

# PropWash

## DeKalb County Airport

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**If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage/classic helicopter fly-ins?**

*And with that said, just in case anybody is offended, lets follow up with...*

**Good judgment comes from experience.**

**Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.**

### In the news...

Victory Aviation would like to introduce you to William M. Quegan, their new chief flight instructor.

With over 13,000 hours of time as a pilot, including over 6700 hours of flight instruction given, Bill has spent a good part of his life in the air. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate with several jet type-ratings, as well as Flight Instructor ratings for airplane, instrument and multi-engine. He spent over 16 years as a full-time flight instructor, including as Chief Instructor of two different FAA-approved flight schools. Bill is a former air-ambulance and cargo pilot who currently flies corporate jets.

## ILS Update

The FAA flight check crew is in the process of test flying the ILS as I write this newsletter. If all goes well, by Monday, March 21, 2005 they should be done and the ILS will be published on May 12, 2005. We plan on having a commissioning ceremony with inaugural flight as close to the publication date as practical. Stay tuned...

### Airport Website

DeKalb County Airport has a new website located at: <http://www.dekalbcountyairport.com>. You will find weather information, links to check NOTAM's, local fuel prices, airport history, the latest and archived minutes and PropWash, statistical data, information on current studies and links to local amenities. We hope to continue to add content in the near future. Should you have any suggestion please let us know.

#### Aviation Wisdom

**You've never got too much fuel unless you are on fire**

**It's better to be down here wishing you were up there than to be up there wishing you were down here**

**There is nothing more useless than runway behind you**

**Never go anywhere in an airplane that your brain wasn't five minute earlier**

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When asked by someone how much money flying takes: The only correct answer is... all of it!

## FYI GA, Going up?

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) last week held its annual production review and market outlook, and to no one's great surprise, business aircraft led the industry's charge to growth. According to GAMA, deliveries of new general aviation aircraft climbed 10 percent in 2004, with billings increasing 19 percent. Turboprops led the growth, with an 18-percent (272 vs. 321 airframes) increase over 2003 while business jets followed closely with a 14.1-percent (518 vs. 591) jump in sales. Counting piston-powered, GAMA members sold \$11.9 billion of new aircraft in 2004. James E. Schuster, chairman of GAMA's board, said, "Bonus depreciation, coupled with the continuing growth of the U.S. economy, helped make 2004 a turning point for our industry. The fact that total shipments increased indicates that this turn-around is broadly based. GAMA member companies believe this bodes well for the future of general aviation." All involved welcomed the 2004 news, since it wasn't all that long ago -- 2001, to be exact -- that GA was taking it in the shorts, both economically and operationally. Despite security concerns that lingered into 2002, the industry has rebounded quite nicely, thank you, perhaps because of those very same security concerns. As fractional operations continue to expand -- along with charter flights and traditional "corporate" aviation flying -- and the quality of airline service and attendant security hassles continue to dominate the news, more and more people and business are looking to general aviation to complete their travels. And that's just fine with the GA industry. The complete GAMA briefing on the industry's recovery and outlook for the future is available on the association's Web site.

The above article taken from AvWeb February 22, 2005.

In the battle between Cirrus and Cessna, it seems that Cessna has won, for now...

In 2004 Cessna sold 12 more aircraft than Cirrus.

### Very Bad Humor...

Sue and Bob, a pair of tight wads, lived in the mid west, and had been married years.

Bob had always want to go flying. The desire deepen each time a barn stormer flew into town to offer rides. Bob would ask, and Sue would say, "No way, ten dollars is ten dollars."

The years went pay, and Bob figured he didn't have much longer, so he got Sue out to the show, explaining, it's free to watch, let's at least watch.

And once he got there the feeling become real strong. Sue and Bob started to argue.

The Pilot, between flights, overheard, listened to they problem, and said, "I'll tell you what, I'll take you up flying, and if you don't say a word the ride is on me, but if you back one sound, you pay ten dollars. So off they flew. The Pilot doing as many rolls, and dives as he could.

Heading to the ground as fast as the plane could go, and pulling out of the dive at just the very last second. Not a word. Finally he admitted defeat and went back the air port.

"I'm surprised, why didn't you say anything?"

"Well I almost said something when Sue fell out, but ten dollars is ten dollars."

### 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:

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