, Missouri

When Dustin started flight training in the summer of 2017, he and his father bought a Cessna 172D based at Perryville Regional Airport (KPCD). Dustin earned his private pilot license, and his father will, as well.

Born and raised in rural southeast Missouri, Dustin now lives in St. Louis with his wife and daughter. Dustin works for the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, and attends the Saint Louis University College of Law where he is a 2021 Juris Doctorate candidate.

Dustin has been passionate about outdoor recreation for as long as he can remember. During flight training Dustin searched for remote recreational airfields in Missouri but was disappointed they were rare to nonexistent. The search did however lead him to the Recreational Aviation Foundation.

A camping flight to Trigger Gap in Arkansas showed him firsthand the value of, and need for, his work as an RAF Liaison.



Chris McAtee, Wyoming

Chris grew up around aviation in Wyoming. He served in the Air National Guard from 2003-2009, working on C-130 engines and propellers. He is an A&P/IA and an EAA tech counselor and currently serves as Director of Maintenance for a Part 135 operation based in central WY.

After flying sporadically since the age of 18, circumstances were finally right in October of 2018 and he earned his private pilot license in his newly purchased 1947 Stinson 108-2. He plans to pursue his instrument, commercial, and CFI ratings.

Chris joins RAF Wyoming Liaison Lori Olson. They have already teamed up on a work party at the Miracle Mile airstrip, with the Casper and Cheyenne EAA chapters. The Platte River’s “miracle mile” is known for great fishing, and Chris and Lori encourage you to fly in with your camping and fishing gear.

Chris is the proud father of a son and daughter, both of whom love flying and hanging out at the airport with Dad.

For a complete roster of RAF State Liaisons, see www.theRAF.org.

What does an RAF state liaison do?

All RAF State Liaisons serve on a volunteer basis and work under the direction of the Volunteer Coordinator. Liaisons further RAF goals by providing expertise, support, labor, and encouragement to individuals and state aviation organizations. The Liaison is a resource for private landowners. On public lands, they take part in scoping and commenting during management planning.

They identify projects and may apply for RAF grants, and organize volunteers to accomplish tasks to preserve, maintain, and create airstrips for recreational access.

The Liaison publicizes RAF activities, projects and accomplishments to pilot groups, cooperative groups, and state and federal lawmakers. They provide reports for the RAF website and newsletter.

RAF Ambassador Team

You'll see our enthusiastic RAF Ambassadors in the backcountry, at work parties and aviation events. If you'd like to share the RAF message, yet work, family or other responsibilities don't permit a lot of time, consider the RAF Ambassador role.

Arkansas	Donna Perkins	Kansas	Bruce Latvala
Arkansas	Presley Melton	Maine	Jeremy Harmon
Arizona	Jeffrey Iorio	MI and Utah	John Riordan
California	Katerina Barilov	Missouri	Jim Dickerson
Colorado	Michael Langersmith	Missouri	Sarah Dickerson
Colorado	Alex Ruehle	Nevada	Fred Williams
Colorado	Sam Chambers	New Mexico	Larry Filener
CO and AK	Bill Murrish	New York	Bob Anderson
Connecticut	Greg Delp	North Carolina	Tim Farris
Florida	Debra Folsom	North Dakota	Jeff Faught
Florida	Amrat Chugani	ND and MN	Rick Mercil
Florida	Wes Whitley	Ohio	Kathleen Labrie
Florida	John Hall	Tennessee	Cal Scholten
Florida	Joe DeLeon	Texas	Mike Hergenrather
Florida	Lynn Gardner	TX and MT	Steve Maus
Georgia	Eric Davis	Washington	Alan Cossitt
Georgia	Brian Unrein	Wisconsin	Charlie Miller
Idaho	Andrew Simmons	Wisconsin	Bill Mecozzi
Illinois	David Warner	West Virginia	Jack Soronen
Iowa	Ken Warren		

The Recreational Aviation Foundation preserves, maintains, and creates airstrips for recreational access.



