

## DeKalb County Airport

Indiana's Airport of the Year

### DeKalb County Board of Aviation

# Who ordered the snow?



The recently purchased snow removal equipment came out to play several times over these past weeks. Between the plow truck, the broom, the large tractor with articulating blade and blower and the Bobcat we were able to make short work of significant drifting snow. Gene Powell, Bob Battig and Russ Couchman worked together before, during and after snow events to ensure that the Airport was safe for all aircraft and accessible on the landside. During this weeks heavy snow, the Airport did close from 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. During the closure, a NOTAM was issued requiring prior permission to use the facility and at least a 2 hour notice. This seemed to work well and the procedure will most likely be used in future large snow events where maintaining an open and ready status at all times is not possible with our limited staff. Should you ever need to fly during a closure please do not hesitate to use my cell phone number listed in the NOTAM. We are always willing and most certainly have the capability to get aircraft safely in and out of the Airport even during very heavy snow events.

## 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...

# SHIPMENTS OF GA AIRPLANES SOAR



On Monday, February 12, 2007, the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) unveiled its 2006 summary of shipments and billings in Washington, D.C., and there was good news all around. GA airplane shipments were up across all types to reach 4,042 units, or 12.9 percent more than in 2005, with billings up 24.1 percent to a record of just under \$18.793 billion. A record 28.3 percent of shipments landed outside of North America. Though piston aircraft sales jumped 11.6 percent higher than in 2005 and turboprop shipments spun up 11.5 percent, the strongest growth came from the 885 business jets delivered, driven partly by modest fractional growth but largely due to corporate operators who shunned airline security delays and sought door-to-door routing to fill out their fleet to 25,383 aircraft. Interestingly, more aircraft are flying less time overall – GAMA estimated that flight hours are down 30 percent since their highs of the early 1980s, possibly from ever faster aircraft and more efficient routings.

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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](mailto:rcouchman@co.dekalb.in.us) or BOAC Treasurer Brad Stump at [BStump@ci.auburn.in.us](mailto: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 however will be March 16,

2007. 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

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