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## DeKalb County Airport

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If God had meant man to fly, he would have given him more money.

### In the news...

The Bush administration on Monday released its \$13.8 billion FAA budget proposal for the next fiscal year, down 1.27 percent from last year. Cuts affecting general aviation include \$600 million lost by the Airport Improvement Program. "The small GA airports that can afford it the least would be hurt the most," said AOPA's Andy Cebula.



## Purdue Wildlife Study at O7C

DeKalb County Airport has agreed to participate in an evaluation of wildlife hazards at General Aviation airports in Indiana. The study will begin in March with an initial site visit and evaluation and will take approximately one year to complete. The study will inventory animals that could potentially impede Airport operations, document their habitat and ultimately make recommendations as to how best mitigate potential threats. Purdue's Dr. Travis DeVault (Dept. of Forestry & Natural Resources) will head the study team.

### Airport Website

DeKalb County Airport has registered the domain <http://www.dekalbcountyairport.com>. You will find our new website posted just as soon as the Board of Aviation Commissioners and the County Commissioners approve the content and design. Not only will there be helpful links and current information available but we are also working creating an archive page. Expect to see the new webpage soon.

## Ever have one of those days?

The traffic was heavy, and the weary local controller had apparently heard all the "blocked" and "stepped on" responses he could take when he made this transmission:  
"How come every time I key my mic, some idiot starts talkin'?"

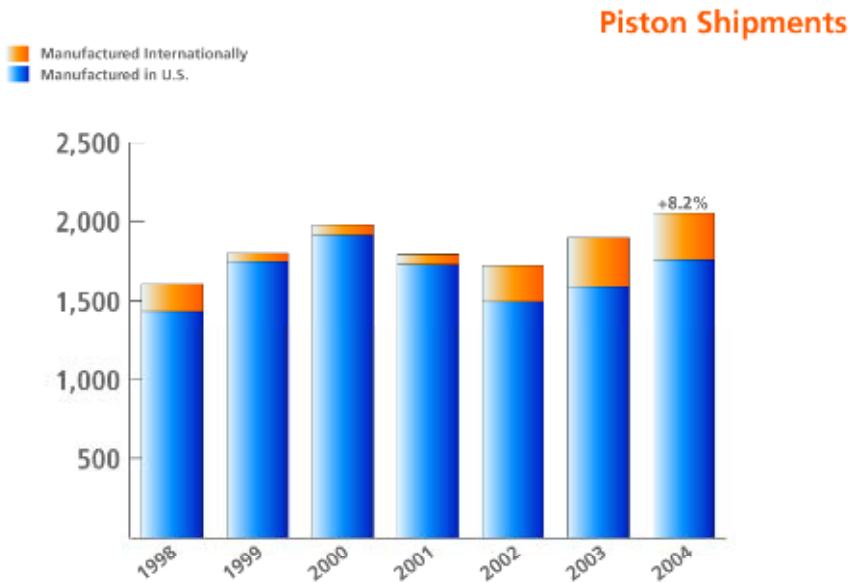
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When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.

## FYI

A bill that would allow on-demand air-charter operators to conduct limited scheduled service has been introduced in the House by U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M.). The legislation (H.R. 488) would permit on-demand Part 135 operators to conduct public charter flights, provided the service consists of fewer than five round trips per week. The purpose of the legislation is to provide supplemental air service to small communities that lack sufficient scheduled air service. "NATA is supportive of Congressman Pearce's efforts," James Coyne, president of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA), said Thursday in a news release. "This bill provides an innovative and thoughtful approach to new forms of air transportation." The bill would apply to turbine-powered aircraft with nine or fewer passenger seats. H.R. 488 has been referred to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, where it awaits consideration. To access the text of the bill, point your web browser to <http://thomas.loc.gov> and enter 488 in the search window.

## GA, Going up?



General Aviation Manufacturers Association

The chart above, taken from the General Aviation Manufacturers Association Annual Review clearly indicates Piston GA aircraft sales are increasing in 2004. Good news!

### Special points of interest:

The BOAC meets every third Friday at 12:30 PM. The next meeting will be March 18, 2005. To obtain a copy of the last BOAC meeting minutes email your request to: [rcouchman@co-dekalb-in.us](mailto:rcouchman@co-dekalb-in.us) or visit <http://www.dekalbcountyairport.com/>

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