The Ambassador experience

– Amrat Chugani, Florida

Through the RAF I have introduced people to the joy and expansiveness of backcountry flying.

Most importantly, as a young pilot, I have learned from pilots with years more experience flying in these environments.

I have taken part in key events like the Arcadia Fly-in, the RAF/ASI Peaks to Pavement seminar, the Deland Sport Aviation Showcase and several AOPA fly-ins.

Call for volunteers – Erin White, RAF Volunteer Coordinator

Do you have ideas for preserving, maintaining, or creating recreational airstrips in your state? Do you have a passion for recreational aviation and a desire to share that passion with others? The RAF State Liaison position may be for you!

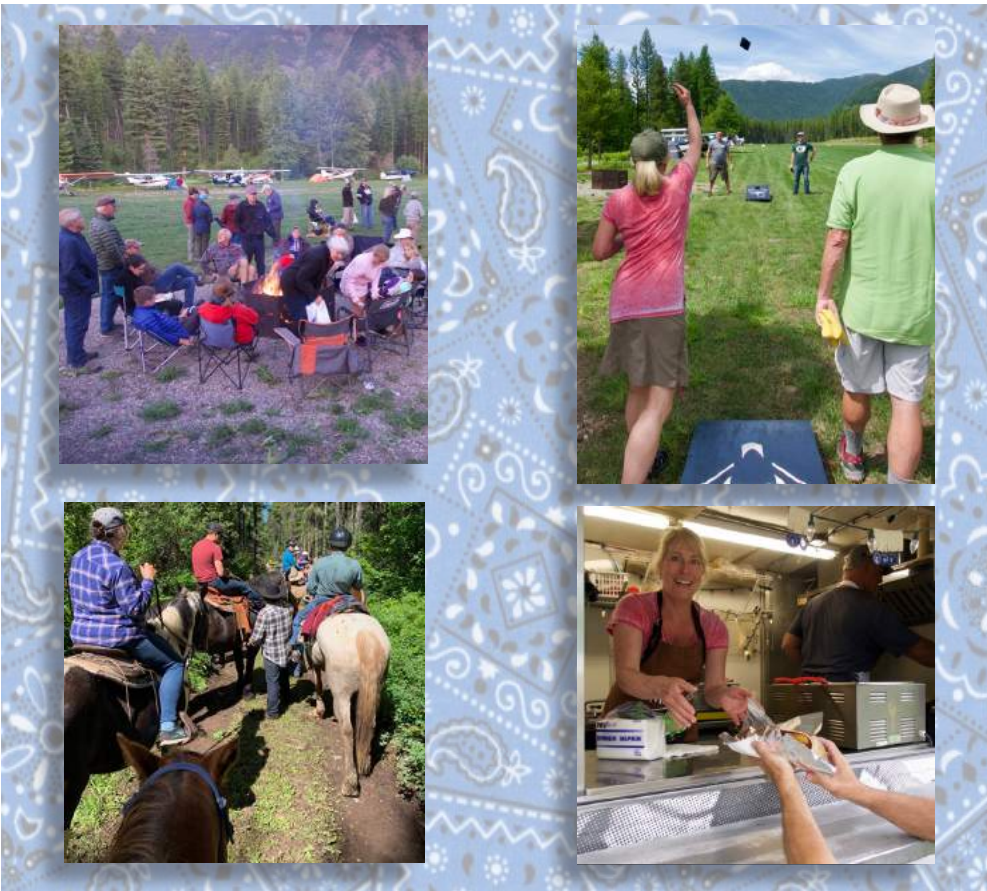
Volunteer State Liaisons investigate airfield projects in their state – sometimes on their own, sometimes alongside another Liaison in the state, and sometimes with assistance from Volunteer Ambassadors or active members. To many, Team RAF feels a lot like family. At this time, we are most urgently looking for volunteers in the following locations:

Alabama	Iowa	North Carolina
Delaware	Kansas	Rhode Island
Wash., DC	Louisiana	Texas
Hawaii	Nevada	Virginia
Indiana	New Jersey	



The RAF has additional volunteer needs beyond the State Liaison positions. We are in need of a Fulfillment Volunteer for our upcoming online store, a Grant Writing Volunteer, and various other positions. If you have a special skill you would like to share with the RAF, or would just like to chat, feel free to send me an email or give me a call!

