



Pioneer Air Museum

May 2022

From the Museum...

New Museum Staff - The museum is happy to announce that we have three new employees, Michael Hubert, Alastar Slater, and Reid Bissen! As you may know, Rita Butteri is leaving the museum next month to travel and return to Switzerland. She'll be sorely missed; she has vastly improved the state of the museum collection over the last few years, and we are intensely grateful for her contributions.

But we have been very fortunate to find a new Collection and Operations Manager, Michael Hubert. Michael comes to us after a long career in the Air Force, most recently at Eielson AFB, after which he achieved a Bachelor in Fine Arts at UAF. During his time at UAF, he worked at the UAF Museum of the North, both as a volunteer and paid staff. We are looking forward to his continuing Rita's work to organize and streamline our collection into the world-class museum we know it can be!

When you visit the museum this summer, it is likely that the first person to greet you will be Alastar Slater. Alastar is a Computer Sciences student at UAF with an intense interest in aviation, an ability to tackle just about any project thrown his way, and a friendly personality that we're sure will make our visitors feel welcomed.

We're also happy to welcome Reid Bissen, our summer intern from Kansas, to the museum. Thanks to a grant obtained by the Alaska State Museum and Anjuli Grantham, Reid is with us for 10 weeks to work on a project relating to the Swallow aircraft. Reid is a graduate student at the University of Kansas pursuing an M.A. in Museum Studies.

Welcome, Michael, Alastar, and Reid! We're glad to have you with us.

UPDATE - Unfortunately, Aviation Day had to be cancelled this year. Those agencies and groups that sponsor the event had trouble restarting after a two-year shutdown from COVID and had some personnel changes that added to the challenge. But all are committed to Fairbanks Aviation Day 2023!

28 May 2022 Pioneer Air Museum Opening!

FREE admission opening day! Open Wednesday through Sunday, 11am to 7pm.

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Upcoming Events...

21 May 2022 **CANCELLED -- Fairbanks Aviation Day, Fairbanks International Airport**

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28 May 2022 **Pioneer Air Museum Opens**

Starting Saturday, May 28 through Labor Day: Open Wednesday through Sunday, 11am to 7pm. See our Calendar for special opening days and events.

<https://www.pioneerair.museum/>

29 May 2022 **Book Signing - Brooke Hartman, The Littlest Airplane**

1300-1500: Pioneer Air Museum, 2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks

- Make your own bush plane wings
- Make your own clothespin airplane
- Littlest airplane activities (paper word search and maze).

<https://www.pioneerair.museum/calendar.html>

30 Jul 2022 **JBER Arctic Thunder Open House Air Show, 29 July is rehearsal and special needs day**

Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Public Affairs, 907-552-7477
(<https://www.arcticthunderopenhouse.com/contact/>)

Aviation in History...

22 May 1906 **Fairbanks burns**

09 May 1911 **First Airplane in Alaska**

From a kit, Peterson built the airplane -- but due to low power, was not able to get airborne.

03 Jun 1942 **Japanese attack Dutch Harbor**

The attack in Alaska was designed to divert American air and naval strength northward during a simultaneous effort at destroying America's fleet in the center Pacific.

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07 Jun 1942 Japanese land on Attu and Kiska

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