

ASN IN ACTION

VISTA FIELD AIRPORT (S98), WASHINGTON

Targeted for closure by commercial real estate developers and some area residents, Vista Field remains open today because of the tireless efforts of ASN volunteer Marjy Leggett and local pilots who promote the airport's positive effects on the community. They also encouraged pro-airport candidates to seek local office and were successful in seating a majority pro-airport city council and port commission which, in turn, unanimously voted to support the airport.

VENICE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (VNC), FLORIDA

As conditions at the airport deteriorated during years of bitter feuding with the city council, airport supporters are seeing the beginning of a new era of support for the airport. Current ASN volunteer Chuck Schmieler and past ASN volunteer John Yurosko worked closely with leaders of the Venice Aviation Society, Inc. and the Venice Airport Business Association to bring the aviation community together to tell a positive story about the value of the airport. Together, they successfully worked hard for a change in the council make-up, which led to the adoption of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) which will allow the FAA to make grants to help improve the safety of the airport.



IS YOUR AIRPORT PART OF THE AOPA AIRPORT SUPPORT NETWORK?

The AOPA Airport Support Network (ASN) is a special group of volunteers dedicated to promoting and protecting community airports. The program's goal is to have an ASN volunteer appointed at every public-use airport in the country to serve as an "early warning system" for local airport issues.

Visit www.aopa.org/asn to ensure your airport has an AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer.

If it doesn't, consider nominating yourself or someone you know for this critically important role.


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THAT CAN'T HAPPEN AT MY AIRPORT...

...but airports just like yours are under attack—even closing—across the United States



Political pressures, funding and even pilot apathy are serious threats to GA airports. That's why AOPA relies on dedicated pilots like you to be GA's first line of defense. You

and the AOPA Airport Support Network (ASN) are AOPA's local eyes and ears. You alert us to dangers that require monitoring or action. And you educate your neighbors and local leaders about the value of your community airport.

YOU AND AOPA PROMOTE, PROTECT AND DEFEND COMMUNITY AIRPORTS!



You love flying and care about your airport. You keep in touch with fellow pilots and with airport management and FBO staff. You like to know what's going on in your community.

That would make you an excellent ASN volunteer!

The number of public-use airports has declined dramatically in recent decades. More than 7,000 community airports thrived in the early 1970s. Today that number has dwindled to about 5,000.

ASN is a network of over 2,500 like-minded pilots in all 50 states and territories. Plus, you're backed by the full and formidable resources of AOPA ready to help you promote, protect, and defend your local airport. You'll enjoy special recognition reserved just for ASN volunteers, as well as the knowledge that you are making a vital contribution to the future health of GA.

AOPA's growing network of Airport Volunteers has been instrumental in the Association's efforts to fight airport closures and operational restrictions, oppose unnecessary regulation, and educate local officials and neighborhood groups on the value of General Aviation and community airports.

DOES YOUR AIRPORT HAVE A VOLUNTEER?



ASN is seeking volunteers for each and every public-use airport in the United States.

Threats to one airport can translate into dangers for hundreds of others. As an ASN volunteer, you'll be a valuable colleague helping to preserve your airport and encouraging other pilots to do the same at your home field.

DON'T WAIT FOR TROUBLE TO STRIKE!

Here's how you can start promoting and protecting your airport:

- Find out if there's an ASN volunteer at your airport by checking the AOPA web site (aopa.org/asn).
- If there's already an ASN volunteer for your airport, contact him or her and see how you can help.
- If your airport does not have a volunteer, nominate yourself or a fellow AOPA member who will take on the important role of airport defender. You can submit a nomination right from the web site.

WHAT DOES A VOLUNTEER DO?



Volunteers have two basic duties:

1. Be "in the know" at the airport (e.g. attend airport meetings, participate in airport support groups, be in contact with airport management, etc.)
2. Alert AOPA to any issues that could threaten the airport

To fulfill the ASN "promote, protect, and defend" mission, volunteers also:

- Share the value of the airport with the community
- Help prevent incompatible construction near the airport
- Work with AOPA when an airport is threatened

ASN volunteers are AOPA members who should be based at the airport (whether they own or rent aircraft) at which they're hoping to be appointed.

GET STARTED TODAY!

Visit aopa.org/asn for more information or email us with questions at asn@aopa.org.