

Prop Wash

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ILS UPDATE

The Instrument Landing System (ILS) will be flight tested (again) the week of February 8th. After the first flight check in December, several issues needed to be resolved. The localizer needed further tuning, the glide slope antenna array needed to be raised substantially and the approach lighting system needed to be repaired due to a lighting strike (and several other minor issues). We are hoping that this flight check goes smoothly and there are no further delays. We will keep you posted.

AWOS UPDATE

The Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) commissioning was completed on Thursday, December 16th.

Please feel free to share the frequency and number with your pilot friends from neighboring airports. The AWOS can be found on 124.15 and at 260-925-8225. Industry wide publishing can be expected soon.

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.

Airport Website

DeKalb County Airport will soon have a web presence. The County will be contracting out web hosting services from a company in Fort Wayne. This will allow the Airport promote itself and business located on the Airport and to post current and archived documents such as the Prop-Wash and BOAC meeting minutes. The design of the page will begin by mid-February. If you have any suggestions, ideas or anything that you would like to see on the new website please let us know by contacting Russ Couchman at 260-927-8876.



Airshow

Victory Aviation and DeKalb County Airport are planning an airshow for the weekend of May 20-22. The 20th will be an auction and media day. We got a late start in planning this event but we feel this could be a very exciting and fun event for DeKalb County.

We will most certainly need many volunteers between now and show weekend and would very much appreciate hearing

from you if you would like to get involved. Please contact either Russ at 927-8876 or Todd at 927-4040.

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

Notes from the Roundtable

The Aviator's Roundtable met on Dec. 20th and Jan. 17th. Our December topic was general aviation maintenance. The evening began with a fun preflight challenge (see picture below) of the Cessna 152 in the main hangar and then moved upstairs to the conference room to discuss our findings. Several people expressed surprise about the number and type of things that can be missed on a preflight. The evening concluded with a question and answer session on general aircraft maintenance with Tony Gaerte, an A&P with Victory Aviation.

Our Jan.17th discussion concentrated on aircraft acquisition and ownership. We discussed the cost aspects of aircraft ownership, several different methods of owning your airplane, and different ways for finding and purchasing an airplane (or a portion of one). The many aircraft owners at this meeting provided valuable insights to the future aircraft owners in attendance. Thanks to all who participated!

The Roundtable is a general discussion style meeting. We meet once monthly to discuss safety issues and relevant general aviation topics. All pilots and prospective pilots are welcome; as are suggestions for future meeting topics. Our next meeting is February 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Dekalb County Airport conference room, discussing Air Traffic Control. We hope you can join us!

Lara Zook, Roundtable moderator

