

**SUMMARY**  
**AIRPORT NOISE WORK GROUP**  
**Wednesday, March 3, 2010**  
**Terminal Building, Salem/McNary Field**  
**6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Jim Graham	Stacey Cochran	None
Cindy Ford	Lt. Colonel Mark Ulvin	
Ken Hetsel		
Steve Larsen		
Mary Ann Lebold	<b>Staff Present</b>	
	Alan Alexander	

Alan Alexander, Airport Administrator, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Patrick Hall of Leading Edge Aviation (LEA) is no longer a part of the Work Group since LEA is no longer maintaining a training center on the field. Mr. Alexander appreciates Mr. Hall's work. When LEA applied for a license to operate a helicopter training facility on the field, Mr. Hall made numerous presentations to neighborhood associations explaining how LEA would operate to mitigate noise. When LEA finally received their license, as manager of LEA's operation on the field, Mr. Hall insisted that LEA pilots operate exactly as he said they would. Mr. Alexander believes that Mr. Hall's work has resulted in the reduction in the number of noise complaints due to helicopter operations.

Mr. Alexander distributed copies of the February 2010 operations report. February 2010 operations are lower than February 2009 operations. Mr. Alexander believes that this is due to the loss of LEA operations and weather conditions not favorable to VFR operations.

Mr. Alexander is working on the annual report to the Salem City Council on the history and activities of the Work Group. He distributed copies of a report of noise complaints over the prior twelve months. There has been a drop in noise complaints over the last four or five months. Three households made 93% of the noise complaints during the twelve month period. Mr. Alexander will be monitoring the level of noise complaints when the VFR flying season resumes.

A tower tour for Work Group members will be scheduled when the tower is once again open for tours. A representative from a helicopter company based in Corvallis will speak to the Work Group at a future meeting.

The National Guard training schedule for the next six months will be distributed when it becomes available. Aircraft are being returned to Salem after deployment overseas. Distribution of the National Guard training schedule may be a factor in the reduced number of noise complains since residents are made aware, in advance, of National Guard helicopter training flights.

Jim Graham of Graham Aviation Services LLC said that his company will have a few night flights during March.

Airport Administration continues to work to complete the avigation easements for the Fairview training center property.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 7, 2010.