

Boise Airport Connections

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Towering News

The **New Tower** is quite a sight at BOI. Now at its full height of 269 ft, the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) is beginning to resemble what it will look like at completion - a state of the art flight control facility. When complete the tower will be 289 feet at its highest point (with the addition of lightning protection that will be added in the final phase).



Work now will progress on the controller cab. The creative build-out, by Layton Construction Co., Inc., is currently ahead of schedule, with construction to conclude in September 2009.

Take a moment from your busy day, and marvel at this beautiful new facility. Growth continues at BOI!

Holiday Travel Don't Worry, Fly Happy

Thanksgiving, while busy at BOI, was not the crush of people that it was in past years. With December holidays come new challenges - what about packing those gifts for the grandkids?

The best advice for packing can be found at the Transportation Security Administration website at www.tsa.gov/travelers/index.shtm

In a nutshell, or chestnut if you prefer:

1. Reconfirm your flight with the airlines - weather or other factors may affect your plans.

2. Pack correctly - follow recommendations made by TSA, remembering to leave all gifts unwrapped for Security Screening inspection.

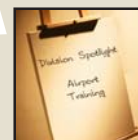
3. Check in online at the airline website - easy, fast and a timesaver once AT the airport!

4. Arrive 1 1/2 to 2 hours prior to flight departure - better to spend some time at the airport than in a panic on the road TO the airport!

5. Check at www.iflyboise.org for parking availability before you leave home. Read the signs carefully as you drive into the airport so no time is wasted looking for open parking.

6. Finally, enjoy the adventure! The staff at BOI is here to help. Wishing you **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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Boise Airport (BOI)

providing present and future aviation infrastructure needs of general aviation, military aviation and air carrier aviation.





Special Olympics Comes to Boise February 7-13, 2009

More than 6,000 athletes are arriving from more than 179 countries to compete in the Special Olympics 2009 World Winter Games here in Idaho. The two week event will showcase both the beauty of the state and the hospitality of our citizens.

The Boise Airport is both a host venue and, as the gateway to Idaho, the first and last impression our guests will have during this event. With a great deal of planning and work on the part of numerous agencies and local talented volunteers, BOI will roll out the red carpet beginning February 4th through the athletes' final flights home on the 15th!

More volunteers are needed! If you would like to participate, please check out the Olympic site on the web at www.2009worldgames.org.

During the Invitational Games this past February, several Airport employees had the opportunity to personally meet delegations the moment they stepped off the airplane. It is this honor and privilege we invite you to share with us in 2009!

BOI Parking Update

Contributed by
Mike O'Dell, Finance Deputy
Director

As Boise Airport continues along the path to growth, the growing demand for parking dictates long-range planning. That planning includes expanding the parking garage an additional 800 stalls from the current 1,342.

To accommodate our passengers during the construction and the loss of apx 300 surface stalls for the expanded garage footprint, the Economy Lot with shuttle van service will be expanding from the current 617 stalls to more than 1,300. The Economy Lot is an excellent value for our passengers.

Construction on the Economy Lot is scheduled to take place early Spring 2009, coinciding with work on I-84 at Orchard.



Winter Driving on the AOA

Contributed by
Gary Smith, Training Coordinator

It's difficult to think winter driving safety when it's forty-five degrees outside at the end of November. But in typical Idaho weather fashion winter will show up and usually on short notice.

There is enough to watch for when driving in aircraft parking areas in good weather conditions, but driving under winter conditions on the Airport Operations Area adds to the responsibility. Drivers are reminded to think

ahead and adjust your driving to the pavement conditions and visibility limitations. Compacted snow and ice, fog and blowing snow should tell you to slow down and heighten your attention to the surrounding potential hazards.

Pay close attention to snow removal operations. Snow removal equipment may stop, turn, or backup unexpectedly. Bulky clothing and thick gloves may slow down your reaction time. Having the window rolled up with the heater on and wearing earmuffs or hats will reduce your ability to hear aircraft or other vehicles.

