



Pioneer Air Museum

September-October 2022

From the Museum

United States Air Force - Celebrating 75 Years

The Pioneer Air Museum was invited to attend the Eielson AFB Air Force ball to celebrate this major accomplishment with over 200 Airmen from all ranks. With the theme "HOLDING THE WORLD" the event showcased Alaska's air power, past and present. In attendance was a KC-135 refueler from the Air National Guard, an F-16 from the Aggressor Squadron, and an F-35 from the 355 th Fighter Squadron. The Pioneer Air Museum represented the past aviation history of Interior Alaska with a display that showcased items from Ben Eielson, Brigadier General Dale Gaffney, and past aviation history.

Upcoming Events...

15 Nov 2022 Pioneer Air Museum Board Meeting

18:30 – 20:00: Pioneer Air Museum, 2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks

All members are welcome to attend!

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

Alaska Aviation History...

15 Oct 1951 Weeks Field is closed.

05 Sep 1940 Gaffney lands the first airplane at Ladd -- "the largest slab in the Territory of Alaska."

01 Oct 1924 Wien makes the first flight over the Arctic Circle.

03 Oct 1919 Fairbanks airworthy holiday -- build for the Zeppelin

Fairbanks mayor asks all able-bodied citizens to bring pitchforks, axes, and shovels to a field just south of town. The holiday was used to create a Fairbanks landing field for the 775-foot Graf Zeppelin. After stock market crash, the planned trip did not materialize.

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Summer 2022 Hours: Wednesday through Sunday and some holidays, 11am to 7pm

Appointments for group visits at other times - Please call (907) 451-0037 or email info@pioneerair.museum to arrange your visit in advance.

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