

**SUMMARY**  
**AIRPORT NOISE WORK GROUP**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2009**  
**3030 25<sup>TH</sup> Street SE, Salem, OR**  
**6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Kenneth Hetsel	Cindy Ford	None
Stacey Cochran		
Rob Gould		
Mary Ann Lebold		
Jim Graham	<b>Staff Present</b>	
Patrick Hall	Alan Alexander	
Major Mark Ulvin		

Alan Alexander, Airport Administrator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Tom Franklin, Airport Operations Manager, will be at future meetings from time to time in place of Mr. Alexander, since Mr. Franklin deals with noise complaints.

Cindy Ford will not be at the July meeting since tower personnel are working extra hours until new staff is trained.

There were no corrections or additions to the summary of the May 6, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Alexander said that the National Guard training dates discussed during the May meeting have not changed. National Guard operations currently are centered around counter drug flights and crews maintaining night currency, which, during the summer months, require relatively late night flights. Law enforcement flights have increased resulting in increased noise complaints and citizen inquiries. Mr. Alexander is working to schedule a tower visit for neighborhood association representatives and will give at least a week's notice of the tower visit. He has contacted Life Flight-Aurora and requested that they make a presentation to the work group. Work group members should expect to receive an invitation to a City of Salem volunteer recognition picnic to be held at Riverfront Park.

Construction projects during the summer months will require a change in the most frequently used approaches to the airport and runways used which may result in a change in noise patterns. Since the airport is also installing updated, enhanced run way markings, Mr. Alexander asked pilot members to make themselves familiar with the new markings. Additional fencing and a new taxiway are being installed and, although the changes when they are complete, will not impact airport noise, aircraft will be using different approaches patterns to the airport during the construction and, once again, airport noise levels may be impacted. May operations were up slightly over May of 2008.

Noise complaints, overall, are down, but the number of households complaining increased from 3 to 5 for the month. Airport administration received calls on Armed Forces Day inquiring about the F-14 fly over. Mr. Alexander found no discernible pattern to the noise complaints received during May.

Rob Gould asked whether Mr. Alexander had any information about an airplane circling about midnight shortly after Memorial Day. Patrick Hall suggested that this was a helicopter with a noise signature unlike that usually associated with helicopters. Mr. Alexander had no information about the operations.

Mr. Alexander pointed out that the more specific the information included in a complaint, the easier and more accurate an investigation will be.

Ms. Cochran had an inquiry from a citizen in her neighborhood about a fixed wing aircraft doing touch and go's between 10:00 PM and 1:00 AM. Mr. Alexander has contacted Hillsboro Aviation, one of the largest flight schools in the area, and will contact other flight schools in the region to ask that they limit pattern at work at Salem during these hours. There is nothing that can be done to limit local general aviation pilots from maintaining night currency during the evening and night hours. Ms. Cochran also discussed an email that she had received about an airplane doing an extreme spiraling maneuver. There is little that airport administration can do to investigate the complaint given the sketchiness of the information provided by the complainant. Ms. Cochran asked whether tower personnel can really see an aircraft's maneuvers from the tower. Mr. Alexander replied that the tower can keep aircraft in the Salem airspace in sight and can observe aircraft maneuvers. He has invited complainants to the tower in the past to see this for themselves, but to date, none have accepted the invitation.

Ken Hetsel had no complaints from his neighborhood. He asked whether records are kept of the tail number of aircraft that turn on the pilot controlled lighting. There is no method to record who activates the lights. Is there any way to record and count night operations? Mr. Alexander replied that records are kept for operations only when the tower is in operation which is 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM daily.

Ms. Lebold brought no complaints from her neighborhood.

Patrick Hall reiterated Leading Edge Aviation's policy for night operations. The company's students are thoroughly briefed on night operations and the company keeps records of night operations. Noise complaints due to Leading Edge Aviation's night operations would be easy to investigate should any be made.

The next work group meeting will be July 1 at 6:00 PM.