SEQUIM VALLEY AIRPORT HISTORY













AIRPORT IDEA AND EARLY HISTORY

Sequim Valley Airport was originally founded in 1983 when the Sallee Family identified a need for a community public use airport for Sequim.

The airport project began when Jack and Winnie Sallee purchased 55 acres where the main part of the airport is now located. There were 12 additional investors that helped finance the construction of the airport in trade for stock in the airport “Sub Chapter S” corporation. An Environmental Assessment and public hearing process was done and permits were obtained after which construction took place.

Through the effort, dreams, contributions and volunteer work of many local people the airport came into existence and by 1985 had a paved / lighted 3500 ft. runway.



Airport ground breaking ceremony

AIRPORT FOUNDERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

SEQUIM VALLEY AIRPORT

Founders & Major Contributors

FOUNDERS

Jack and Winnie Sallee

Investors / Founders

- Marjorie Forest
- Elida Smith
- Marvin Dearr
- Harriet Laws
- Warner & Lila Dickson
- Wayne and Helen Henderson
- Dee and Lilian McVay
- Tad and Peggy Foran
- Carol Blake
- Louis Fortin
- Carl Root
- Jack and Patti Bishop
- Val and Mary Zalewski
- Andy and Jane Sallee
- Joe Sallee
- Charles and Margaret Blake
- Dorothy Hunt
- Albert Haller
- Al Cunningham

Additional Significant Contributors

- George Davis
- Corky Sager
- Sam Cantwell
- Buzz Fisher
- Dave Le Roux and Martha Rudersdorf
- Walt Johnson
- Will Sallee
- Mike Sallee
- Dwayne Floyd
- Dan and Wilma Johnson
- Bob Reandeau
- Glen Priest
- John Dolan
- Bill Hamilton, WSDOT
- Lemoine Stitt, WSDOT
- Fred Jenkins
- Marcus Asch
- James Barnfather
- Dave Pace
- Brani Byers
- Emily Westcott
- Daniel and Rachel Sallee

And many others, all of whom helped the dream of a public use airport for Sequim come true. Many thanks to all of these people.

