



News and Information from the Colorado Department of Transportation - Division of Aeronautics

May 10, 2017

### Upcoming Aeronautical Board Meetings

Thursday, June 8, 2017  
1:00 p.m.  
[Glenwood Springs Community Center](#)  
\*Held in conjunction with the 2017 CAOAS Spring Conference



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Please visit the [Colorado Aviation Events Calendar](#)

If you have an event you would like to add to the Colorado Aviation Events Calendar, please email [shahn.sederberg@state.co.us](mailto:shahn.sederberg@state.co.us)



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2017 Spring Conference  
Glenwood Springs, Colorado  
June 7-9, 2017  
[Registration Information](#)

## School events spark aviation passion



The Colorado Division of Aeronautics participated in two education events geared to instill the passion of aviation in the hearts and minds of young people around the State of Colorado.

Dream Big Eads took place on April 27th, 2017 in Eads, Colorado. The event attracted hundreds of middle school and high school students from the rural regions of southeast Colorado. Students who attended the event were immersed into five STEM related learning activities including a virtual e-mission to Mars, unmanned aerial systems (UAS), cybersecurity, aviation careers, and advanced manufacturing.

"Students keep saying this was the best field trip and school day of their life. It was a grand slam home run.", said Eads District

Superintendent, Glenn Smith.

*PHOTO ABOVE: Metropolitan State University of Denver Aerobatics Team member Natalie Shemigon giving pointers to a student on the Division's Redbird Jay flight simulator.*

21 students selected in an essay contest were given the opportunity to fly in a Cessna 182 out of the Eads Airport. The Colorado National Guard stopped by the event in Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters, offering kids a chance to tour the aircraft and to promote military aviation career opportunities.



*The 2017 Aviation Day took place on May 3, 2017 at the United Airlines Technical Operations*

hangar located at Denver International Airport (DEN).

Spartan College, United Airlines and Mountain Aviation hosted the 2017 Aviation Day at the United Airlines Technical Operations hangar at Denver International Airport on May 3, 2017. The Aviation Day event invited over 450 students to a one day event exposing the students to the many career and educational opportunities in the aviation industry.

The Division of Aeronautics was among approximately 15 companies and organizations who participated in the event. The Division spoke with a number of students about airport internship opportunities, and gave the students a chance to fly the Division's Redbird Jay flight simulator.

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## Video series showcases aviation career options

The Colorado Division of Aeronautics released a three-part video series emphasizing today's diverse range of aviation career opportunities. These short videos tell the story of three people with the same passion for aviation, and how their passions led them into three different career paths in the aviation industry.



### [Colorado State Patrol Pilot](#)

In this episode, we introduce you to Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Trooper and Pilot Josiah II. Josiah combined his passions of law enforcement and aviation to create his ideal dream job.

[Watch the video!](#)



### [Airport Operations Specialist](#)

What if being a pilot isn't your thing? This video tells the story of Centennial Airport's Jeremy Gunn. Jeremy's passion for aviation first put him in the cockpit as a pilot, but his passion for aviation eventually led him into a rewarding career in airport management as an Airport Operations Specialist.

[Watch the video!](#)



### [Unmanned Aerial System \(UAS\) Pilot](#)

This video segment introduces you to an Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Pilot and Director of Flight Operations for Alpha Pixel Digital, Chris Swathwood. Chris combined his passions of photography and aviation into his dream job within this quickly emerging sector of the aviation industry.

[Watch the video!](#)

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## Major construction project planned at Centennial Airport (APA)



Centennial Airport will close its main runway, Runway 17L/35R, beginning May 30, 2017 (dates subject to change) as crews begin a federally-funded surface rehabilitation project. The closure will remain in effect through July 6, 2017.

The project is funded by a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program, Colorado Division of Aeronautics, and matching funds provided by the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority.

This project will include the resurfacing of the entire length of 17L/35R and upgrades to the electrical system.

This project will be completed in two phases. During the first phase of construction, all connectors will be closed except for A8 and A14. During the second phase, all connectors will be closed except for A4 and A14, and A4 and A16 will remain open for traffic crossing taxiway A to Runway 17R/35L.

Be sure to check current NOTAMs and sign up for [Centennial Airport's RunUp](#) newsletter to get the latest developments on this project.

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## Support Colorado Aviation license plate bill passes



Colorado's aviation enthusiasts will now be able to show off their pride for aviation with the Support Colorado Aviation license plate. On May 3rd, 2017, HB17-1212 passed its third and final reading in the Senate. The bill now moves to the desk of Governor John Hickenlooper to be signed into law.

The Support Colorado Aviation license plate will be available in September of 2018. The Support Colorado Aviation license plate project was a collaborative effort by numerous Colorado Aviation Groups led by the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA). The goal of the plate is to raise awareness to the impact of aviation across the State of Colorado and how aviation impacts a multitude of

Colorado industries.

The fee for the plate will be \$50, the standard fee for a special group plate in Colorado. \$25 to cover DMV Fees and \$25 to cover the Highway User Tax Fund.

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## **Tony Vicari named Director of the Durango-La Plata County Airport**



The Durango City Council officially named Tony Vicari as director of the Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO).

Tony served nine months as the airport's interim director following the departure of Kip Turner to the Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT) in 2016.

Tony began working in the airport's Operations Department in 2014. Tony earned a bachelor's degree in Aviation Science and Administration from Western Michigan University's College of Aviation.

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