

DeKalb County Airport

Indiana's Airport of the Year

DeKalb County Board of Aviation

GAMA says 2006 was a banner year for GA

WASHINGTON, DC, February 12, 2007 – Today, leaders of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) announced that shipments of every type of general aviation airplane increased in 2006 and the strong numbers have led to another record high in industry billings.

Speaking at GAMA's Annual Industry Review and Market Outlook Briefing, GAMA Chairman Dr. John J. Grisik cited factors that contributed to the banner year, "Worldwide economic growth, a strong export market, and increased use of general aviation for both business and personal use all played a part in this outstanding year for general aviation." Dr. Grisik added, "As our manufacturers continue to fill their order books, GAMA anticipates another robust year for general aviation in 2007 and beyond."

The all-time high for billings totaled \$18.8 billion, a 24.1 percent increase over 2005. Year-end, worldwide shipments of general aviation airplanes totaled 4,042 units for 2006, up 12.9 percent over the previous year's total of 3,580 units. Aside from the record set for year-end billings, the industry also experienced an all-time high in business jet shipments.



2006 Year End Shipment Report Summary

2006 VERSUS 2005 SHIPMENTS OF AIRPLANES MANUFACTURED WORLDWIDE

	2005	2006	CHANGE
Pistons	2,465	2,750	+11.6%
Turboprops	365	407	+11.5%
Business Jets	750	885	+18.0%
Total Shipments	3,580	4,042	+12.9%
Total Billings	\$15.1B	\$18.8B	+24.1%

T-Hangars Anyone?

Are you interested in occupying a brand new T-Hangar? The Airport is currently accepting reservations for spaces in it's next 6-unit T-hangar building. The Airport has plans to develop two 6-unit T-hangars in the not so distant future. The hangars will have electric bi-fold doors and full concrete floors. This is part of a T-hangar modernization program that has been identified as a goal of the Airport. The new hangars will replace the rapidly deteriorating D-row of hangars. D-row is schedule to be raised by the end of 2008, once all the aircraft currently hangared in the row are relocated. To reserve a spot contact the airport for details. It is also important to note that the Board is willing to consider alternative methods of construction financing and leasing such as long-term land leases similar to our corporate clients. We are very interested in completing the East T-hangar complex so lets put our heads together and build some T-hangars...

PropWash

In The News...

Mr. Todd McCutchan has left Victory Aviation to pursue other opportunities and Steve (Mac) McMurray has assumed the position of General Manager of Victory.

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LOWER fuel pricing at GWB

Steve (Mac) McMurray and the staff at Victory Aviation would like us to pass on that Victory Aviation has dramatically lowered their retail price on AvGas. This change represents a completely new and extremely aggressive and competitive pricing structure. Airport management and the Board of Aviation Commissioners applaud Victory in this attempt to "win back" the AvGas customer. While Victory may never be the lowest priced fuel in NE Indiana, especially when prices are on rise and smaller airports continue to sell older inventory, Mac and his staff are committed to the GA community and in treating everyone as a valued customer. We all hope that this major change will help to bring many airplanes out of the hangar this flying season.

The DeKalb County Board of Aviation Commissioners (BOAC) would like to hear your comments, good or bad, regarding the performance of the Airport in general, as well as how well you feel Airport Management and the FBO are performing and thereby meeting your expectations and needs. The BOAC is dedicated to improving the Airport however and wherever possible. Please feel free to e-mail Airport Manager Russ Couchman at rcouchman@co.dekalb.in.us or BOAC Treasurer Brad Stump at BStump@ci.auburn.in.us or you can fax your comments to our FAX number of 260-927-8876. There is also a comment box that is always available in the lobby of the Airport Terminal and you are always welcome at our monthly public meetings as noted below.

Very truly,

The DeKalb County BOAC

Special points of interest: The BOAC meets every third Friday at 1:00 PM. The next meeting will be May 18, 2007. 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/>

Please send us your ideas of things you would like to see in the newsletter. Any newsletter suggestions or comments can be sent via email to:

rcouchman@co-dekalb-in.us or faxed to 260-927-8876. If you are a DeKalb County Airport Tenant, you may also send your ideas for articles in

with your next payment. We thank you in advance for your articles and ideas.