FIRST LANDING ON GRASS SURFACE IN 1984



GRASS RUNWAY AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION 1984









RUNWAY, RAMP & TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION 1985





MAIN HANGAR CONSTRUCTION 1985







T-HANGAR CONSTRUCTION (20 UNITS) 1991



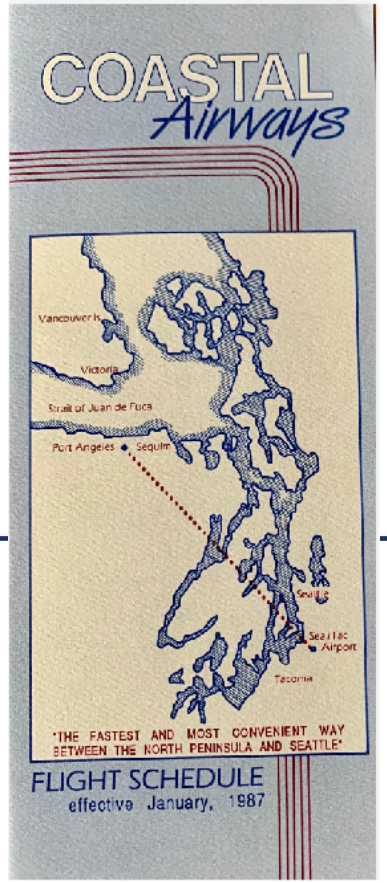


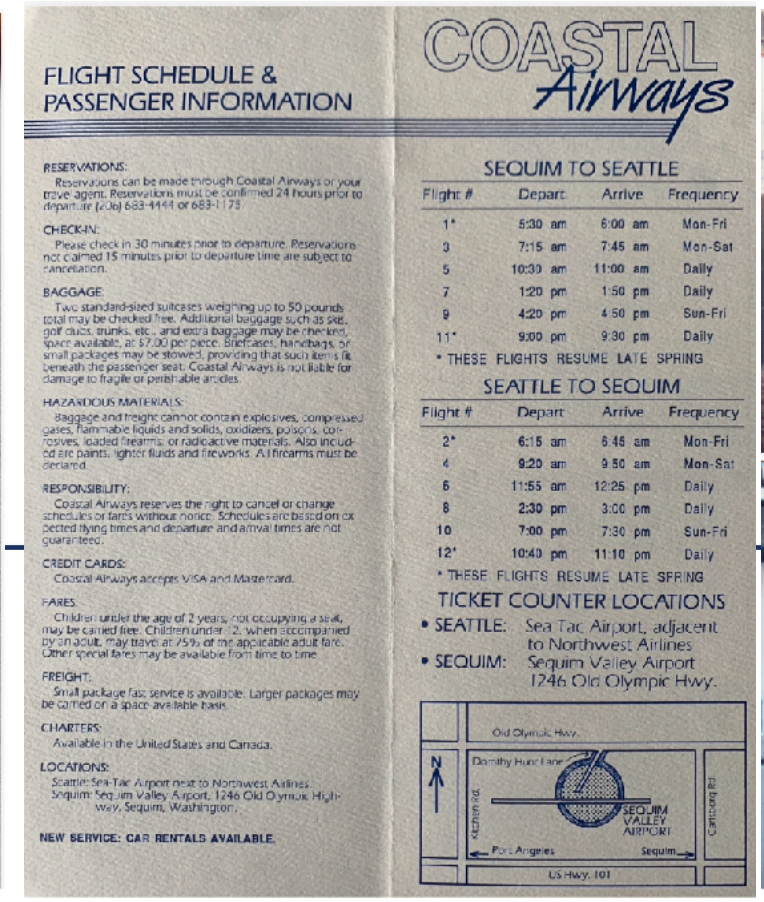
RUNWAY CHIP SEAL PAVING 1985





COASTAL AIRWAYS 1986-1990















Other past Sequim Valley Airport based companies include Sallee's Aviation, Sequim Valley Aircraft Maintenance and Evergreen Express Airways.

RUNWAY ASPHALT PAVING 1996







25 YEAR AND 30 YEAR CELEBRATIONS









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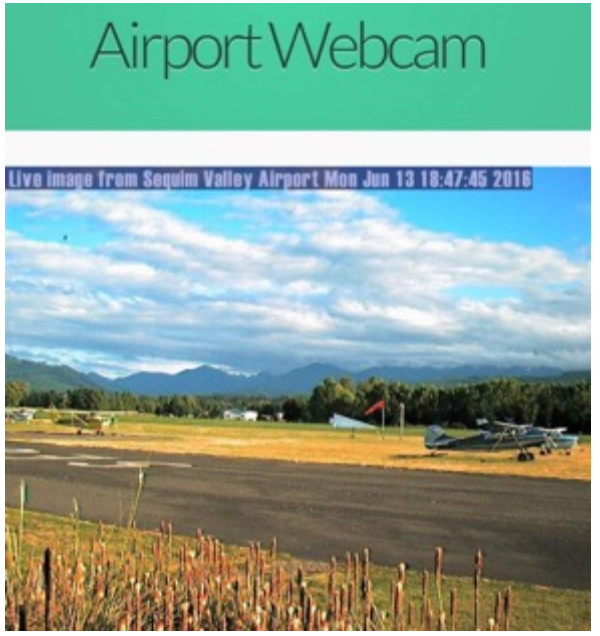
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WEBCAM INSTALLED 2007

The webcam allows pilots to view live pictures of current weather conditions via the internet















AIRPORT ROAD



1983



2017

AIRPORT ENTRANCE



1985



2011



2017




N71AN


N52FW








N75GB
COASTAL


N724PB








EXP




N3476C
Reserved

DISCOVERY TRAIL FARM AIRPARK ESTABLISHED 2006











AIRPORT OVERLAY DISTRICT ESTABLISHED 2007

Chapter 33.08
AIRPORT OVERLAY DISTRICT

Sections:

33.08.010 Purpose and intent.
33.08.020 Applicability.
33.08.030 Regulated activities.
33.08.040 Exemptions.
33.08.050 Airport land use compatibility overlay.
33.08.060 Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 77, surfaces and height hazard overlay.
33.08.070 Notification of airport owner or manager.

SOURCE: ADOPTED:
Ord. 837 12/16/08

33.08.010 Purpose and intent.

The purpose of the Airport Overlay District is to:

(1) Establish land uses that are compatible with continued airport operations.

(2) Reduce hazards that may endanger the lives and property of the public and aviation users.

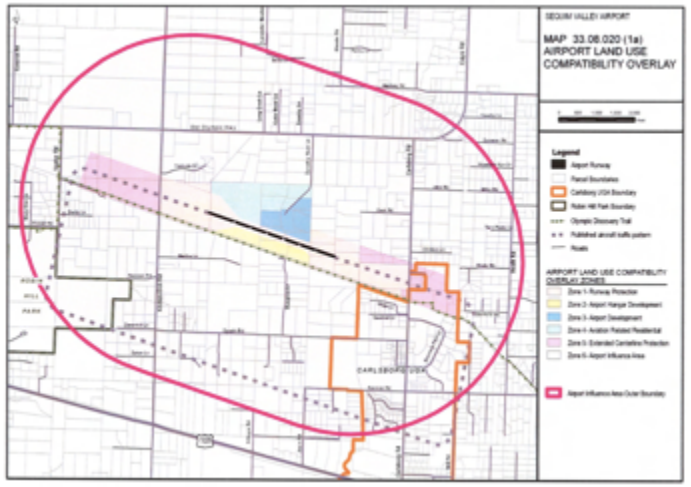
(3) Protect the viability of Clallam County public use airports.

(4) Promote public use general aviation airports as essential public facilities.

