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DeKalb County Airport

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Mankind has a perfect record in aviation;
we never left one up there!

In the news...

New T-Hangars:

If you are interested in a new T-hangar at DeKalb County Airport please contact Russ Couchman, Airport manager at 260-927-8876. The terms will be structured the same as the last three T-hangars built at the Airport. We will ask for a signed commitment and the first months rent and the five year lease term will commence upon occupying the hangar. A standard T-hangar will lease for \$250 per month and if we have enough interest we will build a larger, heated corporate size T-hangar leasing for \$450 per month plus utilities. Please act quickly, we have room for only two more units on the North side of the Airport. Construction will begin just as soon as we have six signed commitments.

ILS Update

The ILS was test flown and commissioned on Friday April 1, 2005 and will be published on May 12. The FAA crews worked some very late evenings and weekends to get it done in time to meet the publication date. The only glitch at this point is somehow a required airspace study was overlooked which will affect the lower minimums of the glideslope. On May 12 we will have a localizer only approach with minimums around 350 feet and 1/2 mile visibility until the airspace is surveyed. The survey will cost around 30,000 and will take close to a month. The feds have requested funds allocated for RNAV approaches around the country to pay for the study. Once again, stand by to stand by...

Aircraft Washing Area

With the warmer weather comes more flying. Not only are airplanes flying more, but so are the BUGS! Aircraft washing has become an issue on airports around the country. We have created an area just East of the B hangar complex so that you can keep the bugs cleaned off of your leading edges and keep the shine on your flying machine. In time, we may be required to create a special "wash rack" with oil/water separators in an underground tank to ensure we are not polluting. Unfortunately, this will most likely be a very costly proposition. We ask that you please use our designated aircraft wash area to minimize the risk of pollution and ensure that all runoff is either contained in the wash area or is discharged to our retention pond.

Over the next few months, this section will be devoted to some of the biggest lies and most profound rules of aviation.

One of the Biggest Lies in Aviation:

I broke out right at minimums.

Rules of Flying:

Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.

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To become a pilot a person has to learn 4000 facts...
to stay alive you must remember one... When to turn around!

Noise Abatement Reminder

As the 2005 Flying season gets into swing please keep in mind that DeKalb County Airport has Published Noise Abatement Procedures to abide by. Recently I have noticed some very early turnouts and some helicopter training that is not consistent with our published noise abatement rules. The procedures are very simple and absolutely do not create a hardship. Most pilots may find that they are complying with the rules already through standard and conservative flying.

- 1) No turns below 400' AGL or before crossing the fence line.
- 2) If remaining in the pattern, hold all turns to the upwind leg until within 300' of pattern altitude.
- 3) Pattern altitude for single engine reciprocating aircraft is 800', for twins 1000' and for turbines 1500' AGL.
- 4) Helicopter pattern altitude is 500' AGL and a standard Right-Hand pattern. Air taxiing, hovering and practice approaches should be done over paved surfaces.

We all have a responsibility to "fly friendly" keeping our Airport neighbors in mind. It is also a good idea to pay attention to power changes when at low altitude. While a consistent drone may not bother folks on the ground, changes in power settings can be much more of an irritant. For a more detailed list of procedures please contact Russ Couchman, Airport Manager.



You know spring has sprung when we begin seeing the absolutely stellar aircraft based at DeKalb County Airport coming out to play. The Piper Cub above belongs to Mr. Phil Allison of MTI. To loosely quote Phil, "Now that's real flying".

Special points of interest: The BOAC meets every third Friday at 12:30 PM. The next meeting will be May 20, 2005.

To obtain a copy of the last BOAC meeting minutes email your request to: rcouchman@co-dekalb-in.us or visit <http://www.dekalbcountyairport.com/>

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