

DeKalb County Airport

Indiana's Airport of the Year

DeKalb County Board of Aviation



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.

Maintenance Hangar Expansion



The maintenance expansion is nearing completion. The contractor has only few punch-list items to complete. The building will be ready for occupancy February 1, 2007. The Airport hopes to attract new business to the airport with the new asset, similar to the business, Magnum Engines, that passed over DeKalb County last year because space was not readily available for them on the airfield. The airport will not have to watch the next business pass them by now with this new space available.

PropWash

In The News...

Jim Keefe Says Goodbye and Hello

Manager of the Aeronautics of the Indiana Department of Transportation announced that he will be stepping down from the position after 10 years with INDOT. He will not be a stranger to Indiana, however, because in the same day he will become the Manager of FAA, Great lakes Region, Chicago Airport District office. This is a very positive thing for Indiana and the DeKalb County airport. Mr. Keefe has been a big supporter of GA in Indiana and has been very helpful to DeKalb County over the years. His new role with the FAA will place him in the position of signing all the FAA grants that come to Indiana. We are confident that Jim will not forget the great state he came from when he starts passing out those FAA grant dollars.

NEW CONGRESS, NEW LEADERSHIP, OLD FRIENDS

AOPA President Phil Boyer began renewing old relationships—plus a few new ones—on Capitol Hill this week. Pilots won't find Phil holding an AOPA Pilot Town Meeting in the first quarter of this year since, within the next few weeks, he intends to meet with all of the leaders and key members of the House and Senate committees involved with aviation. Supported by the seasoned leadership of AOPA's government and legislative affairs offices, this is all part of AOPA's campaign against user fees. And AOPA has good contacts in high places on the congressional committees that will be key in the user fee battle. This week Boyer dropped by to talk to Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), the new ranking member of the Senate aviation subcommittee. Sen. Lott was a recipient of AOPA's Hartranft Award for pushing through the AIR-21 legislation that unlocked the aviation trust fund. AOPA also has a long relationship with aviation subcommittee chairman Sen. John D. "Jay" Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), another AIR-21 supporter. He has strongly supported general aviation industries in his state. However, the user fee action will most likely heat up in the House first. And there GA has some very passionate defenders.

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 12:30 PM. The next meeting however will be February

16, 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.