

## DeKalb County Airport



Indiana's Airport of the Year

# DeKalb County Board of Aviation

## BOAC Update

DeKalb County Airport just completed its 5-year Capital Improvement Plan as required to receive federal and state grants. This plan includes a Wildlife/Security fence in 2008. This will allow us to complete the fence around the Airport proper thereby dramatically reducing, if not eliminating the potential for deer and other mammal strikes. In addition, in 2007 we began the environmental assessment process for the runway extension project to include an easement purchase of over 20 acres West of the Airport in which to relocate/mitigate wetlands we may disturb in the project. In 2009 we will begin the design and environmental hearing process for the runway extension. This will be a multi-year, phased project that, in future years, will include purchasing right-of-ways, easements, property, relocating power lines and other obstruction removal. We have also slated the construction of two more T-hangar units, ILS TRACON monitoring and a self-serve fueling island but these last three projects will be possible only with the availability of State grants and local funds so we will keep our fingers crossed.

Also in 2008 you can expect the D-hangar to be demolished, extensive pavement maintenance operations and the Terminal Lobby Remodeling Project. We will be incorporating 24-hour access to restroom/shower facilities, computer and internet access, and a comfortable lounge with cable TV as we remodel. This will allow transient pilots a haven with exceptional amenities and it will allow local pilots a facility where their passengers can stage and wait while aircraft are readied for flight.

If there are any improvements that you would like to see, or feel we need, please contact me at 260-927-8876. Resources are always scarce in local government so we can't get everything done as quickly as we would like, but if we can work a project into our planning process we stand a very good chance of seeing it completed.

Thank you for your support and I am looking forward to a very active and exciting year at the Airport.

Russ Couchman, Airport Manager

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## In The News...

### Hoosier Air Museum News:

# High Flyin Bluegrass Jam

## Free Admission

Come out to the Hoosier Air Museum on Saturday, February 9th, 2008 from 6:30 pm until 10:00 pm. All musicians, vocalists and spectators are welcome. There will be food and drinks available and vintage aircraft will be on display.

**Bring the whole family for an uplifting evening of Bluegrass and Gospel Music!**

For more information on the Bluegrass Jam please contact the Hoosier Air Museum at 260-927-0443.

### VAA Chapter 37 News:

VAA Chapter 37 can be reached at 260-437-7702

- ⇒ There will be a model airplane fly-in sponsored by Chapter 37 and Century Aviation on May 10th from 6-10 PM. The event will be held in the main Terminal Hangar and the event is open to the public. Don't miss this exciting event!
- ⇒ Chapter 37 has also arranged for the EAA's B17, the Aluminum Overcast, to Visit DeKalb County Airport on September 2nd and 3rd, 2008. To learn more about this wonderful aircraft and even book a flight, please visit <http://www.b17.org/>.

### Century Aviation News:

Century Aviation can be reached at 260-927-1845

- ⇒ There will be a seminar on the new Aspen Avionics on Feb 21st at the Hoosier Air Museum at 6 pm sponsored jointly by Century Aviation, Premier Avionics and Hoosier Air Museum. Come early; light meal provided.
- ⇒ Also, Instrument Ground School will start in February. Details to follow, any interested students or those seeking additional information should call Century Aviation.

**Special points of interest:** The BOAC meets every third Friday at 1:00 PM. The next meeting however will be February 22, 2008. 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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