

ILS UPDATE

The Instrument Landing System (ILS) is tentatively planned for flight testing the week of December 13th. The construction crews are still waiting on some additional modifications for the Non-Direction Beacon (NDB) but flight testing can now commence. The FAA procedures office is still wrapping up the instrument procedures for the ILS system and the Airport and we are hoping that we can still make the January deadline. On a more positive note however, the runway painting has been substantially completed getting us one step closer to that elusive commissioning date.

AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars!

December 10th from 6:00am until 10:00pm and December 11th from 8:00am until 6:00pm Victory Aviation and the DeKalb County Board of Aviation Commissioners will be holding an open house. The new t-hangar leases will be available for signature and you will have the opportunity to speak with the Shell representative and open a Shell account. Steve Johnson from Shell will be available to answer any questions you might have and to explain their "Brand Conversion" program. In short, the Shell Aviation Brand Conversion program is a process that enables newly branded Shell FBO's to convert their existing customers to the Shell Aviation Card. The conversion process is quick, (15-30 minutes) and allows a customer to make their first purchase by showing a valid competing brand aviation credit card. The customer completes a short application and a new Shell Aviation Credit Card account is setup immediately. Brand conversion is only available to newly converted FBO's for 30 days and a Shell Aviation card will be required to receive the based aircraft fuel prices. There will be an "Aviation Insurance 101" PowerPoint presentation given by Mr. Jim Gardner of InsurAmerica at 6:00pm on the 10th. This presentation will be good information for renters, owners and students alike. There will also be refreshments served. See you there!

Victory Aviation News

We're pleased to announce that we are now offering flight instruction and aircraft rental at Fort Wayne International Airport! N87FP, Victory Aviation's Cessna 172N, is now based at our Fort Wayne facility. In addition, we welcome Don Ferrell to our staff of professional instructors. He has four years of flight instruction experience with two years teaching at FWA. Don will be primarily based at our Fort Wayne location; Lara Zook, Keith Ball and Matt Edwards are based at our Auburn facility.

With our C-172S and C-152 at Auburn and the C-172N at Fort Wayne, we now offer you the

AWOS UPDATE

The Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) commissioning was partially completed on Wednesday, November 24th. Due to weather the remainder of the work will be completed on December 16th.

The AWOS information is atmospheric weather data and includes temperature, dew point, barometric pressure, wind speed, wind direction, ceiling height and visibility distance.

Security:

- Hangar locks are to be an airport issued lock. This is so the airport has access to the hangar for routine inspections and for access in the event of a fire.
- A reminder is being issued to warn against driving personal vehicles onto taxiways and aprons. Due to safety and security issues, there are to be **NO** personal vehicles driven onto active aircraft operation areas at any time. The County Sheriff will issue traffic violations if the abuse persists.



Special points of interest:

- The BOAC meets every third Friday at 12:30 PM. The next meeting will be December 17, 2004.

To obtain a copy of the last BOAC meeting minutes email your request to: rcouchman@co-dekalb-in.us

Victory Aviation news continued:

option of two locations to better meet your flight training and rental needs. Fort Wayne will give our pilots a more convenient way to practice controlled field operations and instrument procedures, while Auburn offers the simplicity of uncontrolled field operations with the unique advantage of new equipment and facilities. Call your instructor today to schedule your next lesson.

In other news, the Aviator's Roundtable was held Nov. 16th. This month's topic was icing and winter operations. Next month's meeting will be on Monday, 12/20/04 in the conference room in the Auburn terminal building at 7:00 p.m. Plans are underway to have Tony Gaerte, A&P at Victory Aviation, join us to talk about flying from a mechanic's perspective. These meetings are general discussion and are hosted by the Victory CFIs. All pilots and prospective pilots are welcome. Join us and bring your maintenance questions!

As requested from some of the roundtable member, NASA forms are available at the following URL:

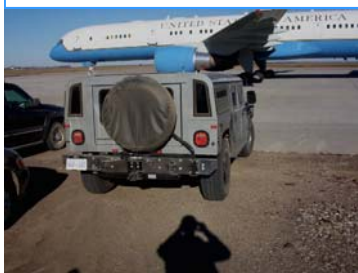
http://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/forms/PDF_Files/general.pdf

Thinking of flying somewhere for a holiday gathering? For a limited time, Victory Aviation will waive the minimum time requirements for rental aircraft scheduled in excess of 4 hours on holidays. Call early, the schedule will fill up quickly.

We are also starting to plan some "Adventure Cross-Countries." These trips will be to exciting destinations such as Sporty's Pilot Shop near Cincinnati (for a little early Christmas shopping) on 12/4/04, the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo on 12/18/04 or Rick's Boatyard at Eagle Creek for a nice lunch or dinner (date TBA), just to name a few. Traveling in numbers and trading flying legs allows students and renters to split the cost and make far away destinations more affordable. It also introduces you to other local pilots and takes you to places you might not go on your own. Please contact any one of our instructors if you are interested. Destination ideas are also welcomed.

Congratulations to the following new private pilots, Tom Colvin, Jack Stenger and Blair Wieland. WELL DONE!!

Happy Flying! Lara, Keith, Matt and Don



Note from former Manager Wade Troth

Every year Vice President Cheney comes to Pierre, SD hunting as South Dakota is known for their pheasant hunting. The preparations for Air Force 2 are many. First, the secret service notifies me (approximately 5 days before) and informs me of certain information and has me collect information such as my employees and other airport tenants SS#, DOB, etc. Second, I prepare the airport employees by adding on additional help for certain times I know will be busy at the airport. Third, is coordination with the secret service and what they want, for example, all areas that have line of sight from the outside of the security fence to the stairs where the VP leaves will be blocked with equipment or tarps or finding a place to store the motorcade remembering that someone is with the motorcade at all times or setting up a command post in the airport rescue fire department. Next, the support plane (a C-17) lands and unloads all the equipment such as the motorcade (a couple of Hummers and Suburban) and hunting equipment. The C-17 leaves and we inspect the airfield for foreign object debris (FOD) and downed lights as the C-17 creates a tremendous amount of lift therefore wing tip vortices that knock down lights and carry dirt and debris from the runway edge to the runway. Next, Air Force 2 arrives. My duties are to position the Boeing 757 on the ramp and lead the motorcade off the airport using an undisclosed route. Everyone else looks like they are running around in a fury. Once the motorcade leaves the airport property it is time to cleanup. All machinery is put away and tarps taken down. I escort people on and off the airside to landside and vice versa and guide people where to go. Once most everyone has left the airport the airport employees remain on call in case of an emergency or if Cheney needs to leave. The 757 remains lit up at night and guarded by people carrying M-16s. During the week I will coordinate with the pilots and any services they need such as lavatory service, water, or fuel. The C-17 took 60,000 lbs of fuel and the 757 took 30,000 lbs. When the C-17 picks up the motorcade it will take another 60,000 lbs of fuel and weigh 470,000 lbs at takeoff.

Thursday the V.P. will leave and the events described above will work in reverse. This year I was lucky in that the 757 that flew the VP to Pierre has electrical problems so another identical 757 from Virginia will be flown here to pick up Cheney. The first 757 captain took me on a tour since they took it out of service and let me take pictures inside, sit in the V.P.'s chair, and man the cockpit.

I wish you all the best and think of Indiana and the great people all of the time. Fly safe and fly often. Wade Troth.