

## DeKalb County Airport

Indiana's Airport of the Year

### DeKalb County Board of Aviation Wildlife Concerns



We have had multiple, and at times dozens, of Turkey Vultures in the local area recently. They appear to be roosting just off Airport property to the East and tend to congregate on final approach RWY 27 around the CR 31 area in the evenings. We can also expect the young Canadian Geese to finish their molting and begin flying around the local area starting around mid-July and until they migrate South in late Fall. These birds can do severe damage to you and your aircraft so please use caution. We applied for and were granted permits to "take" these birds on sight but when they are off the property and/or simply transiting the airspace we have limited options. We are also moving along with our wildlife fencing project and hope to see fencing going up late Fall, or at the latest next Summer. This should all but eliminate the potential for aircraft and deer collisions. Gene Powell and Russ Couchman recently attended a training that will assist us in drafting a Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Plan that will include inventories of potential hazards, recommendations in habitat changes, harassment techniques and removal procedures and techniques based on best management practices in place around the country. We will need your help however. If you witness or are involved in a bird strike or near miss please notify me as soon as practical by calling 260-927-8876 or by e-mailing at [rcouchman@co.dekalb.in.us](mailto:rcouchman@co.dekalb.in.us). This log of bird strikes or near misses will be a very important part of our inventory and record for this wildlife plan. Recently we found a dead red-tailed hawk one the south side that apparently was hit by an aircraft. While we hate to see any animal die we were relieved to see that it was no longer a threat and had to wonder if it did any damage on impact with the aircraft. Thank you in advance for your help, we will keep you posted with our progress with wildlife issues.

### 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 B and C rows of hangars. D-row is schedule to be razed 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...

### Victory Aviation News:

- ⇒ Victory Aviation has agreed to provide aircraft and pilots to conduct aerial imaging flights for John Deere Agri Services. John Deere Agri Services is a company which creates efficiencies in land management through aerial imaging using the GeoScanner aerial camera system. Aircraft equipped with this system can fly to an area and image it using GPS technology. The image data is transmitted to a land manager when the aircraft lands so that issues in the farm field can be identified and addressed. This process enables a farmer to produce a more uniform crop while using smaller quantities of chemical fertilizer and pesticide which saves money and reduces the impact on the environment.
- ⇒ Mr. Matt Koerner has joined Victory Aviation as a flight instructor. Matt is a recent graduate of Ohio State University and is looking forward to helping people achieve their aviation goals. Please stop by and welcome Matt to the Victory team.
- ⇒ Congratulations to the following Victory Aviation student pilots who are in the solo phase of their flight training: Clifford Clarke, Travis Duncan, Aaron Starkey and Brian Thomas. They will soon be joining the ranks of licensed private pilots!

### EAA Vintage Aircraft Chapter 37 News:

- ⇒ Since moving into their new hangar at DeKalb County Airport, EAA Vintage Aircraft Chapter 37 has been involved in many activities. They have hosted their first open Young Eagles Rally and are in the planning process for another this fall. This program introduces young people from 8 to 17 years of age to aviation and in most cases, gives them their first ride in an airplane.
- ⇒ Vintage parking volunteers were on hand to handle ground operations for Kruse's aircraft auction and assisted both airport and Hoosier Air Museum personnel in planning the event.
- ⇒ In both May and June, Chapter volunteers made the trip to Oshkosh to work on the VAA convention facilities in preparation for Airventure Oshkosh Starting July 23rd.
- ⇒ Work continues on the Chapter Clubhouse and is near completion. The EAA Museum restoration project of Harold Neumann's Monocoupe continues as well with the fuselage now in residence here and the wing completed back in Oshkosh.
- ⇒ Chapter 37 invites you to come on over and see what they're doing. "Join us and be a part of the fun of grass roots aviation. As soon as we complete our clubhouse, we will be hosting coffee, doughnuts and camaraderie on Saturday mornings for anyone who comes in."

**Special points of interest:** The BOAC meets every third Friday at 1:00 PM. The next meeting will be July 20, 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 <http://www.dekalbcountyairport.com/>

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