In short, winter weather driving in the AOA offers its own set of challenges. Be aware, be careful, and slow down to meet the conditions.

Top 10 Passenger Markets for BOI

1st Quarter of 2008

Rank	Code	Airport	Jan-Feb-Mar		Change
			2008	2007	
1	SEA	Seattle/Tacoma, WA	82,180	78,810	4.3%
2	PDX	Portland, OR	66,830	65,200	2.5%
3	GEG	Spokane, WA	39,400	38,010	3.7%
4	SLC	Salt Lake City, UT	38,970	35,200	10.7%
5	LAS	Las Vegas, NV	32,470	33,640	-3.5%
6	PHX	Phoenix, AZ	30,820	30,610	0.7%
7	LAX	Los Angeles, CA	29,440	30,850	-4.6%
8	DEN	Denver, CO	24,980	21,090	18.4%
9	SAN	San Diego, CA	22,000	15,730	39.9%
10	ONT	Ontario, CA	16,200	10,200	58.8%

A great deal of media attention has been on the price of a barrel of oil and how that has affected a myriad of industries, notably the airlines.

Thanksgiving is traditionally the busiest travel holiday, with Christmas not far behind. Families want to spend time with loved ones as the year draws to a close.

With the holiday season in full swing, AAA has predicted that a substantial number of people will forgo traveling to visit family for the holidays. So where does that leave the Boise air traveler?

Still, with options! Seats are fewer nationwide, but the weather is cooperating and if the traveler is patient, flights home are available. And where does the Boise air traveler fly?

BOI continues to be a busy place, thanks to our passengers... YOU!

From the Director's Desk



A SEASON OF OPPORTUNITY

We all respond to the seasons. We savor the summer as an easy time, good for vacations and slowing down even though we soon start complaining that it could be better. We reluctantly accept and then cling to fall; knowing that it's not so bad in light of what we know is sure to come. Then there comes the point when we can't put off preparing for winter and are forced to find the time to get ready.

We still ignore the impending winter until the last possible moment before accepting the inevitable. We give in, brace for the bleak and cold and just endure somehow doing whatever it takes to survive the harsh winter. In time we can start to relax and obsess over every little change declaring them indicators of spring and the relief it will bring.

We respond to the economic seasons in much the same way. We initially savor the economic summer and gorge on the excesses of the good times. We do everything we can to ignore the coming economic freeze until it touches us, then looking to whatever it takes to survive. After time at the bottom of the cycle, we look for the signs of improvement in every economic indicator.

I can't speak to the seasons' impact on our personal behavior, but we shouldn't allow economic conditions to affect our individual, and ultimately organizational, performance. It's not that our performance declines when economic conditions get worse and then improves as the economy does. It's just the opposite. I've come realize that our long economic summer with ever increasing revenues hid performance issues. We must all sustain our high level of performance and customer service while recognizing and adapting to the current economic times. Remember, in chaos there is opportunity.

Happy Holidays.

- Richard McConnell, A.A.E.

Lt. Jerry Howard Retires

Lieutenant Jerry Howard retired from the Boise Police Department at the Airport on Thursday, November 20th after more than 15 years at BOI. That Lt. Howard was well respected was evidenced at the retirement luncheon with a room packed with peers and comments from Mayor Bieter as well as Councilmembers, friends and family.

Howard enjoyed a long and notable career in law enforcement. After graduating from high school, he joined the Prince George's County, Maryland Police Department as a police cadet working as a police radio dispatcher. Within four years, Howard entered the police academy, quickly promoting to Detective working undercover Vice/Narcotics.

In April 1975, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and worked uniform patrol.