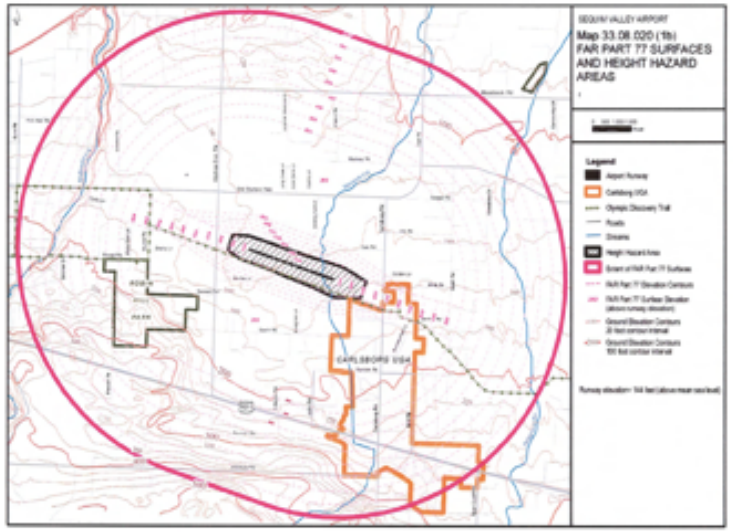
(5) Discourage siting of incompatible land uses that may impair the future development and operation of public use general aviation airports as required by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A.510 and 36.70.547.

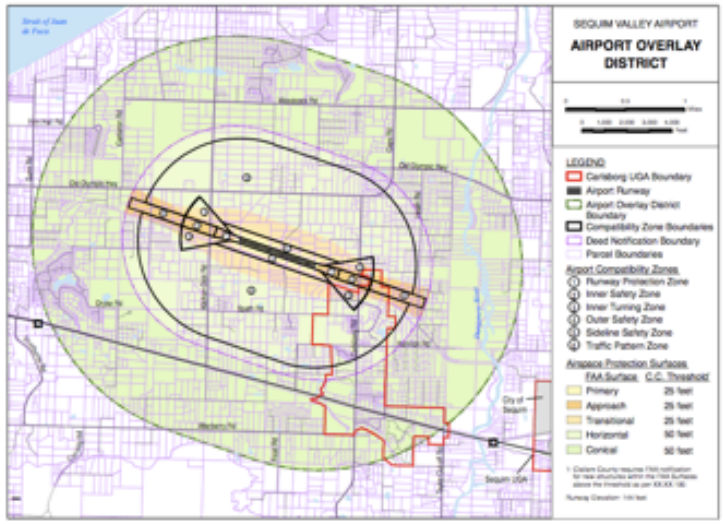
(6) Protect navigable airspace from obstructions which are of sufficient height as to constitute a danger to aircraft flight.

(7) Promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of County residents and aviation users.



The Overlay District established additional zoning definitions and airspace protection . This gives the airport additional flexibility over previous zoning that was more restrictive for airport related development.



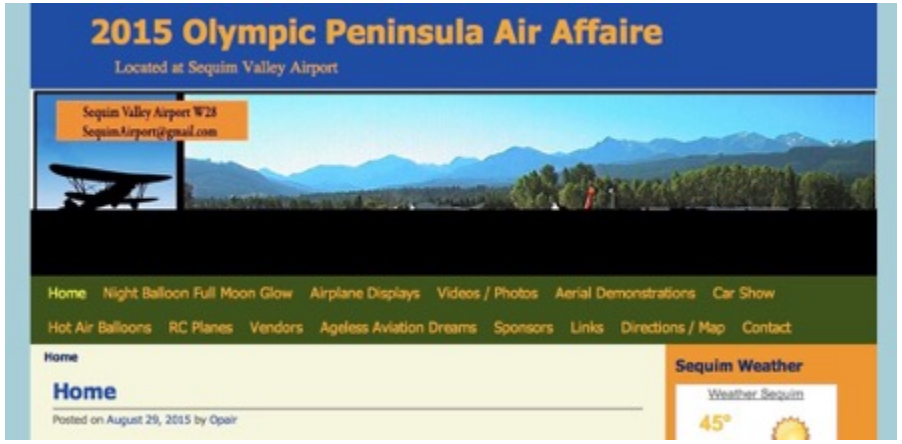


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AIRPORT EVENTS

- Training / Military Exercises.





EAA 430 Young Eagles & Events.

Tetrahedron Donation





Weddings





MORE ACTIVITIES



New logs for landscaping



Volunteer crew



Town festival in May



Installing above ground aircraft fuel tank



Fun events



Trees on airport entrance road

RECENT

2023 Runway upgrade

2024 New 40’ X 50” hangar

2025 Dungeness Aircraft Service FBO opens & new webcams

2026 Taxiway & runway light upgrades











DUNGENESS AIRCRAFT SERVICE
—CONSCIENTIOUS AIRCRAFT SERVICES—





ADDITIONAL AIRPORT HISTORY INFORMATION



Sequim Museum and Art Center located on Cedar Street in Sequim has a display showing local airports and aviation history.

