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1. Attention Young Aviators and Artists . . . Enter the 2005 International Aviation Art Contest

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is pleased to invite youth ages 6-17 to explore their love for aviation and art by entering the 2005 International Aviation Art Contest. This year's art contest theme is "Create an Air Show Poster: More Than 100 Years of Human Flight."

Artwork will be judged, according to age group, in part for its creative use in relation to the aviation world. All children are encouraged to participate, even if they are related to officials or employees of any city, state, federal or international aviation organization. WSDOT Aviation and the Washington State Arts Commission will judge entries on the state level. Winning artwork will be displayed at the Museum of Flight in Seattle!

The top three state winners will go on to compete for the national awards in Washington, D.C. Winners of the national competition will vie for international honors.

To enter the contest, print out the [application form](#) fill it out, and mail it with your artwork to the address listed below. (If you don't have Adobe Reader to download the application, then you need to [download the FREE Adobe Reader](#).)



Entries must be postmarked and sent to WSDOT Aviation by January 10, 2005.

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PO Box 3367
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For contest rules and information, please contact Nisha Hanchinamani at 360.651.6310.

2. State Airport Volunteer Efforts Continue into Winter

Since most are closed for the winter, it is rare to see much activity at state-owned airports during this time of year. However, in recent weeks activity has significantly increased among Adopt-an-Airport volunteers. Three new groups are inquiring about adopting one or more of the 16 state operated airports. Two of the groups that have current Adopt-an-Airport agreements



are interested in adopting other airports. At the same time, there is mounting pressure from pilot groups to look at former or abandoned airstrips in the state in hopes of reopening some that may serve as important aviation assets. Historical researchers have already identified 200 sites as former civilian or military airports. Many of these airports still have usable runways.

3. Preparations Underway for NW Aviation Conference and Trade Show in February

WSDOT Aviation is gearing up for another year at the annual Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show in Puyallup. This year, the event is scheduled for the weekend of February 26-27. The popular two-day trade show features keynote speakers and ongoing FAA endorsed safety seminars on and offsite. WSDOT Aviation is scheduled to present its annual Aviation Hall of Fame Awards on Saturday, February 26. During the ceremony, the state will honor individuals and airports that have made outstanding contributions to general aviation during the past year. Award categories include:

- Aviation “Stars”
- Airport Manager of the Year
- Airport Volunteer of the Year
- Airport of the Year

For more information on the 2005 Northwest Conference and Trade Show in Puyallup, please visit the Washington Aviation Association's web site:

<http://www.washington-aviation.org/>

4. Next Airport Web Camera Scheduled for The Dalles Regional Airport

WSDOT is pleased to announce that the newest airport web camera will be installed at The Dalles Regional Airport, located along the Columbia River. WSDOT will perform a site check and inventory equipment needs at the airport during the last week in January. Pilots should look for images to be transmitting from the new airport web cam by Spring 2005.

To view other WSDOT airport web cams, go to:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/webcam/default.htm>