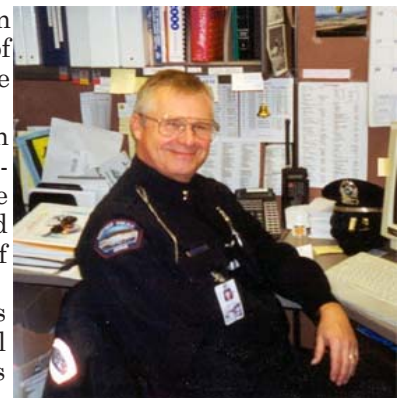
Howard received an Associates Degree from Prince George's Community College in Law Enforcement in 1977, and his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland in Business Administration in 1981. Howard retired from the Prince George County Police Department in 1990.

Howard briefly worked as an investigator for the Department of Transportation in Washington, DC before he moved to Idaho and was hired by the Boise Police Department and assigned to work at the airport. Howard was one of the officers to make the transition from Boise Police Department to Airport Police Department in 1992, and back to Boise Police Department in 2007, rising along his 18 year career to the rank of Lieutenant.

Keeping in step with his Airport-based career, Howard obtained an FAA Pilot's License in 1982, flying with both the Maryland and Idaho Wings of the Civil Air Patrol on U.S. Air Force search & rescue missions, DEA counter drug missions, and Customs border patrols.

Lt. Howard is married to his lovely wife, Charlene. Together they have two grown children, Chris and Katherine. When asked what his plans for retirement are, Lt. Howard stated he would relax at home until his wife gets tired of him, and then find a job to pay for gas & medical insurance. He is looking into building a light sport aircraft to fly and is planning to enjoy an Alaska cruise in July 2009.

We wish Lt. Howard all the best!



If it's news to you, it's news to us. **Boise Airport Connections** is published every quarter (March, June, September, and December). Have your stories, pictures, or announcements submitted to boi@cityofboise.org, by the 15th of the month prior to publication.



Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

But, only 5% of the eligible U.S. population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Wednesday, January 15
9AM to 1PM
Boise River Room**

Boise Airport blood drives are at risk due to the low number of donors.

Please schedule an appointment:
208-383-3110

boi@cityofboise.org

Make quarterly blood donations a regular activity on your calendar.

Give blood!

-A New Face at BOI-

Boise Airport Administration is pleased to announce that Patti Miller has joined the Airport family effective Monday, November 3rd as the new Marketing and Air Service Administrator. Patti comes to Idaho from Fresno, California, where she worked as Public Information Administrator for the City of Fresno's Mayor for two years and as Marketing and Air Service Manager at Fresno Yosemite International Airport for twelve.

Patti has a long career of working with civic groups, governmental agencies, travel/hospitality organizations and the media.

With a bachelors degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, training in Crisis Communications, and years of public speaking, you can expect to see that Patti will be out in the community a great deal

sharing the growth and value of the Boise Airport to the regional economy.

Please say 'hi' and ask her about the Airport. (She LOVES to talk about aviation!)



Nominate a City of Boise - Airport employee who shows how much they care by going "above and beyond." Pick up a "BOI CARE" nomination form in Airport Administration.

Boise Airport Connections

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Thursday, December 4
Boise Airport Commission
8:30AM
Salmon River Room

Friday, December 12
Riverglen Jr High Orchestra
TBD
2nd Floor Rotunda Area

Thursday, January 15
Red Cross Blood Drive
9AM to 1PM
Boise River Room
To schedule an appointment:
208-383-3110 or boi@cityofboise.org

Monday, January 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
City Holiday

Thursday, January 22
Boise Airport Commission
8:30AM
Salmon River Room



**Saturday, February 7 thru
Friday, February 13**
2009 World Games Come To Idaho!

For more information or to volunteer check out www.2009worldgames.org

Thursday, February 26
Boise Airport Commission
8:30AM
Salmon River Room

Boise Airport Connections will be issued at the beginning of each quarter. Please submit stories, events, announcements, and pictures to boi@cityofboise.org no later than February 15, 2009. Items that do not make it for that issue may be held until the following issue.