Have a wonderful summer and fall!
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Free guide to fun places

The Airfield.Guide is a free, online interactive resource to help plan your next flying journey to a new, out-of-the-way place. You'll find information like lat/long, elevation, ownership, usage, and CTAF. Proximity to recreation like swimming, hiking, mountain biking, camping, lodging, horseback riding, restaurants and WiFi availability is included, and some listings have videos of approaches and departures.

See Airfield.guide to register, and begin planning your next adventure — brought to you by the RAF in association with Tailwind Aviation Foundation.

RAF Fall Photo Contest

Now's a great time to think about the RAF Fall Photo Contest!

It's summer, the kids are out of school, and it's vacation time. We invite you and your family to keep the RAF photo contest in mind as you enjoy outdoor activities with your airplane.

The contest will run in October and will again feature an 18-and-under category.

We will be looking for high quality, high resolution .jpg or .png images that illustrate the RAF mission. Each regional winner will receive a set of cards and envelopes featuring their photo. All entries are eligible for selection in RAF publicity.

Watch for details at www.theRAF.org prior to the October contest!



Out West at Ryan Fly-in

This year's RAF Ryan Field Fly-In hosted a nice lineup of aircraft, and guests enjoyed the bounty from Lindey's Steak House catering truck from Seeley Lake. Chef Mike Lindemer served sirloin steak sandwiches Friday night, and surprised everyone with three kinds of Montana ice cream. RAF ladies added fresh strawberries.

Saturday night diners filled all dozen tables and enjoyed beef or pork tacos, and got a giant sugar cookie frosted with the new RAF logo for dessert.

Rain on Friday night shut down the fire in the RAF fire ring, and Saturday morning's hot breakfast was welcomed by all, courtesy of the Seeley Lake Airport Foundation. Shoppers selected new RAF logo wear from the RAF Country Store all weekend.

Continuing the "Out West" theme, Swan Mountain Outfitters took ten riders on a horseback trail ride, and Berkley Hudson led

a dozen hikers in Saturday's welcome sunshine.

Saturday evening, wildlife biologists spoke about the regional grizzly bear population, how to minimize risk while recreating, and let guests try out bear spray techniques. At dinner, RAF co-founder and past director Chuck Jarecki was recognized for his long-term efforts building and maintaining the amenities at Ryan Field.

Lindemer set up a corn hole game and guests engaged in friendly competition long into Saturday evening, as others enjoyed conversation around the RAF fire ring.

The RAF thanks everyone who attended, and all the great RAF volunteers who helped host another successful RAF Ryan Field Fly-In. A special thanks to RAF Montana Liaison Scott Newpower who arrived in his pickup truck with the ice cream freezer that would not fit in his Bonanza.

Oregon – McKenzie Bridge airport maintenance collaboration

The RAF worked in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) in early June to maintain McKenzie Bridge State Airport (00S), a premier backcountry airfield located in the Cascade Range.

“We had an excellent turnout, everyone contributed and had a good time,” RAF Oregon Liaison Richard Mayes said. Approximately 30 volunteers attended, most camping on the airfield. The Oregon group was joined by two volunteers who came from Northern California to help. After-hours entertainment included fishing in the beautiful McKenzie River nearby, and button accordion and string music, including an upright bass.

Volunteers provided three tractors, industrial brush clearing equipment and a large assortment of hand tools. Taylor NW Construction of Bend provided 21 tons of graded fill materials to mitigate the damage caused by rodents and elk. The material was delivered by Alex Hodge Construction of Bend. Grading Unlimited Inc. of Hillsboro provided fill compaction equipment. ODA provided 18 horse-stall mats that the workers painted white and installed to

mark quarter points of the runway.

The crew mowed the airfield, tie-down, and helicopter operations areas; removed brush and small trees encroaching along the south side of the runway, and the overrun area at the west end of the runway; and repaired and remounted the damaged airport sign.

“We have made great improvements to the airfield over the past couple of years,” Mayes said. The airfield surface is still rough, but it is now useable for most general aviation aircraft. The tall trees at the east end of the runway restrict landing and departure directions and continue to present a safety concern, he reported. Find McKenzie River airport details in the Airfield.Guide.

“The volunteers all worked very hard, but we also enjoyed the companionship of our fellow pilots who believe we have a responsibility to help preserve airfields such as McKenzie Bridge,” Mayes said.

Left to right: Crew fills and smoothes rough spots; McKenzie River near the field; musicians prepare to entertain – Richard Mayes photos.

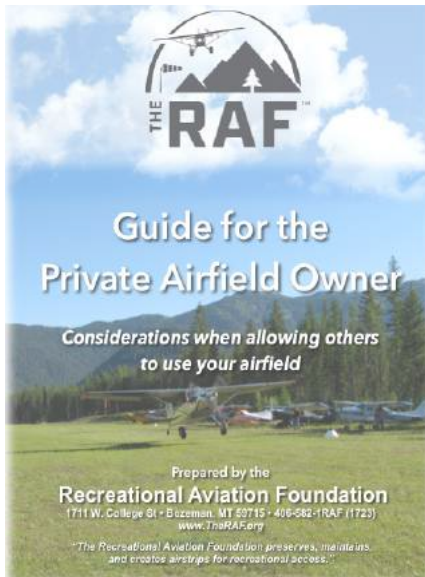


Oregon/Idaho – Preserving access to Hells Canyon airstrips

RAF Oregon Liaison Richard Mayes received a \$1,400 RAF grant to advance the RAF mission with the Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative (HCRC). Hells Canyon National Recreation Area encompasses 652,488 acres of backcountry along north-eastern Oregon and western Idaho. Six primitive airstrips along the Snake River are formally recognized as public use. Mayes and RAF member Bill Ables are working together with the HCRC Steering Committee to protect access to these six airstrips and organize volunteers to maintain them. Efforts also focus on im-

proving relationships between the aviation community and other river users, by demonstrating the RAF’s commitment to protect the aesthetic values of the canyon.

HCRC engaged a part-time facilitator to advance cooperation between the USFS, state agencies, commercial and recreational users, and elected officials. HCRC projects are funded by grants, contributions and volunteers. This RAF grant matches the amount the Idaho Aviation Association pledged toward the facilitator’s salary.



RAF Guide for the Private Airfield owner

Considerations when allowing others to use your airfield

This easy-to-understand Guide for the Private Airfield Owner is designed to answer many of the questions you may have as the landowner and to provide accurate information on important topics, such as

- Should I open my airfield to the public?
- Should it be added to the FAA chart? How do I go about it?
- What if I'm only comfortable allowing conditional use?
- What is my exposure to liability and my obligation of care?
- Can I prevent obstructions such as cell towers near my airfield?
- What are the impacts to the environment and wildlife?
- How do I preserve my airfield in the event I'm no longer able to care for it?

Request your free copy from the RAF here: contact@theRAF.org

Florida- Potential new airfields surveyed

Florida Ambassador Wes Whitley and Florida Liaison Bobby Capozzi are exploring central Florida for potential new recreational landing fields. One, just south of Lake Winder seems likely and they are awaiting approval to move forward on safety improvements.

In the Panhandle, the Blackwater Airport (8FD3) work party was well supported. (Volunteers pictured at right.) D.C. Nowling and Florida Amba-

sador John Hall organized the effort and many flew or drove in to help. RAF Ambassador John Hall installed the new RAF windsock. Volunteers installed two new RAF barbecue grills, replaced missing run-



way tires and painted them, repaired and pressure-washed picnic tables, and repaired fire rings, and

mowed the grounds. "Remember to mark your calendar for the annual RAF gathering in November," Capozzi said.

Communications are in progress about a new airfield in the Panhandle. "This air-



field should appear in the Airfield Guide by the end of summer," Capozzi said. Amenities include a shower and plans are to add a washer and dryer. The next project at this airfield involves the construction of a composting toilet and Capozzi is

seeking volunteers for that project.

Ambassador Lynn Gardner was busy crisscrossing the state attending several aviation events, including a survey of 27 Palms. In addition to thanking her for that effort, Capozzi thanks all the RAF ambassadors for their support attending multiple events.

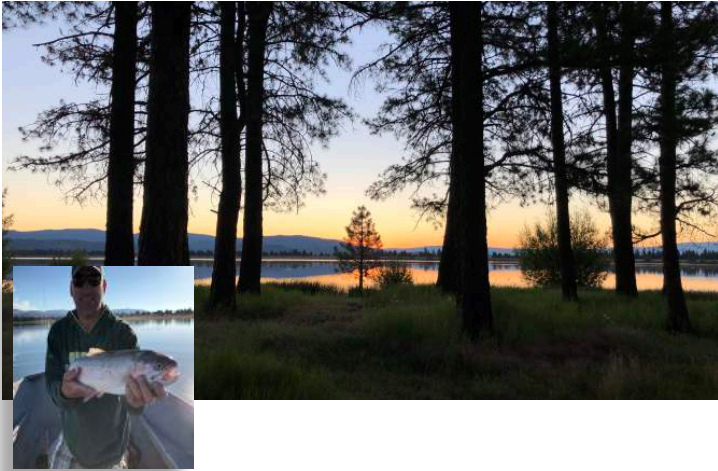
"Thank you, AOPA for allowing the RAF to help with the Peaks to Pavement series," he added. Contact Capozzi at bcapozzi@theraf.org if you know of a Florida airfield with recreational or training potential.

Backcountry Boutique

Thanks for your overwhelming response to our Backcountry Boutique! On the 5th of each month, we advertise a new RAF logo item on the RAF website, Facebook and Instagram. We sell limited quantities and when they're gone, they're gone! Watch for our next big reveal! And hurry — Items have been selling out fast!



Purchases benefit the RAF mission to preserve, maintain, and create airstrips for recreational access.



Oregon – Land at Wild Billy Lake

The RAF facilitated the opening of a new airstrip in south-central Oregon. Wild Billy Lake is managed as a destination retreat for fly fishermen in search of trophy rainbows. “It’s so much more than a world-class fishery; it is a place to experience the High Desert ecosystem in a private, intimate setting,” Oregon Liaison Richard Mayes says. The owners approached Mayes in 2018 and together they planned the strip, which was completed in July, 2019. For information including a required safety briefing, go to: <http://wildbillylake.com>.



Vermont – Allenholm

RAF Vermont Liaison Bob Burley is preserving and improving Allenholm Airport (VT26). Maybe the famous Allenholm Farms pies and pastries available at the airfield is why! This historic 2,400-ft field sits in an apple orchard on an island in Lake Champlain. Within one mile is a state park with beaches and watercraft rentals, several B&Bs, and a quaint Vermont village. All within a half- or hour-long flight are scenic mountains and islands, a four-star, 150-year-old lakeside resort, golf course and grass strip.



New Hamp. – Preserving Parlin

RAF New Hampshire Liaison John Meade used an RAF grant to ensure that Parlin Airfield (2B3) is preserved and improved by adding picnic tables and solar chargers to the camping areas.

Parlin’s appeal includes camping and access to local Sugar Hill Recreation Trails with free use of mountain bicycles. Meade emphasizes that local personnel do much of the work “which increases broad community commitment and teamwork, while insuring lower operating costs for the town. Parlin has become a regional fly-in destination,” he added.

RAF launches on-line store

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*Utah's Hidden Splendor – one of the several Utah backcountry airstrips where Utah Back County Pilots (UBCP) lead maintenance efforts, with cooperation of the RAF
 – photo by RAF Wisconsin Liaison Jeff Russell.*

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